# The Mini-Van Express Tickets

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#### Directions:

- 1. Print tickets on cardstock or photo paper
  - 2. Laminate for durability
- 3. Hide tickets in beds on designated trip night
- 4. Have kids go get ready for bed, while you prepare popcorn and hot chocolate (serve in coffee mugs with lids to keep the mess to a minimum)

  5. Start Christmas music playing in car.
- 6. Once kids find their tickets, instruct them to line up ouside the car in their jammies and slippers.
  - 7. Have a parent hole punch tickets as they enter the car!

### Take a trip!

- Check online for best Christmas Lights in your area! Pack up your car with popcorn in rudolf cups, hot chocolate in coffee mugs (with a lid!), and Christmas music! Enjoy driving around your neighborhood checking out all the Christmas lights!
- Check your local <u>Barnes & Noble</u>, most years they do "The Polar Express" for story time, all the kids come in their jammies, and ours gave out little jingle bells to all the kids!
- **Ice Skating:** If you have a local outdoor ice rink, check out prices and times, and go ice skating!
- **North Pole:** Check online for North Pole exhibits in your area, some even have a train the kids can ride on!
- **Santa Claus:** Pack the kids in the car and take a trip to see Santa at your local mall and get their pictures taken!
- Polar Express Activities: Since this idea was taken from The Polar Express, I
  thought I'd add a link for more fun activities: <u>The Polar Express</u>.

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