## Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (December 2019)

### I. December Observances & Events:
- 12/22-12/30 Hanukkah
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/31 New Year’s Eve

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<td><strong>12/01 – 12/07 Quality Family Time During the Holidays</strong>&lt;br&gt;Family time and routines have long lasting benefits for young children. The quality of time parents and family members spend with their children build family bonds and bolster social-emotional development. Parents can incorporate quality family time into everyday activities by talking, reading, and singing to children.</td>
<td><strong>Talk, Read and Sing Together Every Day! Tips for Families</strong>&lt;br&gt;TSTF&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Making Time for Kids? Study Says Quality Trumps Quantity</strong>&lt;br&gt;Washington Post&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Redefining Quality Family Time in an Overscheduled Society</strong>&lt;br&gt;Huffington Post&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Good Family Relationships: How to Build Them</strong>&lt;br&gt;Raising Children&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>The Importance of Everyday Interactions for Early Brain Development</strong>&lt;br&gt;Huffington Post&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Kids With Family Routines Are Emotionally And Socially More Advanced (STUDY)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Huffington Post&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>The Most Important Thing You Can Do with Your Kids? Eat Dinner with Them</strong>&lt;br&gt;Washington Post&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Building Children’s Relationships With Relatives</strong>&lt;br&gt;Bright Horizons</td>
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<td><strong>12/08 – 12/14 Quality Time with Grandparents During the Holidays</strong>&lt;br&gt;The holidays are a special time for families when some children get to spend time with their grandparents. When they share rich conversations and stories, grandparents develop close connections with little ones and can support their early brain and language development.</td>
<td><strong>Tips for Grandparents</strong>&lt;br&gt;TSTF&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Celebrate Grandparents!</strong>&lt;br&gt;TSTF/AARP&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Grandparenting: On Your Lap, In Your Heart</strong>&lt;br&gt;ZERO TO THREE&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>That Was Then: Sharing Family Traditions With Your Grandchildren</strong>&lt;br&gt;ZERO TO THREE&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>More Than Just Cookies: Why Grandparents Are Important To Your Kids</strong>&lt;br&gt;Parenting&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Tips for Grandparents of a Newborn</strong>&lt;br&gt;Healthy Children&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Grandparents and Family Relationships</strong>&lt;br&gt;Raising Children&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>What Kids Learn From Hearing Family Stories</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Atlantic</td>
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12/15 – 12/21 Meaningful Holiday Traditions

The holiday season offers great opportunities for families to spend quality time together and build rich memories that will last a lifetime. This week, we will share simple ways families can use the holiday festivities to create fun and meaningful traditions with young children.

Nine Ways to Make Christmas Meaningful for Kids
Huffington Post

7 Family Time and Learning Tips for the Holidays PBS Parents

5 Ways to Keep the Magic of Christmas (and Lose the Consumerism) Huffington Post

5 Meaningful Holiday Traditions for Kids PBS Parents

Three Seasonal Activities to Help Foster Your Toddler's Creative Skills TSTF

The Gifts You Don’t Have to Wrap PBS Parents

Gift Giving for Kids PBS Parents

Thoughts on Giving NAEYC for Families

12/22 – 12/28 Talking Is Teaching Gifts

This holiday season, we’re encouraging parents, grandparents, and caregivers, to make holiday gift giving a truly meaningful experience by giving gifts of quality time spent talking, reading, and singing together!

We will share fun talk, read, sing ideas that will help boost your child’s brain and language development and foster special moments for bonding - all without costing a penny!

- 12/22-12/30 Haunkkah
- 12/25 Christmas

Gifts that Give Graphics TSTF (4 graphics)

Math
Highlights Digital Guide TSTF

Early Math Resources TSTF

Baby and Toddler Math Milestones PBS Parents

Singing
Sing With Your Baby TSTF

Sing To Your Baby: Create Your Own Lullaby TSTF

10 Ways Babies Learn When We Sing to Them! NAEYC

Reading

Early Literacy Resources TSTF

Literacy is Rooted in Love TSTF

Building Your Child’s Vocabulary Reading Rockets

The Gift of Reading New York Times

Storytelling

Storytelling Builds Imagination (Dragons Not Included) TSTF

Reading and Storytelling with Babies and Children Raising Children
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<td>Through daily routines, parents can provide children with a sense of security, order, and predictability that allows them to navigate their world. Parents can use moments throughout a child’s daily routine, such as getting dressed, mealtime or bedtime, to talk, read and sing together. These activities will facilitate learning and develop language, communication, literacy, and social skills in little ones.</td>
<td>Making New Year’s Resolutions with Your Child  PBS Parents</td>
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<td>● 12/31 New Year’s Eve</td>
<td>Creating Routines for Love and Learning  ZERO TO THREE</td>
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<td>The Basics of Baby Schedules: Why, When, and How to Start a Routine  BabyCenter</td>
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