



Gift Wrap

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Christmas wrapping parties are a fun get-together. You can bring some presents to sit and wrap as friends while chatting or you can wrap gifts that will be given to charities. It makes a fun relaxing way to bond and enjoy the Season.

This theme also opens the door to talk about the Ultimate Gift (Jesus!).

Christmas Party Concept—*Gift Wrap*

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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

- All Tied up With String
- Baby Jesus: The Greatest of Gifts
- Beautiful Packages
- For God so Loved the World
- Friends, Paper, Scissors (gift wrapping party)
- Living in Christ's Presence
- Love Came Down
- Our Gift: Lying in a Manger
- Perfect Present
- Pretty Paper
- The Gift of Christ
- The Greatest Gift
- The Ultimate Gift
- The Ultimate Present
- Tied up With a Bow
- Under the Gift Wrap
- Under the Tree
- Unwrap the True Meaning of Christmas
- Unwrapping Christmas
- Unwrapping the Gift of Christ
- Unwrapping the Joy of Christmas
- Unwrapping the Presence of the the King
- With a Bow on Top
- Wrapped in Friendship
- Wrapped in Love

Spiritual and General Applications

- Focus on "unwrapping" the Christ of Christmas and Who He is and what His coming meant.
- Focus on the "presence" of Christ in our lives.
- Focus on the gifts Christ gives us. (Salvation, love, heaven, etc.)
- A Christmas Party
- A Christmas wrapping party (for self or wrapping gifts for charity)

Theme Verse Suggestions

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)

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:16 (KJV)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23 (KJV)

Devotional Starters and Workshop Ideas

- Download the "Gift Wrap" Devotional Starters
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/devotional-starter-gift-wrap.pdf>

Simple Decorating

Christmas is a great time to go a little above "simple" décor because after all—we are celebrating the birthday of Jesus!

- Large Bows
- Wrapping paper rolls in tall baskets
- Large, wrapped gifts (fake)
- Use boxes (such as shirt boxes), wrapped, and placed on walls or wrapping paper squares with bows to look like gifts
- Ribbons and streamers
- Large gift tags
- Tree with wrapped presents

- You could write out some of the things we “unwrap” on them. such as love, grace, resurrection, inheritance, peace, joy, love, strength, eternal life, etc.
- Gift bags for the tables. Fill with door prizes so they’ll serve double duty.
- Gift bags with Christmas flowers/greenery flowing out
- Christmas floral arrangements (you could add in gift hang tags on flower pics)



Bright Idea! Look around at Christmas store displays for gift wrapping ideas.

Icebreakers

Gift Wrapping Contest

Give your guests something to wrap such as a small box and use a stopwatch to time the game.

Gift Passing Game

Have a pass the gift game such as a *left/right* game.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/gift-passing-games.pdf>

Music

- Sing Christmas carols and songs
- *Sweet Peace, the Gift of God’s Love* (Bilhorn)

Favor Ideas

- Homemade gift tags
- Small Christmas gift bags (filled with a small gift)
- Christmas decorations
- Package of store-bought gift tags
- Holiday gift stickers
- Wrapping paper cutter (the kind you move along the paper to slice)
- Bows
- Packaged wrapping paper
- Roll of tape
- Scissors
- Roll of twine or ribbon

Door Prizes

- Wrapping paper set
- Wrapping set of various ribbons and bows
- Set of Christmas gift boxes
- Wrapping set of gift tags/bows/tape/scissors or wrapping paper cutter
- Wrapping paper storage container
- Christmas ornament set
- Christmas decoration

Just for Fun

Gift Wrapping Focus

Have a session on fun and inexpensive wrapping ideas.

Group Craft Project

Make homemade wrapping paper together.

Outreach Projects

- Offer a gift-wrapping time to those in your church who need help with it such as the elderly.
- Wrap gifts for elderly or specific needy children in your church or community.

Food and Serving

- Christmas Little Debbies (“Unwrap A Smile!”)
- Christmas snacks and treats

Photo Sources

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