

Frequently Asked Questions from Life Group Leaders

What is Adopt-a-Family?

Adopt-a-Family is a Central Christmas program where you can bless a family in need by adopting them for Christmas. We match you with a family and ask that you buy specific gifts for the children (\$50 each child) from the Christmas wish list and also include two \$25 gift cards for the parents.

How do you find the families?

We work with school nurses, social workers and other contacts at Title 1 schools to partner with families who need help for Christmas. In addition, we partner with other organizations and group homes to provide presents to families in need. These families then opt into the program. Once they choose to participate, they are partnered with a Central family for adoption.

How can my group get involved?

Sign-up to adopt a family as a life group. You will then **receive** an email with your family information. **Review** the wish list to familiarize yourself with the family and their requested gifts. **Contact** the family and introduce yourself. **Shop** for the gifts and **connect** with the family to set up a time for delivery on or before December 11. Then **deliver** the gifts to the family and try to **engage** them. Consider inviting them to join you for a Christmas activity.

How much am I expected to spend?

The recommended spending amount is \$50 per child and two \$25 gift cards for the parents, regardless if there are two parents or if it's a single parent. You don't have to buy everything off the wish list, but use it to get ideas. Do try to get at least one of their requested gifts.

Talking about money with my life group is difficult. How can I have this conversation in a healthy way?

We encourage you to have your life group members pray about Adopt-a-Family before they make a commitment. Give your group members an opportunity to think about this and talk with their spouse (if necessary) and ask them to share privately what they would like to contribute. You can then determine what your group will be able to do together and communicate that with your Life Group.

What if my Life Group cannot find the time to shop together?

There are a variety of ways that your group can handle the various tasks associated with Adopt-a-Family. We believe that sharing roles is what will make this experience great for everyone. If your group is unable to shop together, assign individual family members from your adopted family to each person or couple in your group and ask them to shop on their own. You could ask your group to bring the presents to life group by a specific date and have a gift wrapping party together. Get creative!

When do gifts need to be delivered?

Gifts should be delivered on or before Sunday, December 11, 2016.

I click the link to register and it takes me to a login page.

You must be logged into Central's website to register for Adopt-a-Family. If you already have an account, simply log in to register. If not, create an account and then you'll be able to register.

