

The Little Book of Christmas  
**CLASSROOM GAMES**



Get into the festive spirit  
with this collection of games  
for schools and nurseries

**INCLUDES  
THREE BONUS  
CHRISTMAS CRAFT  
ACTIVITIES!**



## *Time for Christmas play*

Christmas is here,  
Let's spread a little cheer,  
Over the next few pages you'll find,  
Lots of activities to help you smile, laugh  
and unwind,  
We hope you have lots of festive fun,  
Because Christmas has begun!  
So come on, let's play!  
Love from your friends at Canopies UK.

Merry Christmas!



Let the games begin!



## GAME 1: FILL THE STOCKING

**What's needed:** Small sweets or grapes, spoons, stockings and teams made up of at least 4 people

Line the teams up at one end of the room. At the other end, hang a Christmas stocking for each team. Place a bowl of sweets or grapes and a spoon in front of each team.

The first child in the team takes a sweet/grape from the bowl with the spoon. They then carry it to the stocking and drop it in and run back to the next person in the line. The second person then does the same and so on.

Either play until the first team that fills the stocking is the winner or, if you have large stockings, play for a set amount of time.



## GAME 2: SANTA SAYS...

**What's needed:** Lots of energy and plenty of imagination!

This is a festive twist on the good old classic, Simon Says.

If Santa says 'hop', everybody needs to hop. Children should continue hopping until Santa says 'stop.'

If Santa says 'touch your toes' then everybody has to bend down and touch their toes.

If Santa says 'sing Silent Night', then that's what everybody needs to do!

Keep coming up with new Santa Says suggestions. You can even ask the children to take it in turns to come up with the next suggestion, but remember, players must only obey commands that start with the words, 'Santa says.'

## GAME 3: PASS THE BAUBLE

**What's needed:** 6 unbreakable Christmas baubles and teams with between 6 and 15 players

Split the children into teams and ask the teams to line up side by side, either sitting or standing next to each other.

At one end of each line place 6 (unbreakable) Christmas baubles. With their left-hand, each player must hold the right wrist of the person to their right.

The teams must pass all the baubles down and back again, without letting go of the person whose wrist they are holding. If a bauble falls, players must pick it up while still holding on!



## GAME 4: CHRISTMAS SPELLING GAME

**What's needed:** Two teams of children and a white board

Write the letters CHRISTMAS on the board and then divide the children into 2 teams.

Ask a child from each team to come up to the board and spell a word using the letters that are in the word Christmas.

Each time a student gets a word right, his or her team gets a point. The team with the most points at the end of the half hour wins!

You may find that you run out of words before the half hour is over, which is perfectly fine. If you'd like the session to last longer, then you could consider using more Christmas-related words.



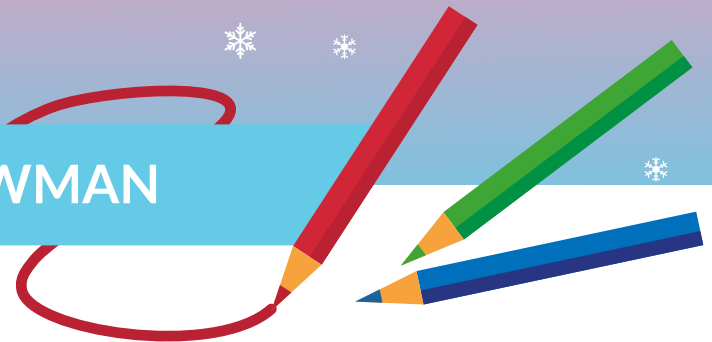
## GAME 5: ROLL YOUR SNOWMAN

**What's needed:** Paper, pens, pencils and glue

Ask the children to make some dice out of paper (you may need to provide them with a template to use). Next, ask them to draw snowman parts on each side of their dice.

Then ask them to take it in turns to roll the dice to see which parts they're going to add to their snowman drawing. So, if it lands on the face, they can draw their snowman's face on the piece of paper. If it lands on the scarf, they can add a scarf to their picture, and so on.

Depending on the size of the paper and how large children draw their snowmen, they can create between 3 and 5 different drawings of snowmen - all on the same sheet of paper.



