Mountain

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Ready for a rustic, mountain cabin Christmas theme? Let's stir up some memories of yesteryear and those bygone days.

I think this could be a really great theme for a relaxed and comfortable event. Perhaps a great time to watch a movie together, bake Christmas cookies, make old-fashioned Christmas candy, or just relax together as family and friends.

Mountain Christmas Theme 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
 Adventure Awaits
- A Snow-Covered Christmas
- A Woodland Christmas
- Adventure Awaits
- An Old-Fashioned Christmas
- Back Home for Christmas
- Back in Time
- Be Still for Christmas
- Christmas in the Pines
- Christmas in the Rockies
- Christmas in the Woods
- Christmas on the Mountaintop

- Christmas Views
- Climb!
- Cozy Cabin
 Christmas
- Farm Fresh Christmas
- Go Tell it On the Mountain
- Head for the Mountains
- Hit the Slopes
- Joy on the Mountaintop
- Let it Snow
- Lifted Up
- Light on the Mountaintop
- Made to Move Mountains
- Mountaintop Christmas

- Mountaintop
 Christmas Views
- Mountain Retreat
- On Board
- Over the Hills and Everywhere
- On the Slopes
- Over the River
- Retreat to the Mountains
- That Old Time Christmas
- The Mountains are Calling
- The Slopes are Calling
- Through the Trees
- Up on a Mountaintop

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on sharing the story of Christ's birth ("Go Tell it on the Mountain...")
- Celebrate Christmas in a rustic way with family and friends.
- Focus on "mountain top experiences" (Seeing the working of the Holy Spirit)
 So many examples in the Bible such as Abraham

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)

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Matthew 2:10 (KJV) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

Devotional Starter & Workshop Ideas

- Do a study on the different people in the Bible who shared Christ. (Paul is a good example.)
- Focus on the different ways we tell others about Christ (behavior, speech)
- Download the "Mountain" Devotional Starter. https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional- https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/womens-ministry/womens-ministry
- Download the "Cozy" Christmas Devotional Starters. <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/cozy-</u> <u>Christmas-devotional-writing-prompts.pdf</u>
- Download the "Winter" Devotional Starters. <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/handouts/group-shares/DEVOTIONAL-</u> <u>IDEAS-winter-wonderland.pdf</u>

Simple Decorating

- Rustic décor
- Ski shoes
- Sleds

- Christmas trees
- Flocked wreaths
- Buffalo plaid items
- Woodland animal décor (deer, moose, bears, etc.)

- Old fashioned Christmas decorations such as paper chains, stringed popcorn and cranberries, star cut-outs, etc.
- Simple Décor: Tray filled with old-fashioned goodies. Candy dish with peppermints, a few mason jars with Christmas bulbs, a string of battery lights, candle, a few rusted items such as jingle bells, fake snowballs, mini Christmas trees, and a few vintage ornaments.

Icebreakers

Pass the Gift Games

https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/gift-passinggames.pdf

Christmas Charades Ideas

https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/GAME-Christmas-Charades.pdf

Christmas Discussion

Start some Christmas table talk. <u>https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/ICEBREAKER-</u> <u>Christmas-Chatter-Questions.pdf</u>

Music

- Go Tell it on the Mountain (John Wesley Work, Jr.)
- Christmas songs and hymns
- Sing some old-time gospel favorites like "I'll Fly Away" (Brumley), "The Church in the Wildwood", "This World is not my Home", etc.
- Have someone play the guitar or fiddle for accompaniment.

Favor Ideas

- Christmas candle
- Hand warmers
- Leather/rustic type bookmark
- Mini jar of jam
- Packaged hot cocoa

- Pair of gloves/mittens
- Rustic ornament
- Snow ski ornament
- Vintage type of ornament
- Woodland animal ornament

Door Prize Ideas

- Bible
- Cast iron skillet
- Christmas themed book
- Devotional book
- Gift package of coffees, mugs, etc.
- Gift package of jams/jellies
- Gift package of teas, mugs, etc.

- Journal
- Pair of mittens/gloves
- Plaid warm scarf
- Plaid warm throw/blanket
- Roll/or package of vintage look wrapping paper
- Rustic Christmas wreath

Just for Fun

Cookie exchange

Let everyone know ahead of time how many cookies to bring, whether they should be homemade, and all the details.

Christmas Caroling

Go Christmas caroling as a group. Make sure transportation is given or that everyone knows the directions and details. If you are going to go to nursing homes or care centers, ask for permission ahead of time.

Candy Making

Make old-fashioned candy together as a group.

Cookie Baking

Bake Christmas cookies together as a group.

Garland Making

String popcorn/cranberries to make garland as a group. Do it while watching a movie or make it a relaxed time to chat together.

Movie Time

This is a great cozy relaxed theme that a Christmas movie would fit into the evening. See the Cozy Christmas Movie List

https://www.juliabettencourt.com/blog/the-cozy-christmas-movie-list/

Food & Serving

- Christmas snacks
- Christmas puddings

- Chili/soup and sandwiches
- Hot cocoa/coffee bar

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