

Speech and Language Activities

Christmas Theme



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Name That Carol

Directions: Hum or la-la-la the melody of a Christmas Carol and encourage the kids to "Name That Carol". For Children who need help, give them visual cues. You can print up the "Name That Carol" visual cue cards on the next page. They are formatted for printing on Business Cards. If the kids need auditory cues, give them a key word or two.

Here are some Christmas carols that you can use: (the words are in the appendix)

Away in a Manger

Up on the Housetop

We Three Kings

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Here Comes Santa Claus

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Silent Night

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Jingle Bells

Frosty, the Snowman

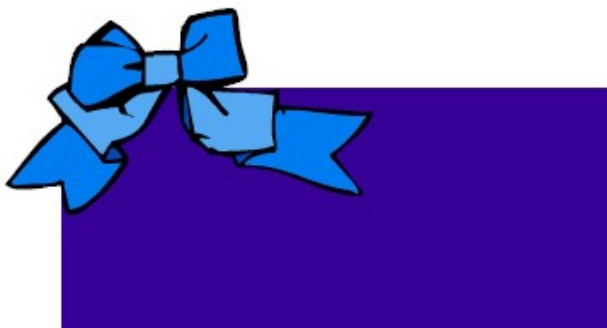


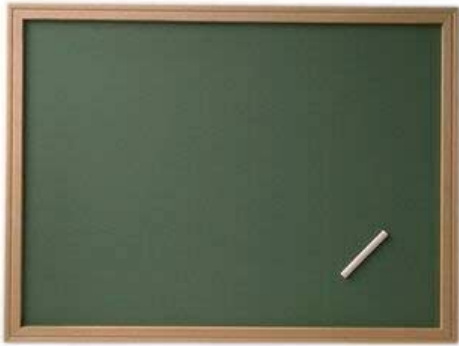
Match the Gift to the Box

Directions: Match the gift to the box. Construct a Christmas tree on an 8 x 11 sheet of paper (or use clipart). Construct different size gift boxes and put them under the tree. Make picture cards of objects that are shaped like the gift boxes. For example, circular--basketball, square--TV, triangular--clothes/hanger, rectangular--envelope. Place the picture cards on a board for the child to pick from. To get the activity going, you can recite this poem...

Four shaped presents, under the tree,
Let me guess which one is for me.

The child gets to pick a shaped present, then go to the picture board and pick out a "gift" that would fit in the box.







Christmas, Go Fish

Directions: Go Fish for the Top or Bottom. Get 10 or more pictures of Christmas items (wreath, candy cane, bell, candle), and cut them in half. Mix up the halves, then divide them evenly between the players. Go Fish, the player must ask for the "top" or "bottom" of the picture, ("Do you have the top of the candy cane?") Continue until all pictures are put together. This activity is also fun and can be modified to be easier-- Scramble up the halves, then take turns picking and matching.

