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The Holiday Pack Adapter Prompt

A worksheet for parents

This resource exists for a reason that's worth naming directly. The rest of the website resources for this chapter reflect my own family — our values, our faith, our traditions, the holidays we celebrate, the way we run a Christmas morning. I built them honestly, from the inside of my own home, because I think examples written from real life are more useful than examples written to be neutral. Neutral examples often help nobody, because they don't fit anyone's actual home.

But that means the resources, as written, won't fit your family if your holidays look different from mine. You might celebrate Hanukkah, Eid, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Passover, Easter, Nowruz, or any of the dozens of other holidays that anchor families around the world. You might celebrate Christmas but hold values that lead you to shape the season differently than I do. You might be building a tradition from scratch in a blended family or a new household. The Adapter Prompt is built for all of that. You upload any of the resources from this pack, you tell AI which holiday you're adapting it for and what your family values are, and you get back a version that fits your home rather than mine.

The point isn't to flatten what makes each holiday distinct. The point is to give you a tool that translates the structure of a useful resource — the worksheet, the prompts, the rhythm — into the language and shape of your own tradition. The structure travels well. The specifics shouldn't.

How this works

You'll do this once per resource you want to adapt. Most parents end up adapting two or three of the pack's resources — usually the ones that touch the parts of the season they care about most — and skip the rest. There's no need to adapt every resource. Adapt the ones that would actually change how your family runs the holiday.

The process has three steps. First, fill out the worksheet below to gather your inputs. Second, copy the prompt and paste in the resource you want to adapt. Third, react to what comes back and refine until it fits.

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The worksheet

Spend ten minutes on the questions below before you run the prompt. The quality of what comes back depends almost entirely on how clearly you can name what you're trying to translate the resource into.

Field	Your answer
The holiday or season I'm adapting this resource for	
The faith, cultural, or family tradition this holiday belongs to	
The specific name of the resource I'm adapting (for example, the Christmas Morning & Gratitude Flow, or the Holiday Traditions Builder)	
The dates or duration this holiday covers in our home	
The core practices that anchor this holiday for our family — meals, prayers, readings, gatherings,	

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gift-giving, fasting, light-lighting, anything that's central	
Three to five values our family wants this holiday to reflect	
What we want this holiday to feel like in our home, in two or three words	
Anything in the original resource that won't translate, and why	
Anything specific to our tradition that the original resource doesn't address but should	
The ages of the people this resource will be used with	

That second-to-last question is the most important one in the worksheet, and it's the one most parents skim. Every holiday tradition has elements that don't map cleanly onto another tradition. A Christmas morning gift-opening rhythm doesn't translate directly to the eight nights of Hanukkah. A reflection page built around Advent doesn't translate to the sunrise prayers of Eid al-Fitr. Naming what won't translate before you run the prompt saves you a round of back-and-forth and gives AI a much clearer picture of where the adaptation needs to go beyond a simple find-and-replace.



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The prompt

Once your worksheet is filled out, copy the prompt below into your AI tool of choice. Upload or paste the original resource you want to adapt, then add your worksheet answers in the bracketed sections, then run it.

I'm adapting a website resource that was originally written for one family's holiday tradition. I'd like your help translating it into a version that fits my own family's tradition, values, and holiday.

I'm uploading (or pasting below) the original resource. Please read it carefully before responding.

[upload or paste the full original resource here]

Here's what you need to know about the holiday I'm adapting it for:

The holiday or season: [paste from your worksheet]

The faith, cultural, or family tradition it belongs to: [paste from your worksheet]

The dates or duration it covers in our home: [paste from your worksheet]

The core practices that anchor this holiday for us: [paste from your worksheet]

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Three to five values our family wants this holiday to reflect: [paste from your worksheet]

What we want this holiday to feel like: [paste from your worksheet]

Things in the original resource that won't translate, and why: [paste from your worksheet]

Things specific to our tradition that the original doesn't address: [paste from your worksheet]

Ages of the people this resource will be used with: [paste from your worksheet]

Based on all of that, please give me:

1. A full adaptation of the original resource that fits my family's holiday — keep the structure that's useful, replace the references that don't translate, and add the elements specific to our tradition that the original was missing.
2. A short note on what you changed and why, so I can adjust if you got something wrong about my tradition.

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3. A list of any places where you weren't sure how my tradition handles something — questions for me to answer that would make the resource more accurate.

4. A flag if anything in the original resource conflicts with the values I named, and a suggestion for how to resolve it in my version.

Please be careful and respectful with the religious or cultural elements of my tradition. If you're not certain about something specific to my faith or culture, ask me rather than guess. I'd rather have a draft with honest gaps than one that gets something meaningful wrong.

Keep the tone warm and grounded — the same register as the original resource, but translated into language that fits my family.



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What to do with what comes back

You'll get an adapted version of the resource, a note on what changed, a list of questions, and possibly a flag or two. Read it carefully — especially the questions. The questions are usually pointing at the places where your tradition has specific practices or sensitivities that AI couldn't fully infer from your worksheet, and answering them in a follow-up message will produce a much more accurate second draft.

Question	Your answer
What did the adaptation get right about my tradition?	
What did it get wrong, or miss entirely?	
Which of AI's questions do I want to answer in a follow-up?	
Is there anything in the adaptation that doesn't fit our values, even though it fits the holiday?	
What's the version I'm going to actually use, and what am I rewriting in my own words?	

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A note on the limits of AI for this kind of work

A small honest caveat. AI is excellent at taking a structure built around one tradition and translating it into the shape of another. It's less reliable when the translation involves theological specifics, religious laws, or culturally sensitive details. If your tradition has practices that need to be handled with precision — fasting rules, prayer times, dietary observances, ritual sequences, language conventions — verify those parts against a source you trust before you use the adapted resource with your family.

The resource is meant to give you a strong draft, not a final document. The final voice of any holiday in your home should be yours, anchored in the people and traditions that taught it to you, not in what AI produced on a Tuesday afternoon.

A note on adapting for blended traditions

Many families today hold more than one tradition — a Jewish parent and a Christian parent, a Hindu grandparent in a Christian household, a family that celebrates the secular and religious side of multiple holidays in the same season. The Adapter Prompt handles this. You can name the blend in the worksheet, list the values that span both traditions, and ask AI to produce a resource that honors both rather than choosing between them.

The result is sometimes more interesting than the single-tradition version, because it forces you to articulate what your blended family is actually building together rather than running on the autopilot of either tradition alone.

Closing thought

The pack as a whole is one family's worked example. The Adapter Prompt is what turns that example into something you can use in your own home, in your own holiday, with your own values guiding the shape of it. Build the version that fits your family, keep what works, leave what doesn't, and run it long enough to see whether it's serving the season you actually want to be in.

That's the point. Not my holiday — yours.