Christmas Charades



4+ players | Teams | 30 seconds per turn

Cut out the 12 cards. Act without speaking or making sound effects. Your team earns 1 point for each correct guess before time runs out. Play until every card has been used.

Wrapping a present	**Hanging a stocking**	**Building a snowman**
Decorating a tree	**Carrying a giant gift**	**Untangling lights**
Baking cookies	**Riding a sleigh**	**Opening a surprise**
Shoveling snow	**Singing a carol**	**Putting on mittens**

Draw and Guess

4+ players | Teams | 60 seconds per turn

Cut out the cards. Draw the object on spare paper without writing letters, numbers or words. Your team gets 1 point for a correct guess within 60 seconds. Take turns drawing.

Candy cane	**Snow globe**	**Gingerbread house**
Christmas wreath	**Nutcracker**	**Sleigh**
Stocking	**Tree ornament**	**Gift bow**
Mittens	**Christmas pudding**	**Snowflake**

Category Sprint



2+ players | One sheet each | 3 minutes

Use the letter S for every answer. Write one answer per category. Compare sheets after 3 minutes. Score 1 point for each valid answer that nobody else wrote. Agree on disputed answers together.

A Christmas food

Something to give as a gift

A winter item of clothing

Something you might hang

A festive sound

Something found outdoors in winter

A Christmas character or animal

Something used to decorate

Indoor Christmas Hunt



1+ players | Pairs or solo | 10 minutes

Find each item in the agreed indoor area and tick its box. Point to it rather than moving it. No climbing or opening private drawers. Only include decorations and objects your host has made available.

- ☐ Something red
- ☐ Something green
- ☐ A star shape
- ☐ A wrapped present
- ☐ A Christmas card
- ☐ A ribbon tied in a bow
- ☐ A round ornament
- ☐ Something soft
- ☐ A pair of matching decorations
- ☐ A bell
- ☐ A snowflake decoration
- ☐ Something that sparkles

Would You Rather



3+ players | Read aloud | 8 quick votes

Read each pair aloud. Everyone points left for option A or right for option B. Invite one person from each side to explain their choice. There are no correct answers and no score.

A Build a snowman **B Decorate a tree**	**A Give a surprise** **B Receive a surprise**
A Bake cookies **B Make paper stars**	**A Wear a festive hat** **B Wear festive socks**
A Wrap a huge gift **B Wrap ten tiny gifts**	**A Ride a sleigh** **B Visit a toy workshop**
A Sip warm cocoa **B Eat gingerbread**	**A Hang lights** **B Hang ornaments**

Left and Right Parcel Pass

4+ players | Seated circle | One wrapped prize

One host reads the story below slowly. Pass the parcel one seat whenever you hear LEFT or RIGHT, even inside dialogue. Pause after each cue. When the story ends, the person holding it wins.

Mia held one parcel and turned LEFT toward the Christmas tree. The ribbon on the RIGHT side had come loose, so she stopped to tie it.

Noah stood on her LEFT with a card. "Is this the RIGHT room for the gift game?" he asked. Mia nodded, then looked RIGHT at the empty chair.

They put the card LEFT of the tree and made room for everyone. A bell rang on the RIGHT. Noah checked the LEFT pocket of his coat, but the bell was on the table.

Mia moved RIGHT to find the host. The host had LEFT a note beside the pencils. It said, "Find the RIGHT seat, then pass the parcel LEFT."

Noah looked LEFT, then RIGHT, and laughed. Every chair was ready. Mia placed the parcel on the RIGHT chair, then moved one place LEFT.

The host came in from the LEFT and said, "You have found the RIGHT place to celebrate." Everyone smiled as the last parcel moved RIGHT.

Finish reading here. Whoever holds the parcel keeps it.

Match the Majority

3+ players | One sheet each | 8 rounds

Write the answer you think most people here will choose. Reveal one round at a time. Each player matching the most popular answer earns 1 point. If answers tie for most popular, all tied groups score.

1. Name a Christmas color.

2. Name a festive sweet treat.

3. Name a decoration for a tree.

4. Name an animal linked with Christmas.

5. Name something people wrap.

6. Name a drink for a cold evening.

7. Name something hung by a fireplace.

8. Name a sound heard at Christmas.

Mystery Stocking



2+ players | Host prepares 6 bags | Feel and guess

The host puts one safe everyday object in each opaque bag and labels them 1-6. Feel through the outside without looking inside. Write one guess per bag. Reveal the objects; each correct guess earns 1 point.

