10 Christmas Party Games for Kids

Rules, game cards and a party plan. Everything uses things you already have at home. Print it, cut out the cards, and the party runs itself.

The games at a glance

#	GAME	KIDS	TIME	YOU NEED
1	**Pass the Present**	4-20	10 min	A small prize, wrapping paper or newspaper, tape, music, the slips on page 6
2	**Christmas Charades**	4-20	10-15 min	The cards on page 5, a bowl
3	**Snowman Bowling**	2-12	10 min	10 paper or plastic cups, a marker, a rolled-up pair of socks
4	**Candy Cane Hunt**	2-20	10 min	Wrapped candy canes or paper candy canes, a bag for each child
5	**Freeze Dance**	3-30	5-10 min	Christmas music
6	**Ornament Spoon Race**	4-20	10 min	Spoons, unbreakable plastic baubles or ping-pong balls
7	**Pin the Nose on Rudolph**	2-20	10 min	The Rudolph and noses on page 7, a blindfold or scarf, tape
8	**Wrap the Snowman**	6-24	5 min	One roll of toilet paper per team
9	**Christmas Pictionary**	4-20	15 min	The cards on page 5, paper or a whiteboard, markers
10	**Crack a Secret Code**	1-30	15-20 min	The free Elf Code Breakers puzzles (lydoscreative.com/christmas-codes)

Two ready-made party plans

Classroom party, 45 minutes

1. Freeze Dance
2. Christmas Charades
3. Ornament Spoon Race
4. Snowman Bowling
5. Crack a Secret Code (calm finish)

Home party, 90 minutes

1. Candy Cane Hunt (as guests arrive)
2. Pin the Nose on Rudolph
3. Wrap the Snowman
4. Snack break
5. Christmas Pictionary
6. Freeze Dance
7. Pass the Present (big finish)

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1 Pass the Present

4-20 kids · 10 minutes

You need: A small prize, wrapping paper or newspaper, tape, music, the slips on page 6

Wrap the prize in many layers with one slip inside each layer. Kids sit in a circle and pass the parcel while the music plays. When it stops, whoever holds it unwraps one layer and does the slip. The last layer wins the prize.

> **Tip:** Use one layer per child so everyone unwraps once. Peek at the circle and stop the music on someone new.

2 Christmas Charades

4-20 kids · 10-15 minutes

You need: The cards on page 5, a bowl

Split into two teams. One player pulls a card and acts it out with no words and no sounds. Their team has one minute to guess. A correct guess is one point, then the other team goes.

> **Tip:** Younger kids can act in pairs. Older kids: no pointing at anything in the room.

3 Snowman Bowling

2-12 kids · 10 minutes

You need: 10 paper or plastic cups, a marker, a rolled-up pair of socks

Draw snowman faces on the cups and stack them in a pyramid of 4, 3, 2, 1. Players roll the sock ball from a line on the floor. Two rolls each. Count the cups that fall.

> **Tip:** Move the line back one big step for older kids.

4 Candy Cane Hunt

2-20 kids · 10 minutes

You need: Wrapped candy canes or paper candy canes, a bag for each child

Before guests arrive, hide the candy canes around one or two rooms. Say go, and kids search. When all are found, kids who found more share with kids who found fewer.

> **Tip:** Hide a few at toddler height and a few up high so every age finds some. Count them so none are left behind.

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5 Freeze Dance

3-30 kids · 5-10 minutes

You need: Christmas music

Play a carol and everyone dances. When the music stops, everyone freezes like a statue. Anyone who wobbles sits out for one round, then comes back in. Keep the rounds short and silly.

> **Tip:** Call out a pose before you stop the music: snowman, reindeer, elf, Santa.

6 Ornament Spoon Race

4-20 kids · 10 minutes

You need: Spoons, unbreakable plastic baubles or ping-pong balls

Teams line up. The first player walks to a chair and back with a bauble on a spoon, then hands it on. Drop it? Stop, pick it up, carry on. The first team where everyone has gone wins.

> **Tip:** Plastic baubles only, never glass. Hands behind backs for the champions.

7 Pin the Nose on Rudolph

2-20 kids · 10 minutes

You need: The Rudolph and noses on page 7, a blindfold or scarf, tape

Tape Rudolph to a wall at kid height. Each player writes their name on a nose, gets a gentle spin and is blindfolded, then sticks the nose where they think it goes. Closest to the dashed circle wins.

> **Tip:** For little ones, skip the spin. Instead of a blindfold, they can just close their eyes.

8 Wrap the Snowman

6-24 kids · 5 minutes

You need: One roll of toilet paper per team

Teams of three pick one snowman. When you say go, the others wrap the snowman from shoulders to shoes. Most snowman-like in 2 minutes wins. Snowmen keep their face and neck clear the whole time.

