Christmas Games for Kids

Bingo, charades, trivia, word search and the left right game

Picture bingo (pages 2–5) · ages 3 and up

Print one card per player. Cut out the 10 calling cards on page 5 and draw them from a bowl. Cover the picture that is called. Three in a row wins: across, down or corner to corner. Each card is missing a different picture, so cards rarely win at the same time.

Charades (page 6) · ages 5 and up

Cut out the 24 cards. A player takes one and acts it out with no words. First to guess acts next. Kids who can't read yet get the card whispered to them.

Trivia (page 7) · ages 6 and up

Read the questions aloud to two teams. One point for each right answer. The answers are on page 10.

Word search (page 8) · ages 8 and up

14 Christmas words go across, down and diagonally. Younger kids: try the easier word search in our free Christmas activity pages.

Left right game (page 9) · ages 6 to adult

Everyone sits in a circle holding one small wrapped gift. Read the story slowly. Each time you say LEFT, everyone passes their gift to the left. Each time you say RIGHT, they pass it to the right. When the story ends, keep the gift you're holding.

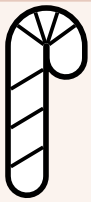
Markers and small parts

For bingo, use stickers, crayon dabs or paper squares with children under 4. Hard candy and marshmallows are choking hazards for young children (American Academy of Pediatrics), so keep them for kids 4 and up, with a grown-up nearby.

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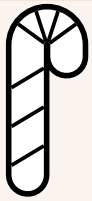
CHRISTMAS BINGO · Card 1

Name: _____

 Gingerbread	 Candy Cane	 Ornament
 Snowman	 Star	 Snowflake
 Tree	 Bell	 Gift

CHRISTMAS BINGO · Card 2

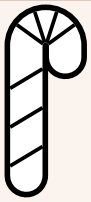
Name: _____

 Snowman	 Star	 Snowflake
 Tree	 Bell	 Candy Cane
 Stocking	 Gingerbread	 Ornament

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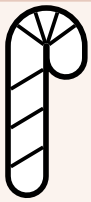
CHRISTMAS BINGO · Card 3

Name: _____

 Stocking	 Star	 Tree
 Gift	 Snowflake	 Ornament
 Candy Cane	 Bell	 Gingerbread

CHRISTMAS BINGO · Card 4

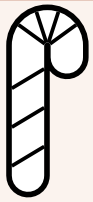
Name: _____

 Snowflake	 Candy Cane	 Ornament
 Tree	 Bell	 Stocking
 Gift	 Snowman	 Gingerbread

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CHRISTMAS BINGO · Card 5

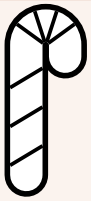
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 Tree	 Ornament	 Snowflake
 Stocking	 Gift	 Star
 Gingerbread	 Candy Cane	 Snowman

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CHRISTMAS BINGO · Card 6

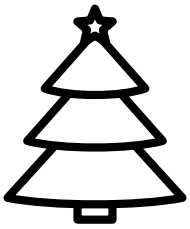
Name: _____

 Snowman	 Stocking	 Gingerbread
 Candy Cane	 Bell	 Tree
 Gift	 Star	 Snowflake

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Bingo Calling Cards

Cut along the dashed lines, put the cards in a bowl and draw one at a time



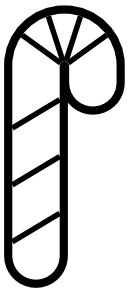
Tree



Snowman



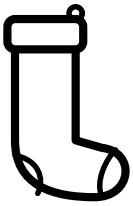
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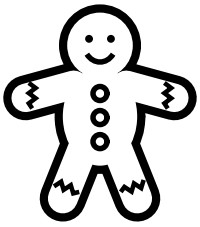
Candy Cane



Gift



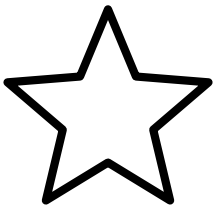
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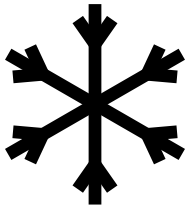
Gingerbread



Bell



Star



Snowflake

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Christmas Charades

Cut out the cards. Act it out with no words!

Build a snowman	Wrap a present	Decorate the tree
Ice skate	Sled down a hill	Be a reindeer
Santa going down the chimney	Elf making toys	Snowball fight
Drink hot cocoa	Hang a stocking	Bake cookies
Open a gift	Ring a big bell	Make a snow angel
Put on mittens	Waddle like a penguin	Sing a carol
Run like a gingerbread man	Write a letter to Santa	Shovel snow
Catch snowflakes on your tongue	Fall asleep waiting for Santa	Pull a sleigh

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Christmas Trivia

20 questions for kids. Answers on page 10. Play in two teams!

