



Try This!

Christmas Craft Night with the Youth Group

Traditional store-bought Christmas gifts are expensive. They also encourage us to focus on our identity as consumers rather than recipients of the Greatest Gift Ever—Jesus Christ!

If we made more of our gifts and gave the money we would have spent in stores to mission projects like Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' Christmas Project 2010, we would find ourselves much more in-line with the true meaning of Christmas!*

So Try This!

Rent, borrow, or buy a fun Christmas DVD. Invite the youth and NMI groups for an evening of popcorn, cocoa, watching the show, and making homemade Christmas gifts.

There are oh-so-many Web sites with craft-oriented Christmas gifts ideas. Select a few simple ones that anyone would love to have, such as handmade pictures frames or candle holders. If your ministry budget cannot cover the cost of the materials, ask each participant to pick up one or two items and bring them to the event.

Have a fun Christmas box or basket where participants place the money they would have spent on store-bought gifts. Select a mission project to which the group will donate.

Teenagers really connect with an event focused on fellowship and giving to others in need. Everyone will have so much fun talking, working with their hands, and watching a Christmas classic, you just might make this a holiday tradition!

* Christmas Project 2010 is to support unsponsored children.
To donate online, go to www.ncm.org.

