

Third Thursday Notes

November 20, 2025 - Holiday Ministry Ideas

How are you leveraging Thanksgiving and Christmas for ministry?

Teaching

- Advent theme through December: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. ([Download Youth Ministry](#))
- Resources for parents at home. ([Axis](#))
- Bible reading plans on the Bible app. ([YouVersion](#))

Fun

- Thanksgiving celebrations – food, football, and friends.
- Christmas parties.
- Holiday strolls.
- Broomball and hot cocoa.
- Christmas cookie decorating.

Service

- Adopting a family for a Thanksgiving food blessing.
- “Thank You” notes to pastors, church leaders, parents, and senior saints.
- Christmas bake sales for missions.
- Carolling at care facilities.
- Adopt a KinMin student for a Secret Santa.

Ministry to Students

- Events are good, but allow time for families.
- Be aware that there is a spectrum of feelings and excitement related to the holidays.
- Encourage your leaders to bring students (and even their families) along with them during holiday celebrations and activities.
- Know your students and ask God to show you how to best minister to them during these days.

How does this affect *you*? How does this affect *your leaders*? How does this affect *your students*?