

# Ornament

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I always love putting ornaments on the Christmas tree. My kids relish in it too, especially when we go through those Christmas boxes and find all those hand-made ones my kids made when they were little. We still put some of them up each year. We tend to have a little section for them in every tree. Those ornaments definitely make my heart smile.

I think ornaments are the perfect Christmas item to wrap a party around. They are pretty and shiny and fun!



## Christmas Party Concept: Ornament

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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 Meek and Quiet Spirit
- All Around the Christmas Tree
- An Ornament for Christ
- Christmas Crafting Party
- Deck the Halls
- Fa! La! La! La! La!
- Holiday Cheer
- Jingle & Mingle
- Make Me an Ornament
- Merry & Bright
- Mistletoe & Jingle Ornament
- Ornament Exchange Party
- Ornament Making Party
- Shine Bright
- Shiny & Bright
- Silver & Gold
- Tangled in Tinsel
- Tis the Season
- Tree Trimming Party
- Trim & Jingle Party
- Under the Tree

## Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on being "ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" (I Peter 3:4)
- Focus on shining bright for Christ.
- Focus on friends and family celebrating by trimming the Christmas tree.
- Focus on friends and family gathering for fun and celebration of the Christmas season.

## Theme Verse Suggestions

*But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

1 Peter 3:4 (KJV)

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

## Devotional & Workshop Ideas

- Focus on the different ways to “trim” and “decorate” our lives with kindness and love.
- Focus on sharing Christ and being that bright light as Christians.
- Download some devotional starters for this theme.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/devotional-starters-ornament.pdf>

## 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)*

- Christmas decorations (ornaments, garland, wreaths, artificial trees)
- White lights on all the greenery
- Candles
- Teacups filled with poinsettias
- Clear bowls filled with ornaments
- Large hanging ornaments
- Artificial trees under glass domes (cloches)

## Icebreakers

### Ornament Game

What Does an Ornament Do?

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/WORD-SEARCH-ornament.pdf>

What Does an Ornament Do? Answer Key

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/ANSWER-KEY-ornament-word-search.pdf>

### **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>

### **More Christmas Games**

Christmas Charades Ideas

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

Ugly Sweater Christmas Game

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

### **Discussion Starters**

- *What is your favorite Christmas ornament that you put on your own tree and why is it special?*
- *How many of you still have ornaments your kids made when they were little?*
- *If you were an ornament on a tree, what kind would you be?*
- *In what ways can we "shine" as Christians?*
- *What area of your life do you think needs some glitter or a little bit of shine to it?*

## Music

- Christmas songs and carols
- *In My Life Lord, Be Glorified* by Bob Kilpatrick
- *Something Beautiful* by Gloria Gaither
- *Only One Life* by Avis B. Christiansen

## Favor Ideas

- Ornament
- Christmas candy
- Package of ornament hangers
- Personalized ornament with a verse
- Candy cane

## Door Prize Ideas

- Christmas Ornament
- Set of Christmas ornaments
- Snow Globes
- Christmas tin of popcorn
- Christmas gift set (such as mugs, etc.)
- Set of Christmas towels
- Christmas wreath
- Poinsettia
- Christmas candles
- Gingerbread house

## Just for Fun

### Ornament Exchange

Have your guests bring in ornaments to exchange.

## **Share Ornament Stories**

Have your guests bring in a special ornament and share the story behind it.

## **Group Craft**

Make Christmas ornaments together as a group.

## **Food & Serving**

- Ornament shaped cookies
- Ornament shaped cupcakes or cake
- Hot cocoa and cookies

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