Bag 1 My guess

Bag 2 My guess

Bag 3 My guess

Bag 4 My guess

Bag 5 My guess

Bag 6 My guess

Festive Memory Pairs



2-4 players | 12 cards | 6 matching pairs

Cut along the dotted lines. Shuffle and place all cards face down. Turn over two per turn. Keep a matching pair and take another turn; otherwise turn them back and pass. Most pairs wins. A tie is a shared win.

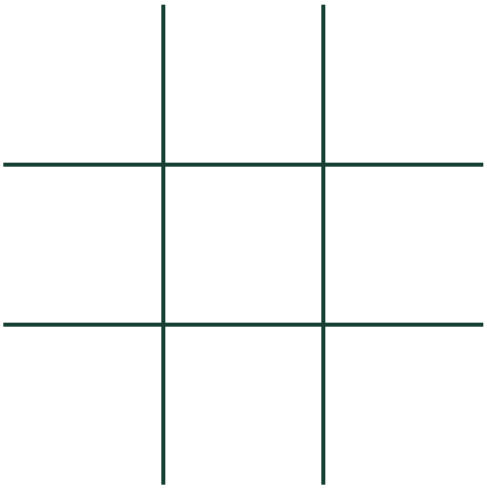
STAR	**STAR**	**BELL**
BELL	**GIFT**	**GIFT**
TREE	**TREE**	**BOW**
BOW	**SNOW**	**SNOW**

Stars and Snowballs

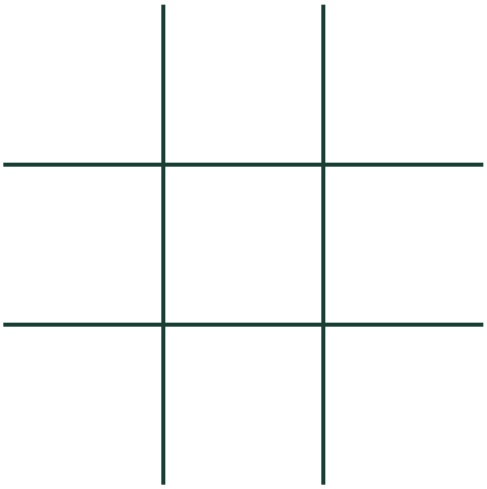
2 players | 3 boards | Pencil only

One player draws stars; the other draws snowballs (circles). Take turns marking an empty square. Three of your marks in a row, column or diagonal wins. A full board without a line is a draw. Alternate who starts.

