

# CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE



## AIM

Take on our BB Christmas Challenge programme, ticking off a number of festive challenges on our challenge tick sheet, with the aim to achieve our special Christmas Challenge bauble. How many Christmas challenges will you aim to complete?

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- > Christmas Challenge Tick Sheet
- > Christmas Challenges Instructions Sheet
- > Various Resources, depending on the challenges selected

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## LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to download the challenge sheets and consider which challenges they wish to take on as a group. The activities chosen for the challenge will then determine what preparation is required.




[Download Christmas Challenge Tick Sheet & Christmas Challenge Instructions Sheet](#)



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Our Christmas challenge has some great activities for you to take on over the festive period. From puzzles to bakes, festive quizzes to finding out more about the Christmas story. There is something for everyone in this challenge!

### How it Works

-  **1** Download and print the Christmas Challenge tick sheet. You could give one to each young person taking part or you could just use one for the whole group. This challenge tick sheet provides a box for each of the 25 challenges. Once a challenge has been completed, it can be ticked off, helping to show the progress as you go through the challenges.
- 2** **Set a Target:** How many challenges you aim to complete is completely up to you. Whilst there are 25 on the list, that doesn't mean you need to do all 25. Set a target based on how many are realistic for your group and then aim to hit that target.
- 3** **At BB & At Home:** All of the challenges can be completed within your BB meeting space. However, you may also like to set some 'At Home' challenges that young people do in their own time at home. This could include challenges such as decorating a Christmas tree, watching a Christmas movie, making a Christmas bake and more. You could set an 'At Home Challenge' each week throughout late November and early December. Make sure to then save time in your weekly meeting nights for children and young people to update you on how they got on each week.
- 4** **Christmas Challenge Bauble:** Once the target has been hit, you can then award those taking part with our Christmas Challenge Bauble. This medal can then be taken home and hung on the Christmas tree as a bauble, to help celebrate ticking off the Christmas Challenge.



## KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Leaders will need to consider the risk element in each of the activities when planning them into your programme. Make sure to reduce any risks before taking on each challenge. Risks may include working in a kitchen, using scissors, certain craft materials etc.



# ANCHORS

# CHALLENGES

Set your target number of challenges and tick them off as you go.

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Number of Challenges

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- 1 The Nativity Story
- 2 Design a Bauble
- 3 Decorate a Christmas Tree
- 4 Find the Missing Elf
- 5 Feliz Navidad
- 6 Decorate a Christmas Biscuit
- 7 Roll the Nativity
- 8 Learn the Reindeer Names
- 9 Donate to a Foodbank
- 10 Make a Christingle
- 11 Write to Father Christmas
- 12 Sign a Christmas Carol
- 13 It's a Christmas Puzzle!
- 14 The Lost Star
- 15 Make a Christmas Card



- 16 Bauble Races
- 17 Christmas Short Story/Poem
- 18 Play a Nativity Game
- 19 Watch a Christmas Movie
- 20 Act out a Nativity Scene
- 21 Wear a Christmas Jumper
- 22 It's Party Time!
- 23 24 25 Free Choice

# THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES

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## THE NATIVITY STORY

Go back right to the beginning and remind yourself of the amazing story of the birth of Jesus on that very first Christmas, through one of the videos below.

Resource - [The First Christmas \(Anchors\)](#)

Resource - [The Christmas Story \(Juniors\)](#)



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## DESIGN A BAUBLE

It is thought that we decorate our Christmas trees with hundreds of millions of baubles each year. However despite that, there surely is always room for at least one more bauble on that tree! Design your own bauble that can then be hung on your family tree. What design will you choose to put on yours?

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## DECORATE A CHRISTMAS TREE

How early is too early to put up a Christmas tree? 1<sup>st</sup> December, the end of November? Before Bonfire Night?! Regardless of the date you choose to put up your tree, make sure to get involved and add a bit of sparkle to your Christmas at home. Take a photo and share it with your BB group.



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## FIND THE MISSING ELF



Father Christmas has lost one of his elves whilst out on his Christmas delivery. Can you crack the puzzles, follow the clues and find the missing elf? Once you've discovered the missing elf's location, can you also find out their name? Once the mystery is solved there's just one thing left to do and that's to let Father Christmas know you've solved the case!

Resource - [The Missing Elf Activity Card](#)

## 5 FELIZ NAVIDAD

Christmas is celebrated all around the world and therefore across a wide number of languages. Challenge yourself to learn to say 'Merry Christmas' in at least 3 different languages.



