1. Track Santa Claus!

Give the kids a thrill on Christmas Eve by letting them track Santa Claus on his journey. Just visit NORADSanta.org, where NORAD scientists “track” Santa’s gift-giving voyage via radar. And when it looks like the jolly man and his reindeer are headed your way, it’ll be the perfect incentive for the little ones to run to bed!

2. Check out the moon!

On the night of December 21, make sure to look up at the Big Cheese in the sky—a rare full lunar eclipse will be visible from all over the United States, lasts about 72 minutes. It will be the official last eclipse of 2010! Find out more—and when you’ll be able to glimpse it in your area—at Eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/ON/OH2010.html/LE2010Dec21T.

3. Laugh it up at this hit film sequel!

Watch out—the Fockers are back, and now there are more of them! In Little Fockers, the all-star cast featuring Ben Stiller, Teri Polo, Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman and Blythe Danner are reprising their roles from the previous films. In this installment, Jack Byrnes (De Niro) and Greg Focker (Stiller) see their rivalry escalate as the Byrnes stop by to visit for their grandchildren’s birthday. Will Greg ever earn the respect of his father-in-law?

4. Win a year’s supply of ice cream!

Ice-cream maker Turkey Hill is giving away a year’s worth of ice cream—as well as a free trip to Lancaster Countryside, Pennsylvania, to visit the Turkey Hill Dairy—for the fan who creates the winning design for their new cow. The farm’s iconic 13-foot cow statue has been standing watch on its property since 1967, and the folks at Turkey Hill think it’s high time for a makeover. From now until January 31, 2011, visit TurkeyHill.com to download a “blank cow” sheet, then just add your design, scan and upload (or mail it back to them). Even if you don’t win the big prize, 50 entries are being selected at random for free ice cream! Visit TurkeyHill.com for more info.

5. Grab a perfect last-minute book gift!

For a romance novel fan: Lord Lightning by Jenny Brown. This book is a two-for-one—sure to please both a romantic and an astrology fan! The demure Eliza Farrell casts a chart and learns that the shocking Lord Hartwood, aka “Lord Lightning,” is hiding a softer side. Will her astronomical predictions prove greater than Hartwood’s basier instincts?

For a super-sleuth: Gingerbread Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke. You can’t go wrong with this Christmas-themed pick by bestselling author Joanne Fluke—its got romance, intrigue and even holiday cookie recipes!

For expectant parents: Having a Baby by Dr. Mehmet Oz and Dr. Michael Roizen. The ultimate guide for soon-to-be parents, this book can give them the best gift of all—peace of mind. Even better, it’s now out in paperback—so pick them up its companion guide, Raising Your Child, with all the money you’ll save.

For a golfer/sports fan: The Match by Max Frost. Frost’s telling of an epic golf match in 1956 is considered one of the greatest golf stories ever written.

—Lindsay Rossell