

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Birth of a King

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0:00:00.2 Andy Stanley: Most of us have some Christmas traditions that we either haven't thought about yet, but we're about to, or we're already gearing up to, certain food. Certain people make that special dish... We have a couple of those Christmas traditions around, who shows up when, and where do we do this, and how do we do this? And the travel and just those things that have become traditions, and then as time changes, some of those things kinda get interrupted, but we just... You love the Christmas traditions. I know we do. One of Sandra's brilliant Christmas traditions that she started when our kids were super young, was on Christmas Eve, we had pajama night, and the point of pajama was they would open their pajamas that she wanted them to wear the next day.

0:00:38.9 AS: It was kind of a trick. And they're like, "Oh, we love these." "Why don't you put them on... Why don't you sleep in them and then we'll take pictures on of them tomorrow," they never knew what was happening, but then we kept doing it, and this is kind of embarrassing and there won't be any pictures, we still do Pajama night, like we all get pajamas and we do not take our... Take pictures the next morning in our pajamas. The other one that our kids actually started is that the week before Christmas, we have three children, two boys and our youngest Ally, and the kids would sneak into one another's rooms and take things and wrap them and put them under the tree. Do your kids do this?

0:01:12.4 AS: It's like, oh my goodness, I have one at this fact it is the one I have anyway. So then the boys one year took this to a whole new level, so this is a picture of Ally opening her portrait that's been hanging in the dining room for 10 years. And she opened it. She's like, "I've seen that before for 10 years." Anyway, so you have your own Christmas traditions, those are a couple that you can steal, just wait a few, maybe a couple of years and you can claim them as your own.

0:01:40.0 AS: And then... I don't know if any, but don't, you don't have to raise your hand or admit this, this is a little bit dark, but do you have any day after like the day after Christmas traditions. We had one for a long time, and some of you do this, and as I just would admit, I never got this. But for years, the women, the girls, as we would gather for Christmas... The day after Christmas, they would go to the mall. I know, I'm like, why are we doing... Anyway, it was kind of what they were together and they'd have coffee and they would return gifts... Right. And exchange gifts, you know, which I get that, and then online shopping came along and took all the fun out of that, so now here's what we do, we just gather around the after Christmas and we print return labels. It's so much fun to go look for original packaging, and I go out in the garage and take all those flat boxes and put them back together and put tape on them and then we exchange everything. Anyway.

0:02:32.5 AS: And then kind of the darker, darker side since I'm being a little bit transparent is Sandra and I, for those of you who are into Enneagram, we're both Enneagram ones, so we're super organized, it looks like no one actually lives in our home, and so... Not exactly, but anyway. So we love Christmas, we celebrate Christmas and we start early, in fact, every year it seems like we started a little bit earlier and earlier, and I'm all for that 'cause we love Christmas.