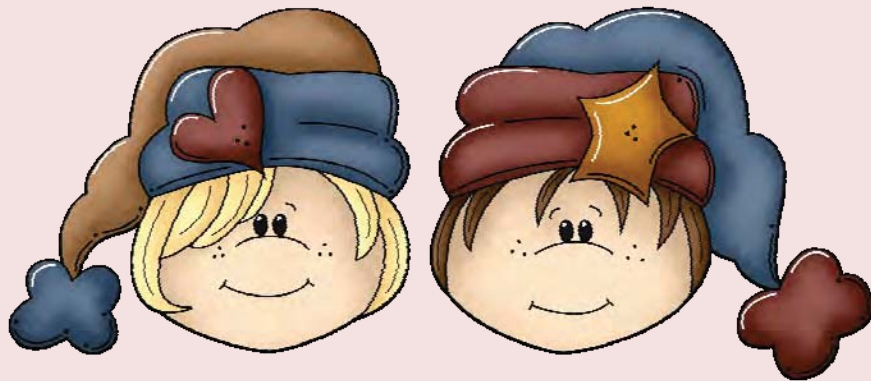


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*for the  
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*Jesus is the . . .*

## ***Alpha and Omega***

*The Beginning and Ending of all things*



## SHERI'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT IDEAS:

**Make cinnamon ornaments** (great for younger children!). These are really easy and fun to make...and smell so good! Recipe: Combine 1 cup ground cinnamon, 4 Tblsp. White glue, and 3/4 to 1 cup water. It should be the consistency of cookie dough. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Sprinkle hard surface with cinnamon, knead until smooth. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thick. Cut into shapes. Poke hole in ornament with straw for hanging. Lay on wax paper at room temperature. Turn 2 to 3 times a day. Let dry for 4 to 5 days.

**CD Christmas Tree Ornament** - Ever wonder what to do with all those "old" CDs? Here is an idea! Cut a piece of green or red construction paper to cover the front side of the CD. Cut a piece of ribbon for the hanger. Glue the ribbon between the construction paper and the front of the CD when gluing together. Now you are ready to decorate the silver side of the CD. Use glue, glitter, sequins, etc. to make pretty decorations on your CD. These are really pretty and fun for kids to do!

**Make glycerin soaps!** These, too, are easy to make! You can buy cubes of clear glycerin soap. You simply melt the glycerin in the microwave, add any color or fragrance, then pour into molds. Get creative! Use the rubber bakeware muffin pans to make bars of soap. Put little plastic toys inside the soaps after you pour them in the pans. When the soap hardens, they easily pop out of the rubber bakeware!

**Put together a family calendar!** We did this one year and it was a lot of fun and a much treasured gift by our family! You can use any word processing program or specialized program to put together calendar pages and picture pages. Print them out on card-stock paper (front and back) and take them to your local printer to bind. Our local printer will put a wire bind on a project like this for \$.50!

**Decorated Votive Candle Holders** - One year my daughter decorated candle holders for family and friends. We used spray glue and sprayed the outside of the candle holder, then sprinkled Crystal Clear Glitter over it all. Set on wax paper and let it dry good. Put a votive inside and your gift is done! Another thing my daughter did instead of decorating all the candle holders with glitter was painted on them. She got creative and used acrylic paints to paint nativity scenes on some of them. They turned out really cute. If you have a creative child...this may be another option!

**Chocolate Covered Spoons** - Melt a package of chocolate chips in a saucepan. Using sturdy plastic spoons, dip the spoon end entirely in the chocolate. Let excess chocolate drip off. Decorate with sprinkles and let harden on wax paper.

**Make a Music CD** - This is what my daughter is doing this year for her gift to family members. My daughter has been taking piano lessons for about 6 years now and wanted to record some songs onto CD. We figured out how we can record her playing and burn it onto a CD! What we did is used the program, Microsoft Powerpoint. There is an option on there where you can record narration to go along with slide presentations. Well, instead of recording a voice, I just stick the microphone up to the back side of our piano. There are some settings on Powerpoint that you will want to check - make sure the recording settings on set so that you get the CD quality - the best