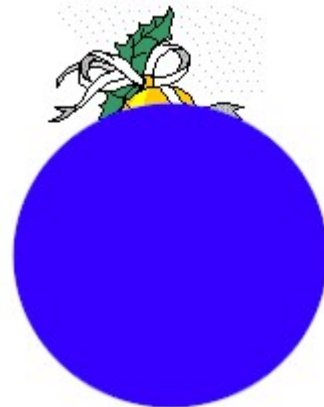
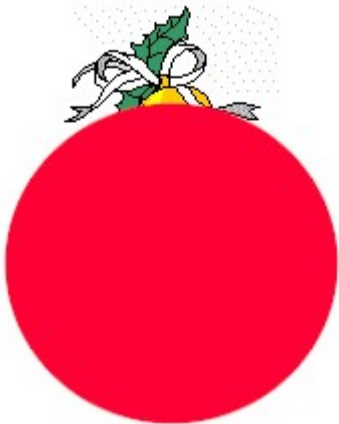
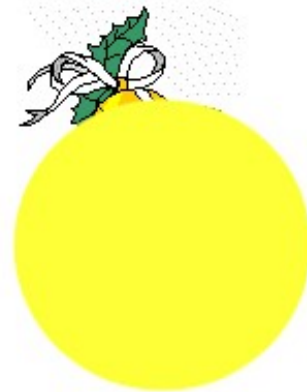
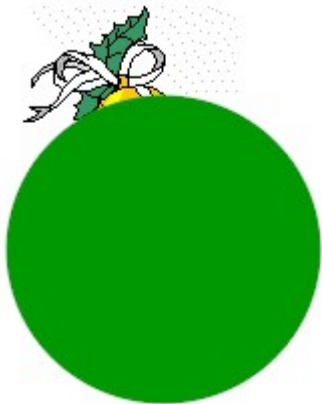
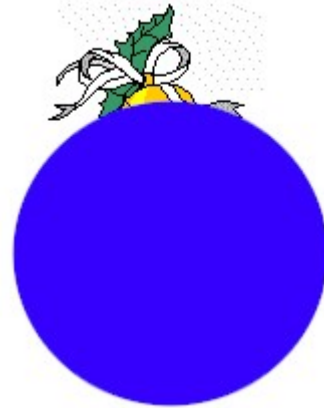
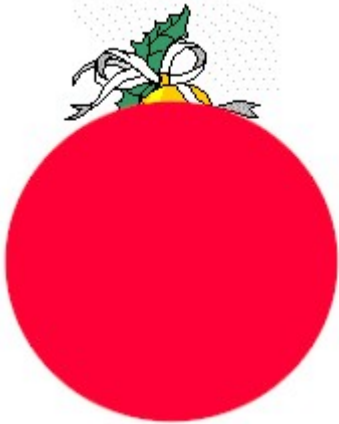
Variation: If you are teaching Christmas vocabulary words, just print up two pages of the picture cards and play Go Fish or Concentration.

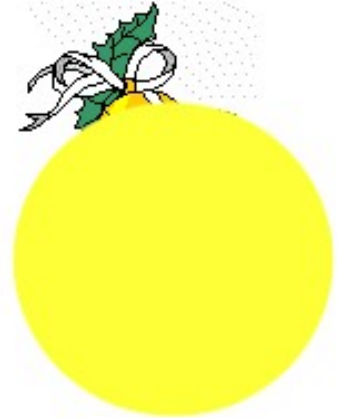
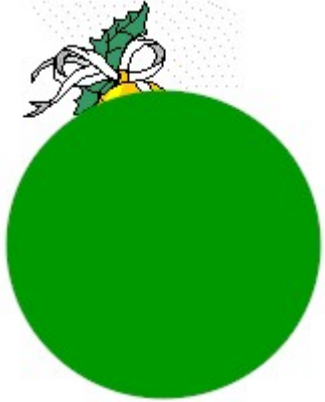
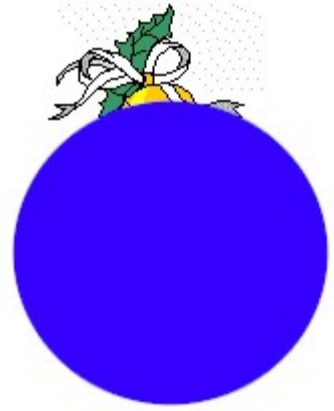
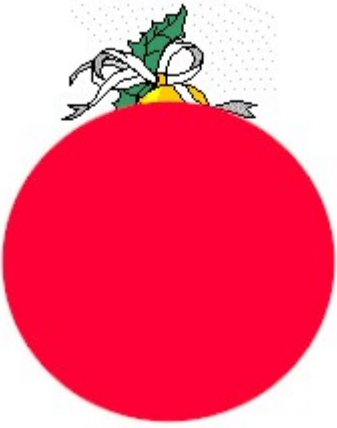
Christmas pictures that you can use for this activity are formatted below and ready to be printed on business cards.



Ornament, Pretend Game

Directions: Put the ornament on the tree (or take it off). Cut out a 2 foot Christmas tree from green felt. Make the ornament either free hand, from clip art, or print the ones below. On the back of each ornament, write a "pretend" sentence. For example, "pretend to brush your teeth, pretend to drink hot tea." The child gets to pick an ornament and pretend to do the activity, then put the ornament on the tree.





Pretend to eat corn on the cob.

Pretend to cut your turkey.

Pretend to stir the batter.

