

Christmas Games



Christmas Present Scramble

This game requires a little bit of prep but it is well worth the effort. Your Sunday School children or children at home will enjoy this game to the max!

Need:

- A \$10 Bill or Small Prize
- Small Boxes up to Large Boxes (Up to you how many)
- 1 Roll of Christmas Gift Wrap
- 1 Scissors
- 1 Tape
- 1 Dice
- 2 Oven Mitts

How to Play:

1. Put a small prize (such as a \$10 bill) in a small box, tape it and gift wrap it. Put the box in a bigger box, wrap that box and put it in another, and so on, wrapping it as many times as you have the boxes and the patience for.
2. With everyone sitting in a circle, the youngest child chooses a number from 1 through 6 and rolls a dice, then passes the dice to the next player.
3. The object of the game is the first person to roll the chosen number puts on two oven mitts and tears into the present. The other players continue rolling the dice. The next player who rolls the chosen number grabs the mitts and takes over the unwrapping. The person who unwraps the actual box with the prize gets to keep it.

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Christmas Snowball Throwing Contest

A snowball throwing contest featuring a large bull's eye target created in the snow. We can toss snowballs at trees, telephone poles or our neighbors any old day. For a Snow Ball, we wanted a more sophisticated test of marksmanship. This colorful bull's eye target did the trick, allowing us to keep score by recording where our snowballs landed. Don't be surprised though if this game is cut short by an outbreak of a snowball war!

Need:

- Food Coloring
- Spray Bottles full of Water
- Sticks with Flags
- Small Buckets for Players to Hold Their Snowballs

How to Play:

1. First stomp out a flat circle in the snow, then draw rings with spray bottles filled with food coloring (bright color that can be seen easily) and water that looks like a bull's eye around the circle that you stomped out.
2. Each section's point value was indicated by a numbered flag on a stick. Give each player a small bucket and have them put 7 snowballs each in their buckets so that everyone has the same number of shots.
3. Have an adult with a keen eye to be the official to keep track of the scores and let the players know who gets to 100 points first and wins!

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Christmas Snowman Building Contest

This is a fun and competitive game for shaking off the chills, as it gets everyone working. A team competition to build the first 5 foot tall snowman.

Need:

- 2 Teams
- 1 Measuring Stick (at least 5 foot tall)

How to Play:

1. This snowman building contest is a relay race, with each player on the team taking a turn rolling the snowball back and forth between two lines on the field.
2. The relay approach would probably work with teams of older players, but we found that our younger players couldn't push the big balls by themselves. So we changed the rules:
3. The entire team could help roll the balls. The winner was the first team to create a 5 foot snowman (we had our measuring stick premarked for 5 foot and handy to measure when needed).

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Christmas Guess Who Game

This is a Draw on Your Head Game that everyone from 5 to 85 can enjoy and have fun with.

Need:

- A Large Book (1 per Player)
- A Piece of Blank Paper (1 per Player)
- A Marker or Pen (1 per Player)
- Prizes (Example: Giant Tin of Cashews or a Box of Chocolates)

How to Play:

1. Have every player to place a large book on top of their head with a piece of blank paper on it.
2. Give each player a marker or pen.
3. Have an adult over this game that will give out the instructions. For example, this person will tell the players to “Draw a Christmas Tree” or “Draw a Star on Top of Your Tree”. The adult can have this planned out on paper if they need to.
4. Without looking, the players will draw onto their page, which is over their head.
5. When the adult over the game calls the game and has everyone put down their markers, everyone removes the pictures from on top of their head along with the book. It can be pretty funny to see what everyone has drawn.
6. Have someone scoring the drawings. For example, 2 points for every line that crosses, 1 point if your star was on top of your tree, 1 point for every Christmas ball that was on your tree, etc.
7. The player with the most points wins. This is fun because the 5 year old is as likely to win as grandpa. You can then offer a prize to the player who wins.

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Christmas Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

This is a game where children and adults will have a blast and get plenty of exercise while running to find everything faster than the other groups. This game can also get them out of the house for a little while so you can set up dessert, the gift exchange or the next game. This scavenger hunt can be played inside or outside, but best outside.

Need:

- The List Below (Per Group)
- Grocery Bag (Per Group)
- Watch (Per Group)
- Pen (Per Group)
- Prizes (Example: Giant Tin of Cashews or a Box of Chocolates)

How to Play:

1. Gather groups of at least three for this scavenger hunt, and give each group a grocery bag, a list of the items below (on next page) and a pen.
2. Set your watch to give them 30 minutes to find the list below which will be hidden either inside the house or outside the house (one or the other).
3. The group with the most items in 30 minutes wins. If the any groups tie, the group done first wins.
4. Give the winner of the game a prize.

All groups must return by this time: _____

_____ 1 Holly Leaf (Real or Artificial)

_____ 1 Piece of Wrapping Paper with a Snowman on it

_____ 3 Strands of Silver Tinsel

_____ 1 Yellow Christmas Tree Light

_____ 1 Metal Ornament Hook

_____ 1 Pinecone

_____ 1 Small Piece of Tree Garland

_____ 1 Mistletoe Leaf

_____ 1 Sticky Gift Tag W/Backing Still Attached

_____ 1 Red Poinsettia Flower

_____ 1 Chocolate Gold Coin

_____ 1 Package of Dry Hot Cocoa Drink Mix

_____ 1 Piece of Chocolate Fudge

_____ 1 Tablespoon of Eggnog in a Zip-Lock Baggie

_____ 1 Piece of Green, Curled Ribbon

_____ 1 Homemade Christmas Cookie

_____ 1 Picture of Nativity Scene

_____ 1 Piece of Coal

_____ 1 Candy Cane

_____ 1 Silver Jingle Bell