Christmas Party Theme: Cozy

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I love dressing all up for parties and all those things, but sometimes just having a relaxed and cozy party to attend is fantastic. Cozy atmosphere, cozy dress, and cozy friends. That's what this Christmas party theme is all about!

I know this year (2020) that some of our Christmas parties may be virtual, but we can still make them cozy and inviting in some way.

Christmas Party Cozy Event Concept

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women's ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I* give you *lots* of info and ideas—*You* pick just a *few* to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but *less is always more* for ministry events.

Theme Title Ideas

- A Christmas Tea
- A Christmas to
 Remember
- A Cozy Kitchen Christmas
- A Merry Cozy Christmas
- A Merry Fuzzy Christmas
- A Season of Coziness
- A Storybook Christmas
- A Taste of Christmas
- All is Calm. All is Bright
- All Is Cozy. All Is Bright
- An Old-Fashioned Christmas
- Be Our Christmas Guest
- Calm & Cozy
- Christmas Around the Fireside
- Christmas Blessings
- Christmas
 Homecoming
- Christmas Letters

- Christmas Stories from the Heart
- Coffee & Friends
- Come Home for
 Christmas
- Come Home to Cozy
- Comfy and Cozy Are
 We
- Cookie Exchange
- Cozy & Warm
- Cozy Craft Night
- Cozy Friends at Christmas
- Cozy Hearts
- Cozy Movie Night
- Cozy Up to Christmas
- Cuddle Up to
 Christmas
- Cuddle Up to
 Friendship
- Deck the Halls with Coziness
- Dreaming of a Cozy Christmas
- Fuzzy Socks & Christmas Friends

- Hearts Come Home at Christmas
- Homespun Christmas (or Holidays)
- Hot Chocolate Night
- Hot Cocoa and Friends
- It's a Wonderful Cozy
 Life
- Joy to the World
- Laughing All the Way
- Let It Glow
- Merry, Cozy, and Bright
- No Place Like Home for the Holidays
- Pajama Christmas
 Party
- Pajamas, Slippers, and Friends
- Peace on Earth
- Stay Cozy
- Sweater Weather
- The Cozy Express
- The Heart of the Cozy
 Home

- Tidings of Comfort & Joy
- Warm & Cozy
- Warm & Fuzzy
- Tis the Coy Season
- Unwrap the Love
- Warm Hearts at Christmas
- Warm Winter Wishes
- Welcome Home for
 Christmas

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on celebrating the birth of Jesus.
- Focus on the warmth of God's love.
- Focus on the warm and coziness of family and friends.
- Focus on the joy of friendship.
- Focus on the peace that God gives through His Son.
- Focus on resting in Christ and leaving the stress of the holidays behind.
- Focus on relaxing and fellowship with family and other believers.

Theme Verse Suggestions

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10 (KJV)

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 (KJV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV)

"... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly." John 10:10 (KJVV)

Devotional and Workshop Ideas

- Download the Cozy Christmas Devotional Ideas
 <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/cozy-Christmas-devotional-writing-prompts.pdf</u>
- "All Around the Manger" Devotional Starter https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotionalhelps/devotional-starter-All-Around-the-Manger.pdf
- "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" Devotional Ideas <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/handouts/group-shares/DEVOTIONAL-</u> <u>IDEAS-winter-wonderland.pdf</u>
- The Depth of Warm & Fuzzy Friendships (How our friendships help us through the tough and cold times)

Simple Decorating

(*I usually do mostly "simple" decorating ideas for my themes, but Christmas is all about Christ's birthday, so I think it is appropriate to decorate on a bigger scale for a Christmas party*)

- Color: red and green for traditional, but any color works for Christmas!
- Christmas tree (s)
- Greenery and Garlands
- Wreaths
- Large Wrapped Gift Boxes (You could put large tags on them with "Joy", "Comfort", "Tidings", "Peace", "Love", "Friendship", "Sharing", etc.
- Bells
- Candles (if in a public space with a lot of people-choose flameless)

- Any type of Christmas décor, but especially decor that will cozy up your space.
- Fuzzy pillows if having at home
- Fuzzy and comfy throws and blankets
- See my Christmas Pinterest Board here.

