

CHRISTMAS PARTY

THEMED PROGRAMME



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It's Christmas! Enjoy a Christmas party themed programme, with activities, games and challenges full of festive cheer.

ACTIVITIES

-  Not Just a Baby
-  Socially Distanced Christmas Tree
-  A Scrambled Box of Chocolates
-  Stealing Christmas Card Game
-  Chocolate Orange Christmas Pudding
-  Found On a Phone: Christmas Edition

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» INTRODUCTION

Christmas is normally filled with celebrations, gatherings, parties and more. It's a great time for people to come together and celebrate.

Many Christmas parties will include Christmas jumpers, food, drinks, games and music. The average adult in the UK attends 5 Christmas parties throughout the festive period.

Many families will often have their own Christmas party traditions and favourite games to play. What is your favourite Christmas party game?

? DID YOU KNOW?

- 'Jingle Bells' was the first ever song to be played in space (1965).
- Roughly 10 million turkeys are eaten in the UK every year at Christmas.
- In 1647, after the English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell banned festivities around Christmas. The law wasn't lifted until 1660.
- There are nearly 1000 calories in the average Christmas dinner.
- Britain will pull over 150m crackers this Christmas.



GET INTO THE BIBLE: CELEBRATING NOT JUST A BABY

We're all familiar with the story of the Nativity – focused on the baby Jesus in the manger. But whilst Jesus may have looked like any other baby born on that Christmas morning, we all know he was so much more than 'just a baby'. He was the Son of God who brought hope, salvation, good news and more. That little baby would grow up to save the world.

Watch the YouTube video 'Not Just a Baby' by RoarLight (<https://youtu.be/OjRILcUezmM>).

- 'He's just a baby but will walk on the seas, feed thousands with nothing and perform miracles with ease...'
- 'He's just a baby, yet will speak to every nation, broken heart and lost soul, fight for their salvation...'
- 'He's just a baby, yet when he's laid in his grave, raise up three days later', victorious to save...'

Discussion Questions

- Why / is it important that Jesus grew up on Earth and experienced life as a human?
- Why should we consider Jesus' whole life at Christmas and not just his birth?
- When Jesus came into the world as a baby, there was no room at the inn. Are we making room for Jesus in our lives this Christmas?



GET ACTIVE: WORKING AS A TEAM SOCIALLY DISTANCED CHRISTMAS TREE


- 1 Place a non-decorated Christmas tree in the middle of the room. Mark a circle roughly 2m around the tree.
- 2 Provide the group with (non-breakable) Christmas decorations and some random supplies that you can find around your meeting space (string, planks of wood, tape, hooks, broom handles etc)
- 3 Explain to the group that they will need to decorate the Christmas tree without stepping foot inside the circular perimeter around the tree. They cannot just 'throw' the ornaments but they can use the resources they have to place or launch the ornaments at/on the tree.
- 4 Make this activity competitive by splitting into teams and giving each team their own tree, or section of the tree, to decorate. The best decorated tree at the end of a set period of time wins.



GET LEARNING: PROBLEM SOLVING

A SCRAMBLED BOX OF CHOCOLATES

Everyone loves tucking into a sharing box of chocolates over Christmas, but do you actually notice which chocolates can be found in which box? Let's find out with this scrambled box of chocolates.

-  Download and print the 'A Scrambled Box of Chocolates' activity sheet. You'll need one for each group of young people taking part. On the sheet are four images of well-known boxes of chocolates (Roses, Quality Street, Heroes and Celebrations). You'll also have the names of the 37 chocolates found in these boxes. Cut out the names and the chocolate signs, ready for this activity.
- Split into small groups. You'll want at least two groups to allow for competition. Give each group a copy of the chocolate boxes and the names.
- On 'GO' each group should be challenged to correctly sort through the chocolate names and place them next to the correct chocolate box. This is harder than it sounds, as many of the chocolates in the boxes are very similar sounding.
- Complete this activity as a race. When a team thinks they have the chocolates in the correct boxes, they should call over a leader. The leader should take a look through their answers. If all are correct then end the activity and declare that team the winners. However, if some chocolates are incorrect, tell the group how many are wrong (but not which ones) and the group should then carry on, calling over a leader again once they think they are correct.



GET ACTIVE: PLAYING GAMES

STEALING CHRISTMAS CARD GAME

You'll need a selection of gifts and presents, roughly x 1.5 the number of young people you have. These should all be wrapped. Items from the pound shop such as sweets, stationary, games, playing cards, torches etc would work well. Aim to have some gifts more desirable than others (i.e large chocolate bars v toilet rolls). To add to the fun, try to have the largest present as the worse gift. (i.e a toilet roll wrapped in a very large box).

- Place all the wrapped gifts in the middle of the room. Sit all the young people in a large circle around the outside of the room.
- Dish out a deck of playing cards to the group. Make sure to give out all the cards. For larger groups use two or three decks of cards, so each young person has at least 4 or 5 cards each.
- A leader will need their own complete deck of playing cards (shuffled). The leader should use their deck to call out the playing cards. When a young person has that playing card, they are entitled to go to the centre and pick up a present. The present must then be placed at their feet.
- Continue calling out playing cards, until all the presents in the middle have been chosen. Now when young people match with the playing card called out, they can steal a present from anyone else in the room (this is when that large present will become hotly contested!). Keep going, with presents now being stolen until all the playing cards have been called out.
- After the last card has been called out, the gifts that young people have at their feet are theirs to open. Who ended up getting what? Was the present everyone was chasing, worth it in the end?



