



Light two purple candles: the candle of *Hope*, and the candle of *Preparation*.



“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38



**Traveling Angel.** Draw an angel or a snowman, about the size of an index card, onto a small piece of card stock. Cut out with scissors. Make a loop of masking tape and affix to the back of the angel. When family and friends are over, gently place the angel on someone’s back without them knowing. When they finally discover it, it is their turn to place it quietly on someone else.



**Egg Carton Card Holder.** Take an egg carton and place it on newspaper. Paint (or spray paint) both sides of the carton, allow to dry. Decorate the bumps with sequins, glitter glue, and glitter. Let dry. Cut slits in top of each egg bump. Place Christmas cards in slots to display. (Supplies: egg carton, paint, glitter, glitter glue, paint brushes)



O God of our heart, we thank you for this day. As we see the flame of the candles before us, we are grateful for all of the people who bring light into our lives. Help us to be a true blessing to family and friends. Open our eyes to the tiny blessings that are all around us. In His name, Amen.



**Parmesan Snowflake Cookies.** Take a cookie sheet and place star shaped or round cookie cutters on it. Sprinkle thin layer of shredded parmesan cheese inside. Carefully remove cookie cutters. Bake at 375 for 8-10 minutes. Homemade cheese snowflakes!



Oh, what a happy child I am, although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world contented I will be,

How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't, So weep or sigh because I'm blind, I cannot-or I won't.

*Fanny Crosby, at 8 years old, writer of more than 8000 hymns (Wikipedia, The Works of Fanny Crosby)*

