A CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY KEEPSAKE

THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORY BOX

7 little traditions your family can treasure for years — one note, photo, and happy memory at a time.

OUR FAMILY	STARTED IN	OPEN AGAIN
A keepsake for the years to come	Christmas Eve, 20____	Christmas Eve, 20____

PREPARE YOUR MEMORY BOX

■ A small box, tin, or large envelope	■ This printed memory kit
■ Pens, pencils, and optional colored markers	■ One family photo or a phone/camera
■ Small envelopes or folded paper	■ A safe place to store the box

7 LITTLE TRADITIONS TO BEGIN

1. Handwritten Christmas Notes

Write one short note to each family member: something you love about them, a thank-you, or a favorite moment from the year.

2. Family Predictions

Guess what each person might learn, enjoy, try, or celebrate by next Christmas. Keep the predictions kind and playful.

3. The Christmas Memory Envelope

Add a ticket, recipe card, drawing, tiny keepsake, or a note describing a special moment from this Christmas.

4. The Yearly Family Photo

Take one picture in the same spot each Christmas Eve. Add names, the date, and one detail you want to remember.

5. A Letter to Next Year's Family

Write a message to your future selves: what life feels like now, what you hope for, and what you want to remember.

6. The Little Things List

Each person names one small thing that made them smile this year. Write the answers down before they are forgotten.

7. The Box-Sealing Moment

Place everything inside, add the year to the label, and choose a date to open it together next Christmas Eve.

Keep it simple: You do not need to complete all seven traditions. Choose the ones your family enjoys, and let the ritual grow naturally each year.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE NOTES

A few sincere words can become a treasured keepsake. Use the spaces below, or write on separate paper and tuck it into your box.

HANDWRITTEN NOTES

Write a note for someone in your family. Add more notes on the back or on separate sheets if you need extra room.

To: _____ From: _____

OUR FAMILY PREDICTIONS

What do we think might happen before next Christmas? Keep predictions encouraging, funny, and pressure-free.

Person	A prediction for next year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

THE LITTLE THINGS LIST

One small thing that made me smile this year was…

Name: _____

A favorite family moment from this year:

Our memory:

SAVE THIS YEAR'S MEMORIES

Use this page as a record, or cut out the small labels and attach them to envelopes and keepsakes.

CHRISTMAS MEMORY ENVELOPE

Place a small object, note, drawing, recipe, ticket, or written memory in an envelope. Avoid anything damp, perishable, or likely to stain the other keepsakes.

THIS CHRISTMAS, I WANT TO REMEMBER…

_____

_____

_____

ITEM OR NOTE INCLUDED: _____

DATE: _____ **ADDED BY:** _____

OUR YEARLY FAMILY PHOTO

PHOTO GOES HERE

Date: _____ Place: _____

Who is in the photo? _____

One detail we want to remember: _____

A LETTER TO NEXT YEAR'S FAMILY

Dear us, next Christmas…

This is what our family is like right now. We hope you remember…

With love, _____ Date: _____

SEAL THE BOX. KEEP THE TRADITION.

Before you close the lid, take a moment to read one note aloud, look at the photo together, or share one thing you are grateful for. Then store the box somewhere dry and safe.

BOX LABEL — CUT OUT AND ATTACH

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORY BOX

Family name: _____

Year created: _____ Open again: _____

A little piece of this year's story, saved with love.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE PROMISE

Every year, we will make a little time to remember, laugh, write, and notice how our family grows. The box does not need to be perfect. It only needs to be ours.

A FEW EASY WAYS TO MAKE IT LAST

- **Choose a consistent time:** Christmas Eve after dinner, before a favorite movie, or just before bedtime.
- **Keep fragile memories safe:** Use copies of photographs, and avoid storing food, liquids, candles, or damp items in the box.
- **Make room for every age:** Little children can draw pictures or dictate a sentence for an adult to write.
- **Open it together next year:** Read the predictions and letters, compare the photos, and start a fresh envelope for the new year.

THE MOST TREASURED TRADITIONS ARE OFTEN THE SIMPLEST. HERE'S TO THE LITTLE MOMENTS THAT BECOME FAMILY STORIES.