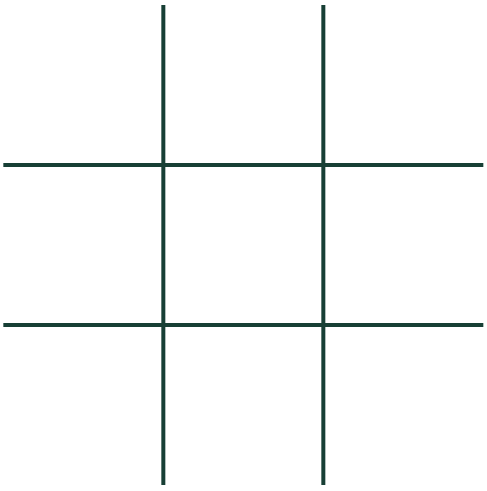
ROUND 1



ROUND 2



ROUND 3



ROUND WINNERS

1 _____

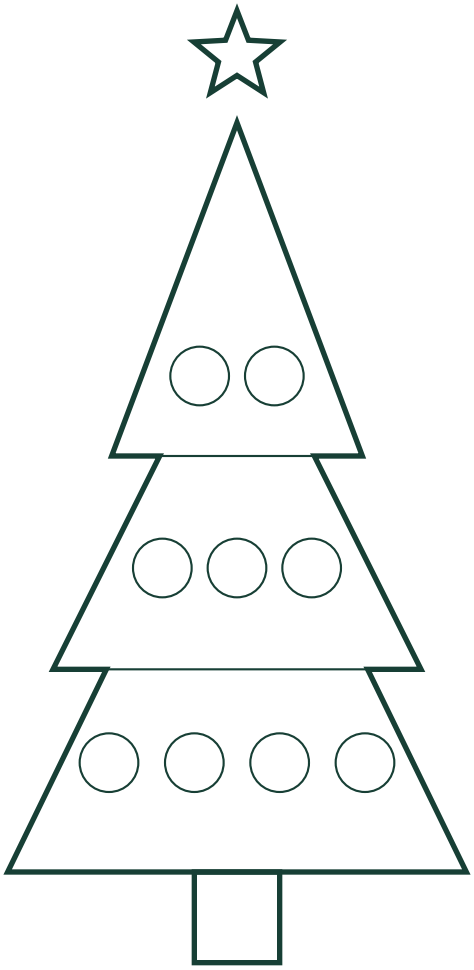
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3 _____

Roll and Decorate

1+ players | One die and crayons | One tree each

Take turns rolling one die and follow the key below. Color a different part each time. If that part is already finished, pass. The first to color all nine ornaments, the star, trunk and three branch areas wins.

