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Christmas Cookies and the Gospel

Several years ago my wife decided to reach out to the many children in our neighborhood with the gospel of Jesus by having a Christmas cookie decorating party. It was great fun and a great opportunity to share the good news that a Savior was born.

We began by inviting all of the children from our street ranging from ages 5 to 10 to come to a Christmas Cookie Party to decorate cookies for their family. Each child was asked to bring a large cookie sheet with their name taped on the side.

Prior to the party she baked over two dozen sugar cookies per child so each one would have plenty to decorate for their family as well as eat during the party. Hot cocoa was prepared to go with the cookies.

A separate pie plate was used to hold each type of cookie decoration, sprinkles, colored sugar and colored icing and the kitchen table assembly line was set.

With Christmas carols playing on the stereo, each child arrived excited and ready to decorate special cookies to take to home. Brief instructions were given and the fun began! Another couple from the neighborhood came to help, giving us one adult to every two or three children.

As each cookie masterpiece was completed they were laid out on the cookie sheet to carry home. Once the cookies were decorated, the children gathered in the living room to watch A Charlie Brown Christmas. This traditional holiday program combines many of the secular aspects of Christmas with a simple and clear proclamation of the gospel of Jesus. Once the program was over we talked about Christmas from a child's perspective, wrapped up the cookie sheets and escorted the children home.

This simple gift built lasting memories for us as well as the neighborhood. This Christmas season take time to reach out to others with Christmas Cookies and the Gospel. You will be blessed and Jesus will be glorified.

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