## GAME 6: CHRISTMAS DRAW OFF

**What's needed:** Paper, pens and pencils

Write the names of several Christmas-related objects, such as presents, Rudolph, sleigh, snow and Santa on different slips of paper.

Ask the children to take it in turns to choose a slip and then draw the objects on a piece of paper for their classmates to guess.

Whoever's turn it is to draw can't talk or describe the object on the slip, they can only use their artistic skills!

Time to get crafty!

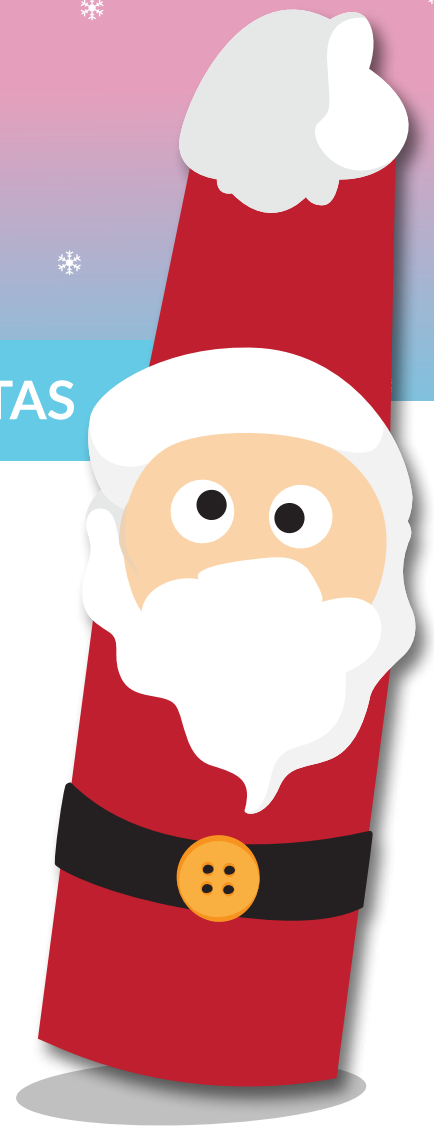
## ACTIVITY 1: TOILET PAPER ROLL SANTAS

### What's needed:

- 1 empty roll of toilet paper
- 3 sheets of felt (1 red, 1 black and 1 peach)
- 2 googly eyes
- 1 red pom pom
- 1 yellow button
- 5 cotton balls
- 1 mini red cup
- Glue
- Scissors

### How to make your Santa:

1. Using scissors, cut a piece of red felt about two thirds the height of your toilet paper roll. Place some glue on it and wrap it around your roll.
2. Grab your peach felt and cut a piece off that is the size of the remaining empty part of your roll. Put some glue on it and wrap it around your roll.
3. Take your small red cup and place it on top of your toilet paper roll. If you don't have a small red cup, you can use red felt, red tissue paper, etc.
4. Put some glue on top of the hat and place 1 cotton ball on top.
5. Glue on 2 googly eyes and 1 red pom pom for the nose.
6. Using scissors, slice 1 thin strip of black felt for Santa's belt. Glue this belt around your toilet paper roll.
7. Grab your yellow button and glue it to the front of Santa's black belt.
8. Finally, take your remaining cotton balls and glue them around Santa's hat and face to make a nice fluffy beard. Allow Santa to dry completely before handling.