Icebreakers

Gift Passing Game

Have a pass the gift game such as a *left/right* game. <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/gift-passing-games.pdf</u>

More Christmas Games

Christmas Charades Ideas <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/GAME-</u> <u>Christmas-Charades.pdf</u>

Ugly Sweater Christmas Game <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/GAME-</u> <u>Ugly-Sweater-Christmas-Game.pdf</u>

What Does an Ornament Do? <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/WORD-</u> <u>SEARCH-ornament.pdf</u>

What Does an Ornament Do? Answer Key <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/ANSWER-</u> <u>KEY-ornament-word-search.pdf</u>

Discussion Starters

- What items do you have in your house that makes you feel cozy?
- What kind of music makes you feel cozy and relaxed?
- What is your favorite comfort food?

Music

- Christmas songs and carols
- Sing some fun and relaxing ones everyone knows such as Jingle Bells, Deck the Halls, etc.

Favor Ideas

- Christmas ornaments
- Small mini stockings filled with goodies or candy
- Christmas bookmark

- Christmas or winter socks
- Handwarmers
- Gloves
- Candle
- Knitted/Crochet coffee cup cozy (sleeve, band) See if you have any knitters or those that crochet that could make them within your church or group.

Door Prize Ideas

- Cozy blanket or throw
- Candle or set of flameless candles
- Cozy pillow

- Set of fluffy towels
- Beanie
- Winter scarf

- Pair of gloves (fuzzy or lined with Sherpa)
- Christmas door mat
- Snow Globe
- Christmas decoration of any kind
- Classic or romantic book (Look in your Christian stores for a good historical romance)
- Christmas movie DVD or Blu-ray
- Box of Christmas candy
- Cozy basket Fill with small blanket/throw, candle(s), Christmas movie, book, reading light, candy. Put in anything that exudes coziness.

Just for Fun

Gingerbread House Building

Low scale with premade cookies and candies works best for large groups.

Cookie Exchange

Make sure to designate how many cookies you want your guests to bring and any other details in advance.

Sock Exchange

Have your guests bring a pair of socks to exchange (the cozier the better).

Show a Movie

Pick a Christmas movie that has been previewed ahead of time. Make sure you jot down how many minutes it will last, and have your equipment set up and in working order beforehand. Check those remotes for batteries!

See my Cozy Christmas Movie List here. https://www.juliabettencourt.com/blog/the-cozy-christmas-movie-list/

Virtual Party Ideas

Cozy Dress

Have everyone show up for your virtual party wearing a certain thing, such as a Christmas sweater (or red and green), pajamas, slippers or fuzzy socks, etc.

Christmas Memory or Tradition Sharing

Have everyone or just choose a few to share a special cozy Christmas memory with the group. Or you can have them share a special family tradition.

Make sure they know they have only so many minutes and that you will ring a bell (or whatever you want) to let them know they have 1 minute left before muting them.

Christmas Story Telling

Choose a few people to narrate the Christmas story from Luke 2 or have them use a dramatic reading/narration of the Christmas story.

Cozy Sharing

Give everyone a turn to show their cozy blanket or cozy sweater and share why it is their favorite.

Invitation Wording Ideas

- Have yourself a cozy little Christmas. Join us for...
- Tis' the Season to be Cozy. Join us for...
- We wish you a Cozy Christmas! Join us for...

- Add to Invite: "Please wear your coziest sweater!"
- Add to Invite: "Please bring a pair of cozy socks to wear!"

Food and Serving

- Hot Cocoa Bar (or hot drinks)
- Dessert Bar (Christmas treats-cookies, fudge, and goodies)
- Be sure to balance sweets with a few other choices like fruit or salty things.
- Full Christmas meal (turkey or ham and all the trimmings for a sit down meal)

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