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Smart Activities



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Counting the Presents

Materials: Presents template

Preparation: Print template.

Instructions:

1. Show your child the picture of the presents.
2. Ask your child to count the presents.
3. Then ask him/her to identify the various colors of the presents.



Ten Little Christmas Presents

by Jean Marzollo

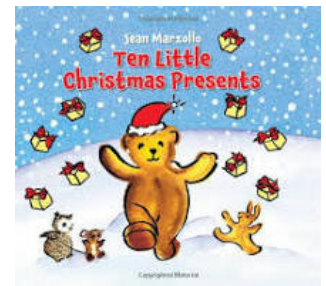
Materials: internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/wabUABvGd7A>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "What were some of the presents the animals opened?" "Who left the presents?" "Were the animals excited?"



Piecing Together a Present

Materials: piece of wrapping paper, tape, tag, bow, ribbon, small box

Preparation: Gather items.

Instructions:

1. Say, "Do you see the wrapping paper piece, the tape, the bow, tag, box, and the ribbon? What colors do you see? I am going to hide these items and then you need to find them."
2. Hide the items and then encourage your child to go and find each item. Maybe after he/she finds them wrap a present together.



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I Can Wrap a Present

Materials: small box, tape, scissors, wrapping paper, bow, internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/u-YUVcjwGFA>

Preparation: Cut wrapping paper to fit the small box.

Instructions:

1. Watch video with your child.
2. Show your child the materials and encourage him/her to wrap the box with you.
3. Help your child position the box and fold over the two sides, tape, and then the corners.
4. Praise your child on a good job and let him/her top it with a bow.



Merry Christmas Biscuit

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

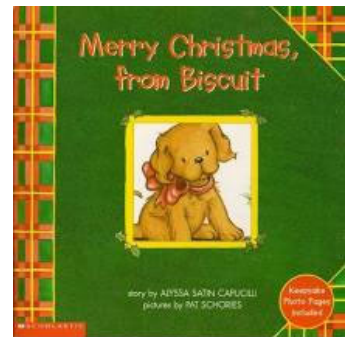
Materials: internet access, website:

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Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "What special day was it?" "What did Biscuit get into?" "Who came to visit them?"



Christmas Sensory Bag

Materials: gallon-size freezer bag, clear hair gel, glitter, craft foam (green, gold), mini pom-poms (red, green, & white), sequins, fake snow, clear packing tape

Preparation: Follow directions below.

Instructions:

1. Draw a tree shape on the green foam and cut it out. Then draw a star on the gold craft foam and cut it out. Add the gel to the bag. Next, add the pom-poms, sequins, fake snow, tree, and star to the bag of gel.
2. Seal the bag and push out the air as you do.
3. Tape the top of the bag shut with the tape so that curious kids cannot open it.
4. Allow your child to explore the new sensory bag.



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Shaping Gifts

Materials: gift box, cardboard, scissors

Preparation: Cut out a circle, square, rectangle, and triangle from the cardboard and trace onto gift box cutting out the matching shapes.

Instructions:

1. Show your child the gift box and the shapes.
2. Tell him/her to match the shapes and push into the gift box.
3. Have your child identify the shape as he/she pushes it into the gift box.



Green Wilma

by Tedd Arnold

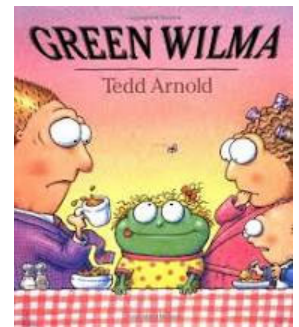
Materials: internet access, website:

https://youtu.be/D-Eh_ykswlk

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "What happened to Wilma?" "What color is Wilma?" "What did she want to eat?"



The Color is Green

Materials: paper, green crayon

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Tell your child that he/she gets to draw anything using the green crayon.
2. Give your child paper and the crayon.
3. While your child is drawing, ask him/her about what he/she is drawing.



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Big Bows Little Bows

Materials: big bows, little bows

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Show your child the big bows and little bows. As you hold them up, say, "This is a big bow. This is a little bow."
2. Encourage your child to choose a bow and ask him/her if the bow is big or little?
3. Continue until all bows have been identified.



The Gift of Nothing

by Patrick McDonnell

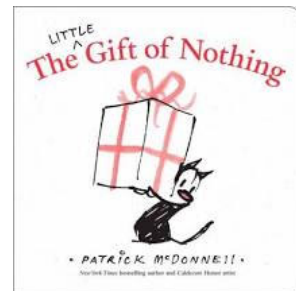
Materials: internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/ZASdivuAA48>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "What did Mooch want to give his friend?" "Why was Mooch sad?" "What did Mooch put inside the box?"



Twirling Ribbons

Materials: ribbons or scarf, age-appropriate seasonal music

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Give your child the ribbon and encourage him/her to shake it all around.
2. Then, turn on some seasonal music and have your child dance around the room using the ribbon.
3. Use directions, such as "up" and "down," and model it for him/her.



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The Dancing Christmas Tree Song- Again

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://youtu.be/rlr4uXAz-JM>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Say, "Let's watch the dancing Christmas Tree and follow its directions."
2. Have your child stand and move along with the Christmas tree.



Rabbits Gift

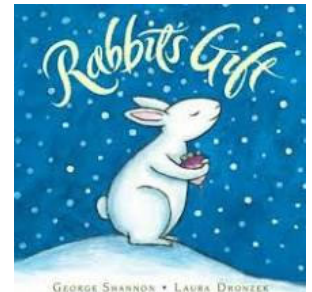
by George Shannon

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://youtu.be/uXxqpdFnw7w>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask "What did rabbit find for food?" "What did rabbit do with the turnip, then donkey, then goat, deer?"



Jingle Bell Toss

Materials: red solo cups, jingle bells, board, hot glue gun, glue sticks

Preparation: Glue solo cups to a board (any pattern or amount you choose). Set the board with cups on the floor.

Instructions:

1. Show your child the jingle bells and cups. Encourage him/her to drop the jingle bells into the cups.
2. Next, move the cups a few feet back and encourage your child to toss the bells into the cups.
3. Continue while interest remains.



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Presents Template

