

# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS



## Christmas Games

Hide a Xmas ornament somewhere in the house and have you child search to find it. Say “hot” if close or “cold” if far away.



## Build a Christmas Fort

Create an indoor fort with blankets, chairs, fairy lights and cushions. Join the kids—read stories, sing carols and eat supper.



## DIY Christmas Tree

Cut a large Christmas tree shape out of junk/recycling card and decorate it with recycled bits of paper. Hang on the wall.



## Christmas Readathon!

Go to library and borrow some Christmas books. Cuddle up on the sofa and have a daytime Christmas story session.



## Make Some Reindeer Food!

Gather together some porridge oats, sugar and sprinkles. Mix together. Spread outside on Christmas Eve. extra make up bags for friends.



## Christmas Dance Party

Put on some Christmas music and encourage your child to dance, then when the music stops they should freeze like Santa, Rudolph an elf, a snowman, a robin, etc.



## Learn a New Song—I’m a Great Big Snowman (tune of I’m a Little Teapot)

I’m a great big snowman, Tall and fat, Here’s my tummy. Here’s my hat. Buttons for my eyes, And a carrot nose, I’m all snow from head to toe!



## Nativity Story Stones

Make your own nativity playset/ story stones. Collect a number of large flat stones in different sizes. With simple felt tips draw the main characters, the stable, star, angels etc onto the stones. Help your child to use the stones to tell the story.

## Christmas Light Hunt

At night take your child on a drive or walk around your neighbourhood to find the best decorated houses. Get your child to pick their favourite and explain why they like each house.



## Snowball Fight

Give your child paper and help them scrunch it up into balls. Now take turns throwing the balls into a bucket or laundry basket. Who will win?



## Homemade Snow!

Pour a pound of baking soda, add a small handful of shaving create and add more as required. Let the kids knead the ingredients until it starts to look like snow. Let your child play with the snow, add toys and vehicles for more fun!



## Gingerbread Races

Cut 10 cardboard gingerbread men. Place them in a pile and encourage your child to run and pick them up one by one. Shout “ Run, run as fast as you can. You can’t catch me I’m the gingerbread man.” Time them, to make it more interesting.



## Christmas Experiment

Ingredients: milk, food colouring (green & red), washing up liquid and cotton buds. Put a thin layer of milk in an oven dish, dot drops of food colouring around the milk, dip the cotton wool bud into the washing up liquid. Put the cotton bud in the milk and press it down for 15 seconds. Watch what happens!

## Christmas Tree Garland

Cut out Christmas tree shapes and allow your child to decorate with pens and other craft materials. Punch holes in the trees and string them together to make a garland.



## Learn An Action Rhyme ‘Here is the Chimney’

Here is the chimney (make fist with thumb inside), Here is the top (put other hand over fist) Open the lid (remove from fist), And out Santa will pop (pop up thumb from fist).



## Ripping Christmas Wrapping

Keep scraps from wrapping your presents. Minimise mess by placing scraps in a box. Let your child have fun ripping the paper to shreds. Excellent for developing fine motor skills and grip strength.



## Fun Christmas Food

Be creative with food. See Pinterest for inspiration. Create Santa toast with sliced strawberries for the hat and sliced bananas for the beard. Or allow your child to decorate plain biscuits with fruit and icing,



## Christmas Movie Cinema

Set up a cinema in your living room. Make tickets and snacks and encourage your child to role play the cinema worker.



## Christmas Hat Day

Wear a Xmas hat all day! Complete some crafts—what about a mini wreath. Thread beads along a pipe cleaner. Once complete, make a circle and tie at top.



## Make Your Own Xmas Cards

A snowman card can be made with 2 cotton wool pads, add eyes, hat and scarf. Draw a tree shape on card and allow your child to decorate with scraps of wrapping paper.

