



Christmas giving ideas for pre-schoolers

- Time and attention with a day out with Mum or Dad or both! Or special reading times with a grandparent or older sibling
- Books
- A box that they can make into a rocket or a castle or anything they like! Secure boxes together to make tunnels, cut holes as doors and windows and they can decorate the boxes
- A cheap magnifying glass, gives a whole different look to insects
- A craft pack containing household stuff like empty containers, paper rolls, bottle tops etc
- A few vegetable seeds and a few decorate yogurt pots filled with potting mix. A little “time with grandma” voucher with lessons on how to raise seedlings and then transplant them into a vegetable garden
- A picnic at the park with one of the free summer concerts
- A handmade voucher for an activity with someone special – a ride in Grandad’s vintage car, accompanying Dad in his truck for a day’s work, getting dressed up for a date out with Mum pretending to be a grown up
- A homemade cook book with step by step pictures
- A scrap book with some photos of them on pages with ideas of what to draw on other pages
- A simple toy that will work without batteries and is simple in its makeup. Use two different sizes of 2 x 2 inch wood on four glue screw caps screwed into a piece of painted wood and.. tada a truck! (car, train etc)
- A sleepover at Nanas
- A visit to the pet shop
- Making things with them like paper weaving or weaving with wool. Show them how to do potato prints (cut potato in half and carve a pattern into it – dip in paint and press on paper)
- Bubble fun – dishwashing liquid and some wire twisted into different shapes to see what makes the best bubbles. Dish liquid in a small jar with a homemade dipper made from a rubber band on a wooden handle
- Empty container filled with beans/rice etc and decorated to make a baby rattle
- Giving grandchildren a fruit tree for their parents to plant so that as the trees start to produce, the grand children will be able to enjoy the fruit
- A bible
- Find a favourite image of your child and make a jigsaw out of it
- If you have a sewing machine – turn a rectangle of cheap colourful cotton into a straps dress with an elastic-scrunched top. For less than 5 dollars each you can dress all the similar-aged cousins
- Sock puppets
- Make some homemade ice blocks to lick in the sun
- Put pegs in the bath or an empty sandpit or something similar. Draw, decorate and colour some paper fish and attach them to the pegs. Add string to a magnet then go fishing for the fish.

