

Getting Ready for the Holidays Week 5 (The Week Before Thanksgiving)

Our list is as follows:

1. We continue to look for things that don't belong and get them put away where they belong or get rid of things we don't really need as we do our weekly '[Home Blessings](#)'.
2. If we have items (*or cards*) that need to be mailed we will try to get them taken care of ASAP... *sometimes I have gifts sent directly to the recipients but I try to warn them ahead of time so they can be on the lookout for them.*
3. If I haven't bought the wrapping paper and supplies then I will try to make sure to get those this week. *I also make sure that I have ordered any special tablecloths or tableware that I may need so it gets here in plenty of time.*
4. I'm also trying to plan to do the 3 gift rule here this year but I'm not sure how it will go yet. I've got some links about this idea [HERE](#), [HERE](#), and [HERE](#). *This will hopefully encourage the focus to be more on Jesus than Santa and the gifts he will bring.*
5. I will review the menu lists in my [Holiday Planner](#) so I can try to add as many of the pantry goods to my weekly grocery list as well as double checking to make sure that we have plenty of the everyday essentials like toilet paper and paper towels because we don't want to run out of those things when we have guests.
6. I'll review my list of 'make-ahead' items and try to knock out a few of them so there will be less to do at Thanksgiving. *I will also pull out some of my recipes that will use up the leftover turkey and such if we have any.*
7. I will also look up some information about [Thanksgiving traditions and history](#) to add to our homeschool lessons as well as some fun [Thanksgiving activities](#). You can check this post [HERE](#) for some ideas!

Life is crazy enough without adding holiday stress to it. The simpler we can keep things, the better in most cases and we are always trying to find creative solutions to things we need to get done. By spending just a few minutes a day working on these tasks it helps to get us prepared without causing a lot of unnecessary stress.