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In your school, church or organization lobby, instead of decorating a Christmas tree with the usual decorations, decorate the tree with scarves, hats, sock and mittens. Donate the "decorations" to the local shelter or school that has at-risk children in need of such items.

Decorate all of the outside trees, etc. with the Holiday Garlands mentioned in the Animal Section of the book, instead of store-bought lights.

Make holiday gift baskets of food, clothing, hygiene items, and other needed supplies. Decorate the baskets for the holidays and donate them to a family in need.

Go to a local nursing home. Help the residents write holiday cards and letters with stationary and stamps that you have donated.

Volunteer to read special holiday stories at a local nursing home, shelter or daycare center.

Invite a person who does not have family in the area to share a holiday meal with your family.

Instead of the usual gifts, create colorful coupons that the recipient can redeem for things like 2 hours of babysitting, help cleaning the garage, or 2 hours of volunteer service at a local charity. Think of some other things that you volunteer to do to help make this world a better place for all of us to live.

Put on a play, puppet show, or sing along at a local nursing home, shelter or daycare center.

Volunteer to help with the cooking or cleaning for the holiday preparations.

Volunteer with your family to bring an older person to the library, worship services, family meals, shopping, etc.

Create care packages to send to servicemen stationed overseas.

Celebrate "Christmas in July" or any other month of the year. Choose from some of the projects mentioned above and do them. You can even decorate or do other holiday activities to add some festive holiday cheer any other time of the year.

Remember the Disney movie Alice in Wonderland? Remember her "Unbirthday Party"? Create a special "unbirthday party" for someone who could use a little cheer or appreciation.

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