> **Tip:** Save the rolls and the paper for clean-up races afterwards.

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9 Christmas Pictionary

4-20 kids · 15 minutes

You need: The cards on page 5, paper or a whiteboard, markers

Same cards as charades, but this time players draw. No letters, no numbers. Their team has one minute to guess, then the other team draws. Swap the drawer every turn.

> **Tip:** Pair a reader with a younger artist so every age can play.

10 Crack a Secret Code

1-30 kids · 15-20 minutes

You need: The free Elf Code Breakers puzzles (lydoscreative.com/christmas-codes)

Print the three code puzzles from our free Elf Code Breakers set. Teams race to crack the picture code, the gift tag code and the number code. First team with all three messages right wins.

> **Tip:** Hide the treat the first message points to, so the answer leads somewhere real.

Team scoreboard

Game	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Team A											
Team B											
Team C											
Team D											

Not keeping score? Skip it. Every game works just for fun.

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Charades and Pictionary cards

Cut out the 20 cards and put them in a bowl. Use them for game 2 and game 9.

ACT IT · DRAW IT **Rudolph with a shiny nose**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **An elf wrapping presents**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **A snowman melting**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Santa stuck in a chimney**
ACT IT · DRAW IT **Ice skating**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Building a snowman**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Decorating the tree**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Opening a present**
ACT IT · DRAW IT **A reindeer flying**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **A snowball fight**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Drinking hot cocoa**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **A penguin waddling**
ACT IT · DRAW IT **Baking cookies**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Sledding down a hill**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **A toy soldier marching**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Hanging a stocking**
ACT IT · DRAW IT **Writing to Santa**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **A gingerbread man running**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Ringing a bell**	ACT IT · DRAW IT **Making snow angels**

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Pass the Present slips

Cut them out and tuck one slip under each layer of wrapping. The child who unwraps the layer does the slip.

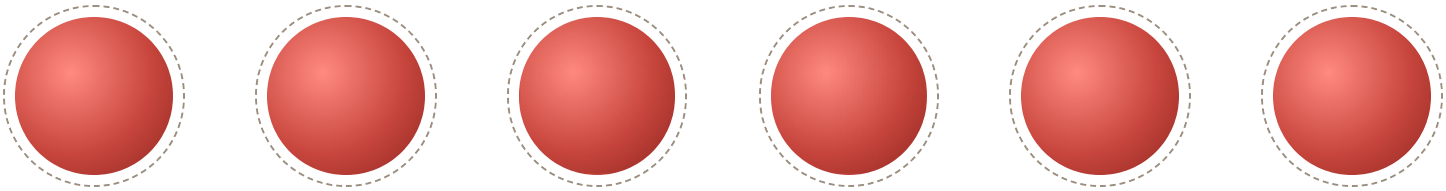
1 Sing the first line of Jingle Bells like a robot.	2 Name 3 things that are red and green.
3 Do your best reindeer walk to the door and back.	4 Name 4 of Santa's reindeer.
5 Say Merry Christmas in a funny voice.	6 Pull your best surprised face, like you just saw Santa.
7 Do 5 snowman squats: roll up small, pop up big.	8 Tell us your favorite Christmas food.
9 Hum a carol. Everyone else guesses which one.	10 Pretend to eat a very hot gingerbread cookie.
11 Give the person on your left a compliment.	12 Stand on one leg like a flamingo elf for 5 seconds.
13 Say a word that rhymes with snow.	14 Wave like you're on Santa's sleigh.
15 Tell us one thing you'd make in Santa's workshop.	16 Count down from 10 like it's New Year's Eve.

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Pin the Nose on Rudolph

Tape Rudolph to the wall. Cut out the noses, write a name on the back of each and add a loop of tape.





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More players? Print this page twice, or cut red circles from any paper.

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Party awards

Cut them out, write the winner's name, hand them out at the end. Make sure every child goes home with one.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AWARD

Charades Superstar

WINNER

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Fastest Spoon Racer

WINNER

CHRISTMAS PARTY AWARD

Bowling Champion

WINNER

CHRISTMAS PARTY AWARD

Master Code Cracker

WINNER

CHRISTMAS PARTY AWARD

Best Snowman Wrapper

WINNER

CHRISTMAS PARTY AWARD

Freeze Dance Statue

WINNER

Want a whole party built around one big game?

The Christmas Mystery Party Kit turns the party into a detective case: someone moved the presents, and teams of kids visit 6 clue stations, crack codes and clear 6 suspects. For 4 to 12 kids aged 8-10, with a kind ending. Find it in the LydosCreative shop on Etsy or at **lydoscreative.com**.

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