

THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Badge Program

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Christmas Activities

You'll notice that often the activities that surround Christmas occur every year. Let's examine different activities and possibly find a few you can use or adapt for your own fun.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Steps

1. **Caroling.**

Caroling can be done in one location, such as a shopping center or nursing home, or by people moving from house to house. It is a fun way to share the holiday spirit. Find a group of people willing to sing Christmas carols with you and try this activity.

2. **Tree search.**

Finding the perfect tree can be an activity for the entire family. First, choose the type of tree you want, determine the area you have and then find the perfect tree.

3. **Snow play.**

Snow play can lend itself to many activities. Try one from the list below or substitute other things you enjoy doing outdoors in the cold.

- Build snowman
- Ice skating
- Sledding
- Snow art
- Snow ball fight

4. **Let's party!**

Whether you are hosting or attending a party, people tend to be more cordial and happy this time of year. Try attending or hosting a party you normally wouldn't. If you plan on doing a children's party, be sure to take ages and abilities into account. Enjoy yourself!

5. **Shopping.**

Before starting your shopping trip, determine if it is for ideas or you plan to purchase gifts. Always have a list for purchases and a budget with you. This will stop you from spending money because "it's cute" or "I'm sure he'll like this".

6. **Christmas BINGO.**

Download an Enrichment Project card, find one online or make your own. What kinds of Christmas prizes can you give to the winners?

7. **Paper play.**

With a quick search online, you'll find Christmas word finds, crosswords, scrambles and other paper games. In addition, color sheets are great fun for kids. Look through what you find or download one or more of the paper play supplements that go with this badge program. Keep a few available for when your family visits during the holiday or enjoy a few on your own.

8. **Adjust your favorite game.**

Adjust your favorite game to make it a Christmas game. Replace playing pieces, cards, or other parts of traditional board games. You can find some ideas online. You can also make your own games. Check out what others have done and see if inspiration strikes.



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9. **Writing thank you letters.**

Letting people know you appreciate a gift is becoming a lost tradition. Is this an activity you want to encourage in your own family?

10. **Add your favorites.**

What activities do you do that aren't listed here? Add them to this short list of possible activities and encourage family and friends to participate with you in one or more.

Supplements

SUPP_Christmas Bingo.pdf

Two Christmas BINGO card sets plus a blank one

SUPP_Decor_Christmas.pdf

Seven sheets to color, decorate, etc.

SUPP_WORD_Christmas.pdf

Make words from 10 different sayings

Sites to Explore

www.netmums.com/activities/christmas/top-christmas-songs

www.momswhothink.com/christmas/christmas-party-games.html

www.momswhothink.com/christmas/25-days-of-christmas.html

fun.familyeducation.com/christmas-activities-and-traditions/73029.html

www.kidactivities.net/category/Holidays-Christmas-Games-and-Miscellaneous.aspx

www.pinterest.com/reallyrachel/christmas-activities-and-ideas

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