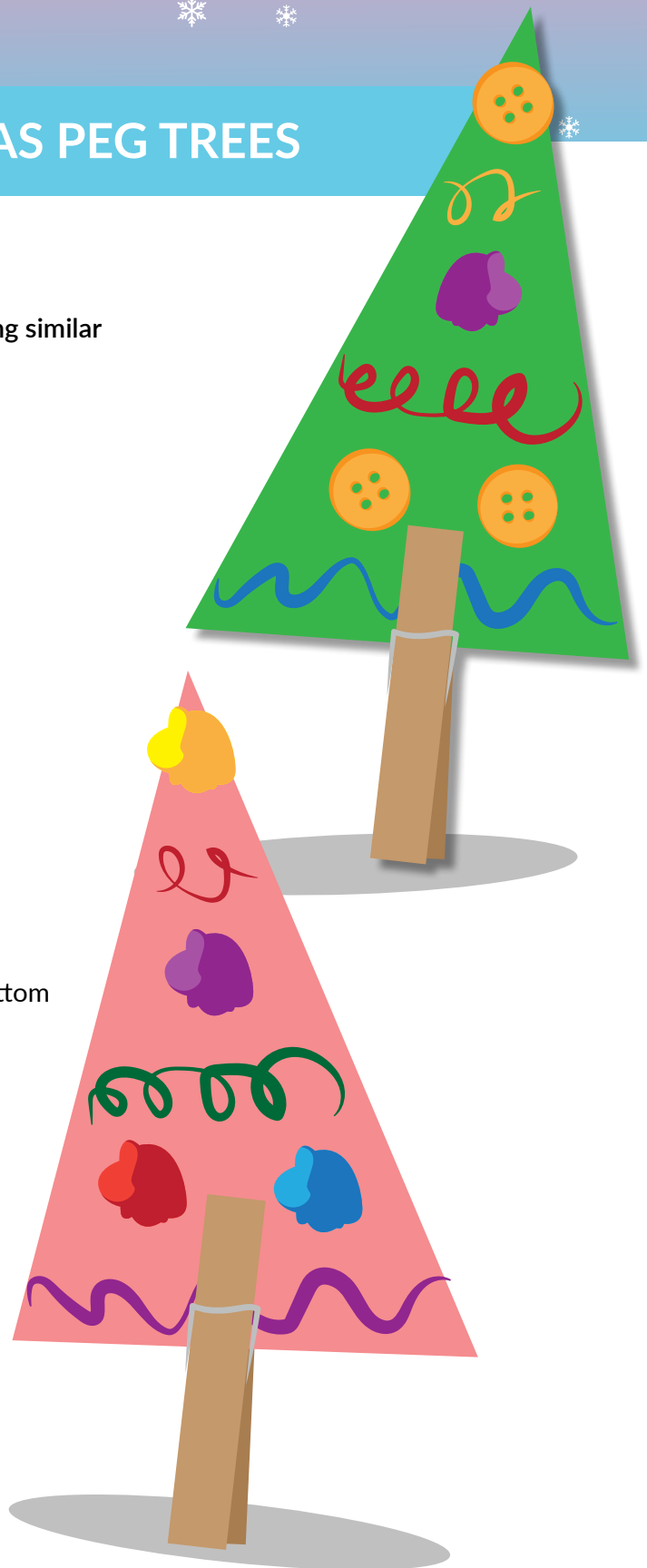
## ACTIVITY 2: MINI CHRISTMAS PEG TREES

### What's needed:

- Random buttons, beads and pom poms or something similar
- Glitter pens
- PVA glue
- Wooden pegs
- Foam or cardboard trees

### How to make your Christmas Tree:

1. Cut a triangle template out of card or foam.
2. Glue your buttons and beads to one side of the tree template
3. Remember to keep a clear space at the bottom where the peg will go.
4. Once your glue has dried, attach your peg at the bottom and stand your tree up.
5. Keep experimenting with different tree colours and accessories!



## ACTIVITY 3: PAPER PLATE SANTA



### What's needed:

- Paper plate
- Flesh coloured paint
- Paint brush
- 12 inch x 12-inch red card
- White card (cut out two 2-inch circles and a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch strip)
- 2 large googly eyes
- Red pom pom

### How to make your Santa:

1. Cut the top third section off your paper plate. Paint the inside circle of the paper plate with your flesh tone paint and set it aside to dry.
2. Draw a large triangle shape on your red card and cut it out.
3. Cut out two 2-inch circles from your white card paper. Cut one of the circles in half. Also, cut about a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch strip from your white paper to use as the brim for Santa's hat.
4. As soon as the paper plate has dried, assemble your Santa face.
5. Start by adding glue to the back of your paper plate and glue it on to your large triangle, about in the middle. Next glue your 2-inch circle at the top of your triangle. Also, glue your white strip at the top of your paper plate to form the brim of the hat.

*Note: We do not recommend young children cut out their materials, this should be done by their teacher/classroom assistant.*

We hope you've had as much fun playing these games and making the crafts as we did putting them together! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the team here at Canopies UK.

