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Dear Friends,

First I want to welcome all the new subscribers this week! I have fun putting together these Intentional Inspirations newsletters each Saturday morning and hope that you find something in each one to encourage and inspire you to be intentional!

We had a fun week of making memories. We got the house decorated last weekend and then this week we made cookies, watched *The Grinch* on TV, did our Giving Jar project, and more. You can read all about it in [my post yesterday!](#)

This week I am busy finishing up some Christmas presents and ordering prints of the kids' pictures to put in Christmas cards, so that hopefully by the end of the week I will be ready to start mailing out Christmas packages to our family and friends who live on the west coast.

I also plan on sitting down today to do my Weekly Review for the coming week. I'll plan out what needs to be done each day, as well as adding in some more items off of our Christmas Bucket List!

May each of you have a wonderful week filled with making memories with your family!

Now let's dig into this week's Inspirations!

1. Gwen's Review of the New Trim Healthy Mama books!

I am so excited to let you know that Gwen, a fellow Trim Healthy Mama blogger, has written up an excellent post reviewing the new THM books! Plus she has edited her THM Quick Start Guide to incorporate some of the new information and page numbers from the new book. [You can read her excellent review here!](#)

You can find all my Trim Healthy Mama recipes and posts linked all together on my [Trim Healthy Mama page!](#)

2. Why Should I Clean My House?

This week I read a great blog post by Mystie over at Simply Convivial and wanted to share it with you. Mystie shares about why we should clean our homes and it is just excellent. [Hop on over and read it today.](#) It will encourage and challenge you!

3. Have you made some memories this week?

Were you able to sit down and use [my free Christmas Bucket List](#) to make out a list of some special things to do as a family this December? If not, go get a copy printed out and work on a list this weekend! [See this post for some memory making ideas!](#)

If you are needing some fun ideas for how to plan your homeschool for December, [watch my video and all the neat resources I linked to in this post!](#)

Be sure to [bookmark this page](#) so you can watch these fun Christmas movies together as a family!

Here are [some easy Christmas gifts](#) that the kids could make for family or friends!

Another fun idea is using [these free Countdown to Christmas printables](#) and write on each one something special to do that day. Hang them on a string and have the kids take one down each day to discover the fun thing they get to do that day!

4. My Christmas Memories (Free Download)

I wanted to share with you a little booklet I put together several years back called, "My Christmas Memories." In this book I share our family Christmas traditions as well as our favorite recipes. This is just a little piece of "me"....hope you enjoy it! [Go to this post to download my gift to you!](#)

5. Free Nativity Themed Thank You Cards

This time of year when you will be receiving gifts, you will want to have some cute thank you cards on hand! [Print out these cute nativity themed thank you cards for free!](#)

6. What I am reading this week!

I haven't had a chance to update my current reading page, but I did get some reading done this week! I finished another fun Christmas novel and started another one -- both that I got free on Kindle recently. I also started an Advent book with short readings for each day.

[Click here](#) to see the links to these books and all the other books I am currently reading.

What are you reading this week?

I hope you have enjoyed this issue of **Intentional Inspirations**. If you want to read previous issues, just click on the header at the top and it will take you to the Intentional Inspirations Archives!

Each Saturday I will continue to bring you valuable content that will help you live intentionally!

Have a wonderful weekend and a blessed Thanksgiving,

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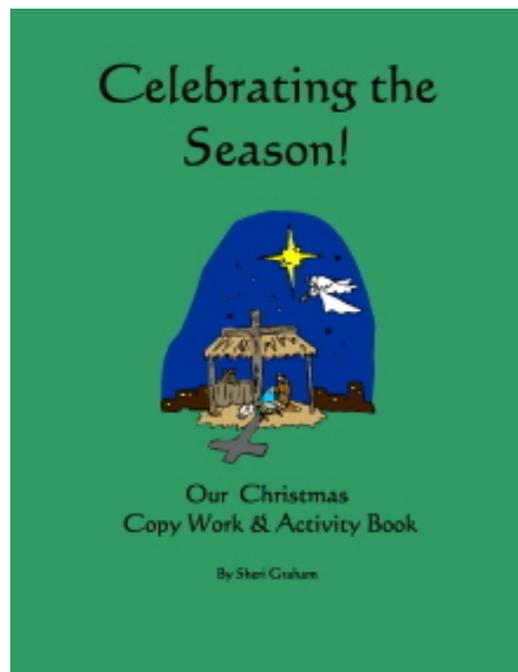
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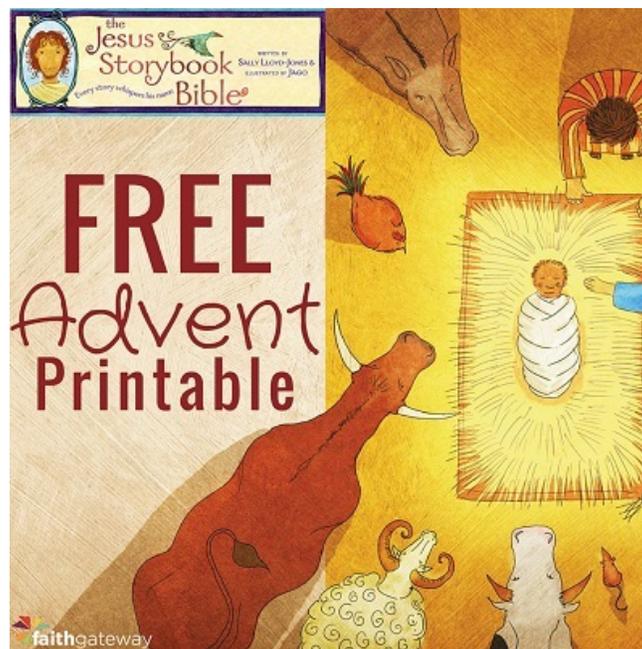
New on the Blog This Week

[Click here](#) to receive new blog posts in your email whenever a new post is published on my blog! (Note: You must be an existing newsletter subscriber to be added to this list!)



I am so excited to share with you this month's freebie for subscribers — Celebrating the Season – Our Christmas Copy Work & Activity Book! You will find tons of Christmas ideas and projects to do with your kids, copy work pages to use to copy the Christmas story, recipes, craft patterns, and more! This is my gift to you, praying that it will be an encouragement to you to slow down, savor these moments, and make special memories with your family.

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I posted about these last year and I am so excited to see that they are making them available again this year! If you use and love the Jesus Storybook Bible (like I do), then considering using these free Advent printables this year! There are cards to print for each day of Advent, with a picture on the front, and a scripture passage to read on the back.

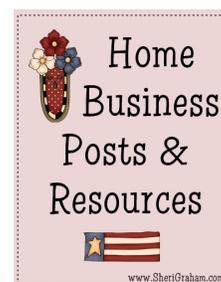
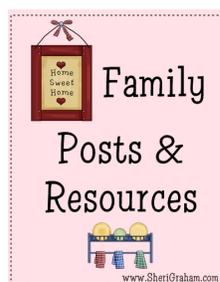
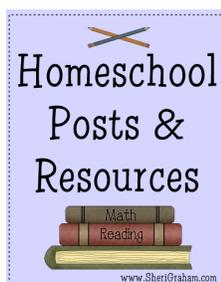
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As I mentioned in my post about making a Christmas Bucket List, I sat down with the kids and we made a list of the special things they wanted to do this December. I thought I'd share a little about our week — how God's grace was evident in our lives and we had a special week of making memories!

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