

REJOICE THIS CHRISTMAS

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY IDEAS



PASS THE PARCEL

You'll need a small gift, wrapping paper, sweets, sellotape and music.

1. Wrap a small gift in wrapping paper.
2. Add lots more layers of paper with a sweet inside each layer.
3. Sit in a circle and pass the parcel around as music plays.
4. When the music stops, the person holding the parcel undoes one layer of wrapping and takes a sweet.
5. The last person to open the parcel takes the gift.

CANDY CANE CATCH

You'll need two chairs (with backs), two pieces of ribbon/tinsel and candy canes

1. Put two chairs back to back roughly 1.5 metres apart.
2. Make two 'washing lines' between the corners of the chairs.
3. Participants stand on the chairs and try to drop candy canes onto the washing lines from elbow height.
4. The person with the most candy canes hung on their side wins!

ANGEL, ANGEL, STAR

A Christmas take on the game Duck, Duck, Goose!

1. Sit in a circle facing inward, while another player walks around tapping each person's shoulder in turn calling Angel, until finally calling one a Star.
2. The person chosen to be the Star becomes the chaser and the process begins again, moving around the circle saying, 'Angel, Angel, Star' etc

CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE

You'll need dice, gloves, hat, scarf, knife and fork and a chocolate bar

1. Sit in a circle around an unwrapped bar of chocolate.
2. Take it in turns to roll a dice until someone rolls a six.
3. The person who rolls a six has to don the hat, scarf and gloves and begin cutting and eating the chocolate using the knife and fork. Everyone else continues to roll the dice.
4. When someone rolls a six, swap over!

PIN THE MANGER IN THE STABLE

You'll need a large piece of paper with a stable drawn on it, a manger cut out of card, a pin and a blindfold.

1. One at a time, each player is blindfolded and handed the manger.
2. They are then spun around several times until they are disoriented.
3. The player then attempts to pin the manger inside the stable.

DONUT CHALLENGE

You'll need ring donuts, string, somewhere to hang the donuts

1. Hang the donuts on a piece of string, hanging from something like a washing line.
2. With hands behind your back, eat the donut off the hung piece of string.
3. You could do this one at a time or have a race - the first person to finish all of their donut wins the race!

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

You'll need a phone/camera and a list of what to hunt for. Making sure everybody stays safe and safeguarding procedures are followed;

1. Go out in teams and take creative photos of; Christmas lights, a Christmas tree, a Christmas jumper, Tinsel, the word Christmas
2. Come back at an agreed time!

MUSICAL STATUES

You'll need some Christmas music

1. Dance when the music is playing.
2. When the music stops, hold your pose and stand still.
3. Dance again when the music is back on.
4. If you move when there is no music playing, you're out of the game, but get to watch and spot who moves next!



SANTA HUNT

You'll need a small Santa figure and music

1. Hide a miniature Santa (or alternative figure) somewhere in the venue where you are meeting.
2. Play some Christmas music while people run around trying to locate the Santa you have hidden.
3. Play the game again, this time split into two teams.
4. Give each team a figure to hide for the other team to find!

WRAP A PERSON

You'll need Christmas wrapping paper

1. Get into teams of 2-4 people.
2. Wrap one person with Christmas wrapping paper from head to toe.
3. The first team to completely wrap a team member up wins



TRAY HIDE AND SEEK

You'll need a tray, 12-15 Christmas items, and a tea towel

1. Put your Christmas items on a tray
2. Give participants time to study the items.
3. Hide the items with the tea towel, and when people can't see, remove an item.
4. Take the tea towel away and see if anyone can spot what's missing.
5. Repeat until the last item.

FILL THE STOCKING

You'll need stocking, ping pong ball

1. Hang a stocking up.
2. Set a start line.
3. In turns, bounce as many ping pong balls as you can into the stocking from behind the line!

HAVE FUN!