Resource - [Merry Christmas in 20 Language \(Video\)](#)

## 6 DECORATE A CHRISTMAS BISCUIT

Use icing, sprinkles, sweets and more to design the perfect Christmas biscuit. If possible decorate a festive shaped biscuit, such as a Christmas tree or a bauble shape. You could even turn a gingerbread man into Father Christmas.

## 7 ROLL THE NATIVITY

Play a game of 'Roll the Nativity', an adaption of a 'Beetle Drive'. You'll need to roll different numbers on the dice in order to win different elements of the Nativity. Who will be first to earn all the items needed to complete the Nativity?

Resource - [Roll a Nativity](#)

## 8 LEARN ALL 9 REINDEER NAMES



There was Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen .... But what were the other reindeers called?! Find a way to memorise all 9 reindeer names. This could be in the form of a game or challenge.

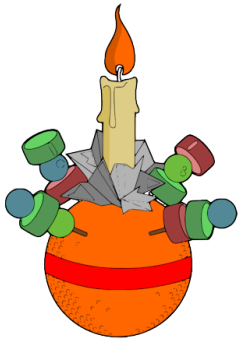
Resource - [Reindeer Names Game](#)

## 9 DONATE TO A FOODBANK



Christmas is a time for giving, particularly to those who need it the most. Think about how you can collect some items for a local foodbank and maybe encourage others to do so too. Just a few items could make a big difference this Christmas.

Resource - [Find a Local Foodbank](#)



## MAKE A CHRISTINGLE

Christingle is a brilliant way to help share the meaning behind Christmas in a fun and creative way. Come together and make your Christingles, before lighting them and talking through the meaning.

Resource - [Christingle Activity Card](#)



## WRITE TO FATHER CHRISTMAS

Father Christmas receives millions of letters each year from children around the world. Sit down and spend some time putting your letter together. What will you tell Santa and what will you ask for this Christmas?



## SING A CHRISTMAS CAROL

People love to sing Christmas carols in the weeks running up to Christmas. Whether it be 'Away in a Manger', 'Silent Night' or 'The First Noel', sing a Christmas carol together and help get everyone into the festive spirit. This could be part of a BB activity or by attending your Church's carol service.



## IT'S A CHRISTMAS PUZZLE!

Put your brain into action with one of our Christmas puzzle sheets. This could be a spot the difference, a word search or codebreaking activity. Alternatively give one of our Christmas colouring sheets a try instead.

Resource - [Christmas Puzzles Sheets](#)



## THE LOST STAR



It's the Nativity story, but not as we know it. The Christmas star has gone missing and it's causing a bit of chaos. Watch our 'The Lost Star' Christmas video and spend some time thinking about what makes the Christmas star so important.

Resource - [The Lost Star](#)

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## MAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD

Send a Christmas greeting to a loved one with a homemade Christmas card. There are many different designs you could use for your card. How about trying out our reindeer design?

Resource - [Reindeer Christmas Card](#)



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## BAUBLE RACES

Ready, Set, Bauble Race! Can you balance a bauble on a spoon as you race through an obstacle course, in an attempt to make it to the end in first place?

Resource - [Christmas Bauble Races](#)

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## CHRISTMAS SHORT STORY / POEM

Read one of the many popular Christmas short stories or poems. This could include 'Stick Man', 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' or 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'.

Resource - [Stick Man Story](#)



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## PLAY A NATIVITY GAME

Explore the familiar story of the Nativity in a new way, whilst also getting active, with one of our Nativity games.

Resource - [The Sweet Nativity](#) or [The Nativity Story Game](#)

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## WATCH A CHRISTMAS MOVIE

Grab the popcorn, get comfortable and watch one of your favourite Christmas movies .... or give a new movie a try! There's lot to choose from including Muppet's Christmas Carol, Polar Express, Elf and more!

This could be as a BB activity or completed at home, with children updating the group next time they meet.





## ACT OUT A NATIVITY SCENE

Get creative and recreate a part of (or the whole of) the Nativity. This could be just for fun or you could put on a nativity to show parents or perform at a Church service. Consider adding a Christmas carol or song to the performance too.

Resource - [The Lost Star Nativity](#)



## WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Wearing a Christmas jumper is becoming an increasingly popular modern Christmas tradition. Organise to have a Christmas jumper night at BB and have a competition for who can wear the cheesiest festive jumper.



for the party too? Check out our Christmas party themed programme for some ideas of activities you could include in your party.



## IT'S PARTY TIME!

It's party time! Hold an action packed Christmas party, complete with games, challenges, food and more. Why not pop on your best Christmas jumper

Resource - [Christmas Party Themed Programme](#)



## FREE CHOICE

We've left the last three challenge for your own free choice. Are there Christmas activities you like to do each year that you could incorporate into the challenge? What three activities could you add to your challenge, to tick of the last three boxes?