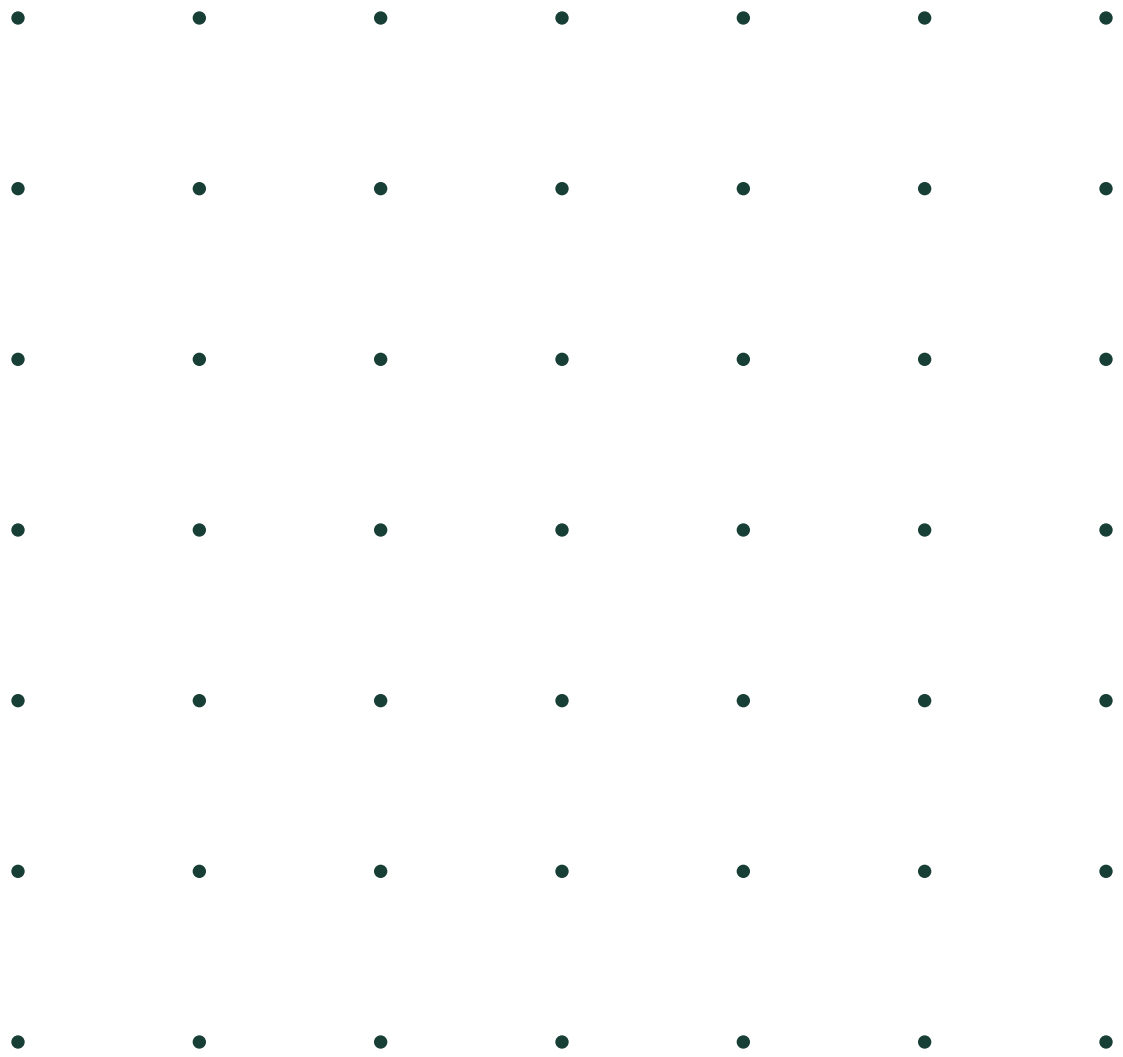


1 Color one ornament
2 Color two ornaments
3 Color the star
4 Color the trunk
5 Color one branch area
6 Choose any uncolored part

Christmas Dots and Boxes

2 players | Two colored pencils | 36 boxes

Draw one horizontal or vertical line between neighboring dots each turn. If your line completes a box, write your initial inside and play again. No diagonal lines. When all 36 boxes are claimed, the most boxes wins.



Player 1 _____ Color _____ Player 2 _____ Color _____

Secret Gift Grid

2 players | One sheet each | Screen needed

Hide three gifts on your left grid. Each gift uses two neighboring squares in a row or column. Gifts cannot touch, even at corners. Take turns calling a square such as B4. First to find all six opposing gift squares wins.

MY HIDDEN GIFTS

	1	2	3	4	5	6
A						
B						
C						
D						
E						
F						

MY GUESSES

	1	2	3	4	5	6
A						
B						
C						
D						
E						
F						

Mark guesses H for hit or M for miss. Announce when both squares of a gift are found. Use an upright folder as a screen.

Gifts found 1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ]

Christmas Story Dice



2+ players | One die | Cooperative storytelling

Roll once for a character, again for a place and a third time for a surprise. The first player starts a story using all three results. Each next player adds one sentence. Keep going until everyone has had two turns.

CHARACTER	PLACE	SURPRISE
1. A shy snowman	1. A snowy garden	1. A missing ribbon
2. A hurried elf	2. A quiet workshop	2. A singing parcel
3. A curious robin	3. A tiny kitchen	3. An upside-down tree
4. A sleepy reindeer	4. A crowded station	4. A giant mitten
5. A young baker	5. A tree farm	5. A trail of stars
6. A lost visitor	6. A candlelit hall	6. A doorbell at midnight

Our story title _____

Who Brought the Gift

1+ players | Solo or pairs | One correct solution

Ava, Ben, Cara and Dan each brought one different gift. The gifts are a book, a puzzle, a mug and a scarf. Use all four clues to match each person with a gift. The host answer is on page 16.

THE CLUES

1. Ben brought the scarf.
2. Ava brought neither the book nor the mug.
3. Cara did not bring the book.
4. Dan did not bring the mug.

	Book	Puzzle	Mug	Scarf
Ava				
Ben				
Cara				
Dan				

Put X for impossible matches and a tick for the final match.

Host Notes and Answer

15 games | 16 pages | US Letter portrait

Choose the games that fit your group. Game pages are numbered 1-15; keep this final page with the host. A game number is also its PDF page number.

Copies and preparation

Print one shared copy for games 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 14. Print one per player for games 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13 and 15. The cards for game 9 form six pairs, not twelve pairs.

Useful supplies

Pencils, spare drawing paper, scissors, opaque card for memory pairs, crayons, one die, a timer, six opaque bags with safe objects, one wrapped prize and an upright folder for the grid game. An adult should handle cutting for young children.

Who Brought the Gift answer

Ava brought the puzzle. Ben brought the scarf. Cara brought the mug. Dan brought the book. Ben takes the scarf; Ava must take the puzzle; Cara must take the mug; the book is left for Dan.

Scoring and flexible play

Games 5 and 14 have no winner. Game 15 has the fixed answer above. The other scores depend on play or on objects chosen by the host. Shorten timed rounds or let an adult read cards for children who need help.

Printing and use

Print single-sided on US Letter (8.5 x 11 inches) at 100% or Actual size. For A4 (210 x 297 mm), select Fit and inspect the print preview. Color accents also work in grayscale. Personal and classroom use only; do not resell or redistribute the files. Share the article link instead.