1. What color is Santa's suit?
2. Where does Santa live?
3. Which reindeer has a red nose?
4. How many reindeer pull the sleigh in the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas?
5. What do people hang by the fireplace for Santa to fill?
6. In which month is Christmas Day?
7. How many points does a snowflake have?
8. What is a baby reindeer called?
9. Do girl reindeer grow antlers?
10. What do wild reindeer mostly eat in winter?
11. What plant do people kiss under at Christmas?
12. What color are holly berries?
13. In The Twelve Days of Christmas, what comes on the first day?
14. Which letter of the alphabet does a candy cane look like?
15. What goes on the very top of a Christmas tree?
16. What do you call a house made of cookies and candy?
17. In the song, what brings Frosty the Snowman to life?
18. What are Santa's helpers called?
19. What do many kids leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve?
20. What is the name of the Grinch's dog?

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Christmas Word Search

Find 14 words. They go across, down or diagonally. Ages 8 and up

O	R	N	A	M	E	N	T	C	S	L	F
R	W	S	P	N	V	S	H	H	P	G	P
E	M	R	B	H	O	T	N	I	T	I	S
I	C	I	E	C	S	Y	P	M	I	N	T
N	Y	A	S	A	A	B	D	N	N	G	O
D	T	U	R	T	T	N	Y	E	S	E	C
E	K	M	A	O	L	H	D	Y	E	R	K
E	L	R	M	W	L	E	K	L	L	B	I
R	F	H	O	L	L	Y	T	E	E	R	N
P	R	E	S	E	N	T	R	O	H	E	G
T	S	N	O	W	F	L	A	K	E	A	E
I	R	S	L	E	I	G	H	B	O	D	M

- ☐ CANDLE
- ☐ CAROL
- ☐ CHIMNEY
- ☐ GINGERBREAD
- ☐ HOLLY
- ☐ MISTLETOE
- ☐ ORNAMENT
- ☐ PRESENT
- ☐ REINDEER
- ☐ SLEIGH
- ☐ SNOWFLAKE
- ☐ STOCKING
- ☐ TINSEL
- ☐ WREATH

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The Left Right Christmas Game

The Mixed-Up Christmas Morning

Sit in a circle, each holding one small wrapped gift. A grown-up reads the story. Pass your gift LEFT or RIGHT every time you hear the word. Keep the gift you hold at the end.

On Christmas Eve, Santa packed his sleigh and checked his list twice. He turned **RIGHT** at the North Pole and flew south as fast as the reindeer could go.

"Wait!" called Mrs. Claus. "You **LEFT** your hat on the kitchen table!" Santa turned the sleigh **RIGHT** around, grabbed his hat and waved goodbye. Now there was no time **LEFT** to lose.

At the first house, Santa climbed down the chimney and set the presents to the **RIGHT** of the tree. Then he spotted a plate of cookies on the **LEFT** side of the fireplace. "Just one," he said. Then he ate two more, and there were none **LEFT.**

Back on the roof, Rudolph was facing the wrong way. "Turn **LEFT!"** said Santa. Rudolph turned **RIGHT.** "Your other **LEFT!"** laughed Santa, and off they flew.

By morning, every stocking was full and every present was in the **RIGHT** place. Santa landed at the North Pole, kicked off his **LEFT** boot, then his **RIGHT** boot, and fell asleep in his chair.

"Did you have a good night?" asked Mrs. Claus. Santa smiled. "I did everything **RIGHT,** and I only **LEFT** one thing behind." "What was that?" she asked. "The cookie crumbs," said Santa. "Now pass your gift to the **LEFT,** and Merry Christmas!"

Play it again

The story says LEFT 9 times and RIGHT 7 times. Round two: read it faster. Round three: anyone who passes the wrong way has to say "Ho ho ho!" before the story goes on.

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Answer Key

Trivia answers and the word search solution

1. Red, with white fur trim
2. The North Pole
3. Rudolph
4. Eight (Rudolph came later)
5. Stockings
6. December
7. Six
8. A calf
9. Yes, both girls and boys do
10. Lichen, also called reindeer moss
11. Mistletoe
12. Red
13. A partridge in a pear tree
14. J
15. A star or an angel
16. A gingerbread house
17. An old silk hat
18. Elves
19. Cookies and milk
20. Max

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