Pretend to say the prayer.

Pretend to drink hot tea.

Pretend to sprinkle salt and pepper.

Pretend to wipe your mouth with a
napkin.

Pretend to wash the dishes.

Pretend to talk on the phone.

Pretend to eat dessert.

Here Comes Santa Claus!

Here comes Santa Claus!
 Here comes Santa Claus!
 Right down Santa Claus Lane!
 Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer
 are pulling on the reins.
 Bells are ringing, children singing;
 All is merry and bright.
 Hang your stockings and say your prayers,
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.
 Here comes Santa Claus!
 Here comes Santa Claus!
 Right down Santa Claus Lane!
 He's got a bag that is filled with toys
 for the boys and girls again.
 Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle,
 What a beautiful sight.
 Jump in bed, cover up your head,
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
 had a very shiny nose.
 And if you ever saw him,
 you would even say it glows.
 All of the other reindeer
 used to laugh and call him names.
 They never let poor Rudolph
 play in any reindeer games.
 Then one foggy Christmas eve
 Santa came to say:
 "Rudolph with your nose so bright,
 won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
 Then all the reindeer loved him
 as they shouted out with glee:
 "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
 you'll go down in history!"

Silent night

Silent night, holy night,
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.
 Sleep in heavenly peace.
 Silent night, holy night,
 Shepherds quake at the sight,
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heavely hosts sing alleluia;
 Christ the Saviour, is born!
 Christ the Saviour, is born!
 Silent night, holy night,
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from thy holy face,
 With the dwan of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
 The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
 The stars in the sky look down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
 The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus , no crying He makes.
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
 And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Oh! You better watch out,
you better not cry,
you better not pout,
I'm telling you why:
Santa Claus is coming to town!
He's making a list,
He's checking it twice,
gonna find out who's naughty or nice.
Santa Claus is coming to town!
He sees you when you're sleeping,
he knows when you're awake.
He knows when you've been bad or good,
so be good for goodness sake!
So...You better watch out, You better not cry
You better not pout, I'm Telling you why.
Santa Claus is coming to town.
Little tin horns, little toy drums.
Rudy-toot-toot and rummy tum tums.
Santa Claus is coming to town.
Little toy dolls that cuddle and coo,
Elephants, boats and Kiddie cars too.
Santa Claus is coming to town.
The kids in Girl and boy land
will have ajubiale.
They're gonna build a toyland town
all around the Christmas tree.
Ohh...You better watch out, you better not cry.
You better not pout, I'm telling you why.
Santa claus is coming to town.

Up on a Housetop

Up on the housetop reindeer pause
Out jumps good old Santa Clause
Down thru the chimney with lots of toys
All for the little ones
Christmas joys
Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!
Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!
Up on the housetop
Click, click, click
Down thru the chimney with
Good Saint Nick

Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.
On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves
and a partridge in a pear tree.
On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings. Four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves. And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese
a-laying, Five golden rings. Four calling birds, three
French hens, two turtle doves And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans
a-swimming, six geese a-laying, Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids
a-milking, seven swans a-swi'mmi'ng, six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings. Four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves. And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies
dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming,
six geese a-laying, Five golden rings. Four calling birds,
three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords
a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking,
seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, Five golden
rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

We Three Kings

We three Kings of the Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse far
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.*

(Melchior)

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.*

(Caspar)

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Pray'r and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.
*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.*

(Balthazar)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying.
Seal'd in the stone-cold tomb.

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.*

Glorious now behold Him rise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Heav'n sings, Alleluia:
Alleluia the earth replies.

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman
Was a jolly, happy soul,
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snow man
Is a fairy tale, they say;
He was made of snow, but the children know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in
That old silk hat they found,
For when they placed it on his head,
He began to dance around.

Oh, Frosty the snow man
Was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me.

Frosty the snow man
Knew the sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun
Now before I melt away."
Down to the village
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all around the square,
Sayin', "Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town
Right to a traffic cop,
And he only paused a moment when
He heard him holler "Stop!"

For Frosty the snow man
Had to hurry on his way,
But he waved good-bye, sayin', "Don't you cry,
I'll be back again someday."

Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go;
Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.