

Christmas and winter activities to enjoy at home

WRAP IT UP GAME

- Select a familiar object, such as one of your child's toys and wrap it like a gift.
- Ask your child to feel the outside of the "present" and try to guess what's inside.
- Then let her open the package to see if her guess was right.
- Follow up by letting her wrap an object for you to guess.
- As an alternative you could hide a toy inside a stocking (with eyes closed feel the toy and try to guess what it is).

SNOW & SNOWMEN

Can you make a simple snowman using white circles – ask your child/ren to suggest what to add to the basic snowman (eyes, nose, mouth, arms, scarf, hat) Cut them from coloured paper and stick on,

Make snowflakes together – great to help your child/ren's cutting skills – why not stick them onto dark paper afterwards.

Draw chalk snowflakes and a snowman on dark coloured paper.

GINGERBREAD

Gingerbread is traditional in many countries around the world at this time of year.

Here's a simple recipe to make it.....what shapes can you make and decorate.....cover in melted chocolate and add sprinkles and sweets...they could make a great gift for Grandparents or friends too.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/gingerbread_men_99096

This recipe uses a food processor.....but you can mix with your hands and a spoon just as easily...it's more fun too!

If you don't fancy cooking why not cut out gingerbread men shapes from brown paper and decorate.

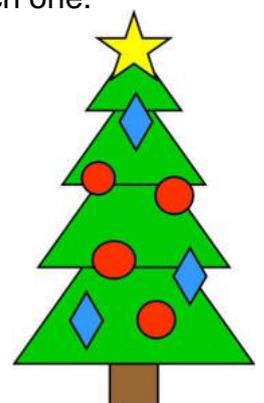
CANDLES

Cut five candle shapes from any bright colour paper and five flame shapes from yellow or orange paper. Using a marker, number the flames from 1 to 5 and draw matching numbers of dots on the candles. Stick the candles onto a larger piece of paper or card. Then let your child/ren count the dots on the candles and place the matching numbered flame shapes above each one.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Here's a great craft activity which will also help with remembering shapes

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/mtree.html>



FATHER CHRISTMAS

How about having Father Christmas hanging on your door handle –

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/msantadoorknob.htm>



LACING CRAFTS

This link is for a whole page of Christmas shapes for lacing/sewing round.....you could, of course, use any shape at all. Great for fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/mlacing.htm>



NATIVITY

If you are looking to help your child/ren to learn about Jesus at Christmas then here's a whole page of nativity crafts from DLTk

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/religious.html>

