

Table Games for PreK

Decorate a Tree

To practice shape recognition, and color recognition by placing Christmas ornaments on a felt Christmas Tree

Supplies:

·Felt Tree and ornaments

Foam Dice with Color Cards inserted (red, blue, yellow, green, brown and white)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1.Preparation:

- Hang the Christmas Tree on a wall or door at Preschool eye level
- Lay out the ornaments and dice in an area near the Christmas Tree.
- Ensure all students can easily see and reach the materials.

2.Introduction (Optional):

·Roll the dice and pick up an ornament that matches the color to add to the tree

3.Activity:

·Each child will get a turn to roll the dice and find the same color ornament to decorate the tree

5.Group Discussion (Optional):

·After completing their designs, invite students to share their creations with the class.

·Discuss the shapes or colors they used and ask them to identify them by pointing to them on the tree

Tips for Success:

·Encourage teamwork by having students work in pairs or small groups.

·Provide positive feedback to build confidence in their skills.

·Use this activity to reinforce shape and color vocabulary.



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Find Baby Jesus

Preparation: Hide the nativity figures around your space. Then, using the Scavenger Hunt Card, ask kids to take turns finding different figures and return them to mark off the list when found.

Supplies: Nativity Set (1 complete set per group, including: Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Stable, Bethlehem, Sheep, Cattle, Donkey, Camel, Hay, Baby Jesus, Manger, Angel, Gifts, 3 Wise Men, and the Star), Scavenger Hunt List laminated

What to Do:

- Take turns finding figures around the space.
- If you have a large group, send kids in pairs or 3s to hunt for each figure together. Encourage teamwork to deliver each figure back to the leader.

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Connect It: As kids bring in the different figures, talk about the significance of each item in the Christmas Story. Ask them if they knew that each of those items was around when Jesus was a baby. Ask them to think about what might be different for Jesus than it was for them when they were a baby. Jesus was the promised Savior, even as a baby. All the characters in this story help us know that Jesus was exactly who God meant to save us from our sins. The Bible told about this day for a very long time before Jesus. After Jesus was born, people continued to prove that He is real and was the promised Messiah.



PreK Social- December 6

Pass the Message

Preschoolers will stand in a line and pass a message quietly to one another.
Supplies: None

What To Do: Hi, friends! Let's all stand in a line so we can play a game. Our game is called "Pass the Message." Pass the what? *(The Message!)* That's right! I am going to give one person on our team a message to share. She will share the message with the person next to her. Then, that teammate will pass the message to the next friend by whispering it to him. We will go down the line, and everyone will get a chance to help pass the message all the way to the end of the line. Remember, we have to whisper the message when we share it, and we all need to be good listeners.

Use the phrase, "All aboard for Christmas!" to start the game.

Keep It Going: Give preschoolers another message to share with each other such as, "Christmastime is fun," "Let's ride the Christmas train," or "The Christmas train has arrived."

Leader Tip: Some preschoolers might have a hard time whispering, so spend a few minutes practicing a whisper. If you have a child with a hearing disability, try passing a special handshake from one preschooler to another instead of a verbal message.

Connect It: We worked together like a team today! You all did a great job whispering. Sometimes the message stayed the same, and sometimes it changed. That shows us something important—when we don't listen carefully, it can affect our whole team.

We choose to listen when our friends talk so we can understand one another and work together. That's part of what it means to be a good teammate and care about the people on our team. Every friend here belongs, and each of you makes our team better.

Color It

Supplies: "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per child), Crayons (several)

Set out coloring sheets and crayons on a table. Share crayons and conversations as preschoolers color.



PreK Social- December 6

Special Names

Preschoolers will march around the room saying special names of Jesus.
Leader Prep: Tape one set of names on the floor around the room.
Supplies: "Special Names" printable (2 per group), Painter's tape (1 per group)
Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Special Names" printables, two per group. Tape one set of names on the floor around the room.
2. Lead preschoolers to get into a line.
3. Guide preschoolers to march around the room. When you pass a name sign on the ground, hold up the matching "Special Name" printable. Say the name. Lead preschoolers to shout the name with excitement after you.

What To Do: In today's Bible story, Isaiah called Jesus by four special names: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. Let's play a game called "Special Names." What is the game called? *(Special Names!)* Great listening! These special names of Jesus are taped on the floor around the room. We are going to march around the room. When we pass by a special name, we will shout the special name of Jesus. I want us to practice before we start. I have a copy of the special names. Let's go over each of the names. When I hold the name up in the air, say the special name after me. *(Hold up "Wonderful Counselor" sign.)* Say, "Wonderful Counselor." *(Wonderful Counselor!)* Good job! *(Go over each name with preschoolers.)* I think we are ready.

Keep It Going: Allow different preschoolers to lead the march around the room.

Leader Tip: Place a leader at the beginning of the line and at the end of the line to help preschoolers stay close to one another.

Loud And Clear: Marching around the room was so much fun! And saying the special names of Jesus was even more fun. Each name helps us learn something true about who Jesus is. Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor. Let's say, "Wonderful Counselor." *(Wonderful Counselor!)* Great job! Jesus is the Mighty God. Let's say, "Mighty God." *(Mighty God!)* Yes! He is the "Eternal Father." Let's say, "Eternal Father." *(Eternal Father!)* Good job! And Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Let's say, "Prince of Peace." *(Prince of Peace!)* Super! We can remember the special names of Jesus and know these names teach us about who Jesus is. Everything the Bible says about Jesus is true. That's exciting news!



PreK Social- December 13

Red or Green

Preschoolers will move to different sides of the room based on the color the leader shows.

Big Goal: Move, laugh, and have fun together.

Leader Prep: Tape a sheet of red paper on one side of the room and a sheet of green paper on the other side of the room.