GET CREATIVE



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

GET CREATIVE: IN THE KITCHEN

CHOCOLATE ORANGE CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Transform some chocolate into an impressive looking (and very tasty!) Christmas pudding.

- 1 Unwrap a chocolate orange and place it onto a paper plate.
- 2 Melt a bar of chocolate (in a microwave or over a pan of boiling water).
- 3 Starting at the bottom of the chocolate orange stick Maltesers to the outside of the chocolate orange. Use the melted chocolate as 'glue' by dipping the Malteser partly in the chocolate and then holding it against the chocolate orange until it stays in place. Continue working around and up the chocolate orange, until the whole orange is covered in Maltesers.
- 4 Finish by melting some white chocolate and drizzling this over the top, to create a sauce look. Finally cut out some holly leaves from some green ready to roll icing and place them on top.



GET ACTIVE



15 MINUTES



READY
TO GO

GET ACTIVE: PLAYING GAMES

FOUND ON A PHONE: CHRISTMAS EDITION



Download the 'Found on a Phone: Christmas Edition' activity sheet. This could be printed and given to each group or just shown on a projector / large TV, for the group to look at.

- 1 Split into small groups. Each group will need to have a mobile phone. Ideally the number of phones in each group should be even (to make the game fair).
- 2 On the activity sheet is a list of things that might be found on a mobile phone, many of them Christmas related. For example, a picture of a Christmas tree, a contact with the name Nick, a Christmas emoji used in a message and so on. In groups, young people should go through their phones, trying to find the items on the list. For each one they can find, tick it off on the sheet. Young people are not allowed to use the internet and everything on the list must have already been on their phones before the start of the activity (to stop any cheating).
- 3 The team with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

A SCRAMBLED BOX OF CHOCOLATES

Bounty	Mars
Cadbury Fudge	Milk Chocolate Block
Caramel Brownie	Milky Way
Caramel Swirl	Orange Crème
Coconut Éclair	Orange Crunch
Country Fudge	Signature Truffle
Crème Egg Twisted	Snickers
Crunchie	Strawberry Delight
Dairy Milk	Strawberry Dream
Dairy Milk Caramel	Tangy Orange Crème
Dinky Decker	The Green Triangle
Eclaire	The Purple One
Galaxy Caramel	Toffee Finger
Galaxy Milk	Toffee Penny
Golden Barrel	Twirl
Hazel in Caramel	Twix
Hazel Whirl	Wispa
Maltesers Teasers	



A SCRAMBLED BOX OF CHOCOLATES

Celebrations	Roses
Snickers	Golden Barrel
Twix	Country Fudge
Mars	Hazel in Caramel
Bounty	Hazel Whirl
Milky Way	Strawberry Dream
Galaxy Milk	Tangy Orange Crème
Galaxy Caramel	Signature Truffle
Maltesers Teasers	
Heroes	Quality Street
Dairy Milk	Caramel Swirl
Dairy Milk Caramel	Orange Crunch
Twirl	Milk Choc Block
Wispa	The Purple One
Eclair	Strawberry Delight
Dinky Decker	Orange Crème
Crunchie	Toffee Penny
Cadbury Fudge	Toffee Finger
Crème Egg Twisted	The Green Triangle
	Coconut Éclair
	Caramel Brownie

FOUND ON A PHONE: CHRISTMAS EDITION

Look through your phone and try to tick off as many of the items on the list as you can. At the end total up the points, based on the below scoring system. The team with the most points wins.

1 POINT

- ☐ Photo of a Christmas tree
- ☐ A Christmas playlist in your music app
- ☐ A message that has the word 'Christmas' in it
- ☐ A selfie taken during December
- ☐ You received a call today
- ☐ Your background includes a photo of you
- ☐ If you have a news app on your phone

3 POINTS

- ☐ Photo of you in a Christmas jumper
- ☐ A Christmas shopping list in your notes
- ☐ Contact in your phone called 'Nick'
- ☐ A Christmas emoji used in a message
- ☐ If you have an alarm currently set
- ☐ If you have more than 1000 photos on your phone
- ☐ A photo of you in BB uniform (not taken today)

5 POINTS

- ☐ Red or green phone case
- ☐ Photo of a snowman
- ☐ A family Christmas photo
- ☐ A Christmas related meme saved in your phone
- ☐ Your battery is greater than 75%
- ☐ A photo of you aged 0-5

10 POINTS

- ☐ A picture of you with Father Christmas
- ☐ Contact in your phone called 'Mary' or 'Joseph'
- ☐ A photo of a wrapped Christmas present
- ☐ A photo of a Christmas dinner
- ☐ A phone call between 2am - 7am
- ☐ A contact in your phone beginning with X, Y or Z

20 POINTS

- ☐ A video of someone singing a Christmas carol / song
- ☐ A photo that includes a baby Jesus in it
- ☐ A photo of you with a celebrity
- ☐ Your battery is less than 5%