

tiny advent

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4 LIGHTS Gifts

★ WEEK 1: STONES/MINERALS

- beautiful stones - for play, for making jewellery, to paint, etc.
- seashells - again, for play or making jewellery
- interesting bone artifacts or items
- soothing mineral salts for the bath

★ WEEK 2: PLANTS

- herbs for remedies, lip balm, salves, herbal bath salts
- paper white or other flower bulbs to grow indoors
- seeds and a tiny pot
- a potted plant
- materials for a terrarium
- herbal tea
- vanilla beans for baking or homemade vanilla extract

★ WEEK 3: ANIMALS

- beeswax crayons
- beeswax modeling wax
- woolens, wool slippers, wool socks, wool sweater
- wool stuffed animal
- wool roving or wool felt
- beeswax for candle making, crafting, lip balms & salves
- bird feeder, bird seed (for suet/oil feeders)
- feathers for arts and crafts (and ornaments)
- bird-watching journal

★ WEEK 4: HUMANKIND

- postcards or cards to write on and send to family & friends
- a few dollars to spend at the grocery store on an item to put in the food hamper
- ingredients for cookies or brownies - divided up over a few days, or in a jar or sweetly tied bag - make a note for them to think of someone to gift them to over the holidays.
- a poem or letter to your little one describing all the awesome things about them
- read a Bible verse or snippet from a favourite winter story (you can do this alone or with a related gift)
- go caroling
- serve at a local shelter or food bank
- knit hats or blankets for those in need
- tape quarters to phone booths and bus shelters (a huge favourite over here)
- random acts of kindness such as shoveling a neighbours walk, leaving change in the meter, paying for someone else's meal, leaving a gift on someone's step... there are many sites online with ideas for random acts of kindness!
- book about fair trade, fair trade chocolate
- knit hats or blankets for those in need
- a homemade gift certificate for a certain amount of money to spend through an online donation program - our kids always love searching through the options (school supplies, animals, sports equipment, medicine, food) and choosing something special to spend their money on.