

Holiday Hints

Teaching Children The True Meaning Of The Season

(NAPSA)—In the hectic rush to check off holiday lists, the true meaning of the season can sometimes get lost. Fortunately, many holiday traditions in which families participate can also help remind children of what's really important.

Watching a seasonal movie together can spur family conversations that inspire a positive holiday spirit. For example, Disney's all-new holiday film, "The Search for Santa Paws," a heartwarming story about the power of giving available on Blu-ray and DVD.

In the movie, Santa and his new best friend, a puppy named Paws, discover that the boys and girls of the world have lost the spirit of the season, so they take a trip to New York City to reignite "Santa's Cause." But after Santa has an accident, he loses his memory and his magic. Then it's up to Paws, two young orphans named Quinn and Will (*America's Got Talent's* Kaitlyn Maher and *The Game Plan's* Madison Pettis) plus three street-wise talking dogs to save St. Nick and show the world what Christmas is really all about.

Here are some other simple ways you can encourage children to spread cheer this holiday season—and throughout the year to follow:

- Suggest kids make a list of all the things they are thankful for and hang it up where it can be seen every day.
- Encourage your child to call people he or she cares about and wish them a happy holiday.
- Encourage your child to invite someone who is alone to share your holiday meal.



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- Spend time together baking some holiday treats to share.
- Bring out the arts and crafts supplies to make special holiday cards for loved ones.
- Help your child select toys no longer wanted to donate to kids in need. (Together, you can deliver the toys to the charity of your choice.)
- You can also start a tradition that whenever your child receives a new toy, an old one is chosen for donation to those less fortunate.
- Help your child make someone's holiday wish come true by "adopting" a child or making a donation to a local charity.
- Spread love to the four-legged family members by helping your child spruce up the family pet with a good grooming and lots of hugs.



Watching a family film together can inspire the spirit of giving.

• Let your child make a special ornament representing your pet that can be hung on the tree or otherwise displayed.

• Help children collect food to donate to the local food bank, or blankets for a local shelter. Items can also be delivered by both of you together.

• Offer to babysit neighborhood animals so your neighbors with family out of town are able to go home for the holidays.



A film about a helpful puppy can be a way for parents to remind children of the spirit of the season.

A sure-to-be holiday classic full of fun and adventure, "The Search for Santa Paws" is a story that will not only delight the entire family, but also carries the timeless messages of the holidays. Visit www.disney.go.com for more information.