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Holiday Survival Guide

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As I drive down the street and the first Christmas lights catch my eye or I notice the chocolate countdown calendars are well stocked front and center at the supermarket I think, God is it that time already?

I have to admit I love Christmas but the build up, financial stress and family gatherings can be all over whelming. Christmas at my house when I was a kid went like this, "You're Jewish, you're Jewish! Now go to bed Santa is coming!"

As a mom I love being able to use the "You better be good, you better be nice, or Santa's not going to come." My youngest screams when commercials come on the TV "I want that and that!" As my stomach knots and I wonder which bill I can avoid paying this month with minimal consequence.



If your child is under one - just wrap empty boxes because my kids always seemed to love the package at that age way more than the toy. If your child is over 12 and has figured out that you are Santa you can buy a few really good, well wanted gifts; but if your child is anywhere between that age, lets face it you're toast. I remember my daughter saying to me, "I know you're not Santa because you could never afford to buy me that many presents." "Riiight!"

Family gathering can become way easier if you start off the Christmas morning with a good shot of Baileys in your coffee and when you get to the family dinner or if everyone is coming to your house, ask or place yourself at the kids table. It's way more fun and you'll probably end up winning all the weird Christmas cracker prizes. Just let them wear the silly hats that come in them.

I have to admit there is nothing better than watching your kids run down the stairs all-wide eyed and giddy that Santa was there. Even better once the presents are opened is sneaking back to bed to catch up on some well-deserved sleep. It's hard work being Santa. Happy Holidays!

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