Supplies: Red paper (several), Green paper (several), Painter's tape (1 per group)

What To Do: Hello, friends! I am so glad you are here today. My name is _____. Let's play a game called "Red or Green." What is our game called? *(Red or Green!)* Wow! Our team did a great job listening. Let's spread out in the room so everyone has space to move around. Let's take a look around the room. On this side of the room there is a red paper, and on that side of the room there is a green paper. Red and green remind me of Christmas. They are such fun colors! When I lift up a sheet of green paper, I want you to move to the green side of the room. When I lift up the red paper, I want you to move to the red side of the room. If I lift up the red paper and say, "Hop!" we will hop to the red side. If I lift up the green paper and say, "Take big steps," then we will take big steps to the green side. I might also say actions to do such as take tiny steps, crawl, or walk normally. Are you ready? Let's play in 3-2-1!

Leader Tip: If any of your preschoolers are colorblind or have issues seeing red or green, consider using yellow and blue instead.

Connect It: Everyone did a great job moving to the red and green sides of the room. You also did a great job watching for which color to move to. I love moving, laughing, and having fun together. God wants us to have fun with our friends. Shake your hands in the air if you had fun playing this game. *(Encourage preschoolers to shake their hands in the air.)*



PreK Social- December 13

Bright Lights Craft

Preschoolers will color Christmas light pictures and share one light with a friend.
Supplies: "Bright Lights" printable (1 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group), Markers or crayons (several), Stickers (several)
Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print and cut out "Bright Lights" printables on paper, two lights per child.
2. Give each preschooler two Christmas light cutouts.
3. Assist preschoolers in writing their names on each Christmas light.
4. Guide them to color the lights and decorate them with stickers.
5. Invite preschoolers to give one of the lights they colored to a friend.

What To Do: I can't believe Christmas is only a few weeks away. One thing I really like around Christmastime is the bright Christmas lights I see around town, on a neighbor's house, or on a Christmas tree. Today we are going to color and decorate two Christmas lights. How many lights are we going to decorate? (Two!) That's right! We will decorate two lights. We will take one light home and give one light to a friend. First, I want you to write your name on both lights I give you. Leaders will help you if you need it. Then I want you to decorate your lights with crayons and stickers.

Keep It Going: Allow preschoolers to color another Christmas light to share with a neighbor or someone in their home.

Leader Tip: Let preschoolers know that you will collect their papers, hold them, and give them back at pickup time.

Connect It: You did a wonderful job decorating your Christmas lights! Remember, you will keep one light and give one to a friend. Look at your lights and choose the one you want to share with a friend in the room. Wow! That was so kind. Everyone did a great job sharing. Sharing helps us show our friends we are glad they are here. Christmas lights remind us that we are celebrating something fun during this time of year. We are celebrating that Jesus was born.

Color It

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PreK Social- December 20

Guess the Gift

Preschoolers will try to guess the item in the box as a leader describes it.
Leader Prep: Place three different items in three different boxes.
Supplies: Gift boxes (3 per group), Assorted objects (pencil, flower, toy truck, plastic food, stuffed animal) (3 per group)

What To Do: Sometimes on special occasions like birthdays, holidays, or at Christmas, people might receive a gift or give a gift to someone special. Gifts are fun to get and fun to give. We are going to play a game called "Guess the Gift." What is the game called? *(Guess the Gift!)* That's right! I will describe the gift in the first box. I want you to put on your good listening ears so you can try to guess what is in the box. If you think you know what is in the box, I want you to raise your hand so you can guess. *(Give hints and allow preschoolers to guess what is in the box. Continue playing until you have gone through all three boxes.)*

Keep It Going: Choose other items from around the room to add to a box for preschoolers to guess.

Leader Tip: Guessing an item might be difficult for some preschoolers. Be sure to give helpful hints if preschoolers get stuck.

Connect It: Friends, you did such a great job listening and guessing together! When we work as a team and share smiles and laughter, it helps everyone feel included, known, and loved. Isn't it so special that God gives us friends to have fun with and share joy together?

Today we are going to learn about the most special gift God gave to the whole world—Jesus!



PreK Social- December 20

Find the Presents

Preschoolers will find presents hidden around the room and form the word *Jesus* with the presents.
Leader Prep: Hide the five presents around the room.
Supplies: "Find The Presents" printable (1 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group)
Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, print and cut out "Find The Presents" printable, one per group. Hide the five presents around the room.
2. Encourage preschoolers to go on a hunt around the room for the five hidden presents. Preschoolers can search alone or in groups.
3. Once all five presents have been found, help preschoolers spell the name *Jesus* with the gifts.

What To Do: Does anyone remember what the Super Clue is today? *(Allow responses.)* Yes! The Super Clue is a present. We are going to play a game called "Find the Presents." What is the game called? *(Find the Presents!)* That's right! There are five "presents" hidden around the room. Let's count to five together. "1-2-3-4-5!" Good job! Let's go on a hunt to see if we can find the presents. *(Select preschoolers to look for the presents. Preschoolers can look one at a time or in small groups.)*

Keep It Going: Allow preschoolers to hide the presents for other friends to find.

Leader Tip: Preschoolers might get frustrated if they can't find a present. Encourage preschoolers as they look by using phrases such as, "You are getting warmer," when they are close to a present or "You are getting colder," when they are far away.

Loud And Clear: Great job working together to find all five presents! Each present has a letter on it. In the Bible story today, we learned that Jesus is the best present God has ever given. Let's see what the letters spell. *(Put them in order.)* Let's see. Do these letters make a word? J-E-S-U-S? What does that spell? Oh! It spells Jesus! Today's Super Clue is a present. God sent Jesus so we could have a friendship with Him. This is why Jesus is the best present ever. Great job searching for the presents and spelling *Jesus* together as a team!

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