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Reindeer Pokey

Materials: internet access, website:
https://youtu.be/E48dJsivx7s
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Watch the video with your child.
2. Encourage him/her to do the Reindeer Pokey with you.
3. Repeat if your child seems interested.

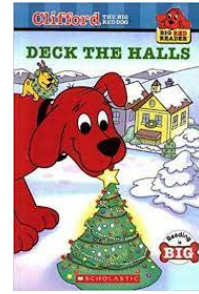## *Clifford Deck the Halls*
by Maria S. Barbo

Materials: internet access, website:
https://youtu.be/889g5PJF4_g
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "What was the big job Emily Elizabeth and Clifford have to do for the town?" "What happened to T-Bone?" "How did T-Bone's friends find him?"

Decorations Missing

Materials: craft sticks, Missing Decorations template, glue
Preparation: Print template. Cut out items and glue on craft sticks. Hide one set around the room.
Instructions:
1. Show your child the decorations and talk about each picture, what it represents, and the colors.
2. Next, tell your child you have hidden these decorations around the room, and it is his/her to find each one.

Sign Language "Happy"

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Five Candy Canes

Materials: internet access, website: https://youtu.be/6MejJBiag5A
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Watch and sing with the video with your child.
2. Hold up 5 fingers and encourage your child to do the same. As the song sings, have him/her take down a finger each time a candy cane falls.

Katie the Candy Cane Fairy
by Tim Bugbird
Materials: internet access, website: https://youtu.be/h86cAbE1QYo
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "What was the secret behind the show?" "What happened to the candy canes?" "Where did the magic come from?"

Candy Cane Art

Materials: Candy Cane template, paper (red), glue, scissors
Preparation: Cut out red strips. Print template.
Instructions:
1. Show your child the Candy Cane template.
2. Say, "You are going to take the red strips of paper and glue them onto your paper to look like a candy cane."
3. When your child has made his/her candy cane, count the strips of red paper together.

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Candy Cane Threading

Materials: "o" shaped cereal with different colors (save cereal for use later in the week), pipe cleaner
Preparation: Bend pipe cleaner to look like a candy cane.
Instructions:
1. Show your child the pipe cleaner.
2. Tell your child that he/she will take the cereal pieces and thread them onto the pipe cleaner to create a colorful candy cane.
3. After your child threads the first one, use the pipe cleaner to hook and twist around to prevent the cereal from falling off.
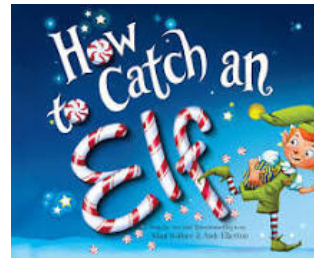
How to Catch an Elf
by Adam Wallace

Materials: internet access, website: https://youtu.be/lv9-e-8ftTs
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "Who is trying to catch the elf?" "What traps are set up?" "What did Santa and the Elf eat?"

The Color is Orange

Materials: paper, orange crayon
Preparation: Gather materials.
Instructions:
1. Tell your child that he/she gets to draw anything using the orange crayon.
2. Give your child paper and the crayon.
3. While your child is drawing, ask him/her about his/her artwork.

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Cereal Sorting

Materials: "o" shaped cereal with different colors, Sorting Colors template
Preparation: Gather cereal. Print template.
Instructions:
1. Show your child the cereal and the template color paper.
2. Encourage your child to choose a piece of cereal and match it up to the correct color.
3. Continue until all cereal is sorted correctly.

I Love Christmas
by Hans Wilhelm

Materials: internet access, website: https://youtu.be/apL158EEThw
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask questions, ex: "Why was the dog sad?" "What did he discover he could do to help with Christmas?" "What did he eat?"

Ornament Rolling

Materials: balls (different sizes)
Preparation: Locate a safe, open area.
Instructions:
1. Give your child the balls and encourage him/her to roll a ball to you. Then another one.
2. Talk about the different sizes of balls. Ask questions, ex: "What one is the biggest?" "Smallest?"

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Christmas Freeze Dance

Materials: internet access, website:
https://youtu.be/eo9bpiwKpx4
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Say, "Let's watch the Christmas Freeze Dance and follow its directions by freezing when you hear the word."
2. Repeat if interest remains.

The Crayons Christmas
by Drew Daywalt

Materials: internet access, website:
https://youtu.be/2NZ3DiAjdTw
Preparation: Preview video.
Instructions:
1. Listen to the read aloud story with your child.
2. Ask related questions, ex: "What crayons got a letter?" "What was in the package for Chunky Toddler Crayon?" "Who gave Duncan a present?"

Crayon Colors

Materials: crayons, paper
Preparation: Pull out the following colors: blue, orange, red, yellow, green, pink, purple, black, white, and brown.
Instructions:
1. Show your child the different crayons. Ask him/her to identify the colors.
2. Next, have your child draw a picture using the different colors of crayons.
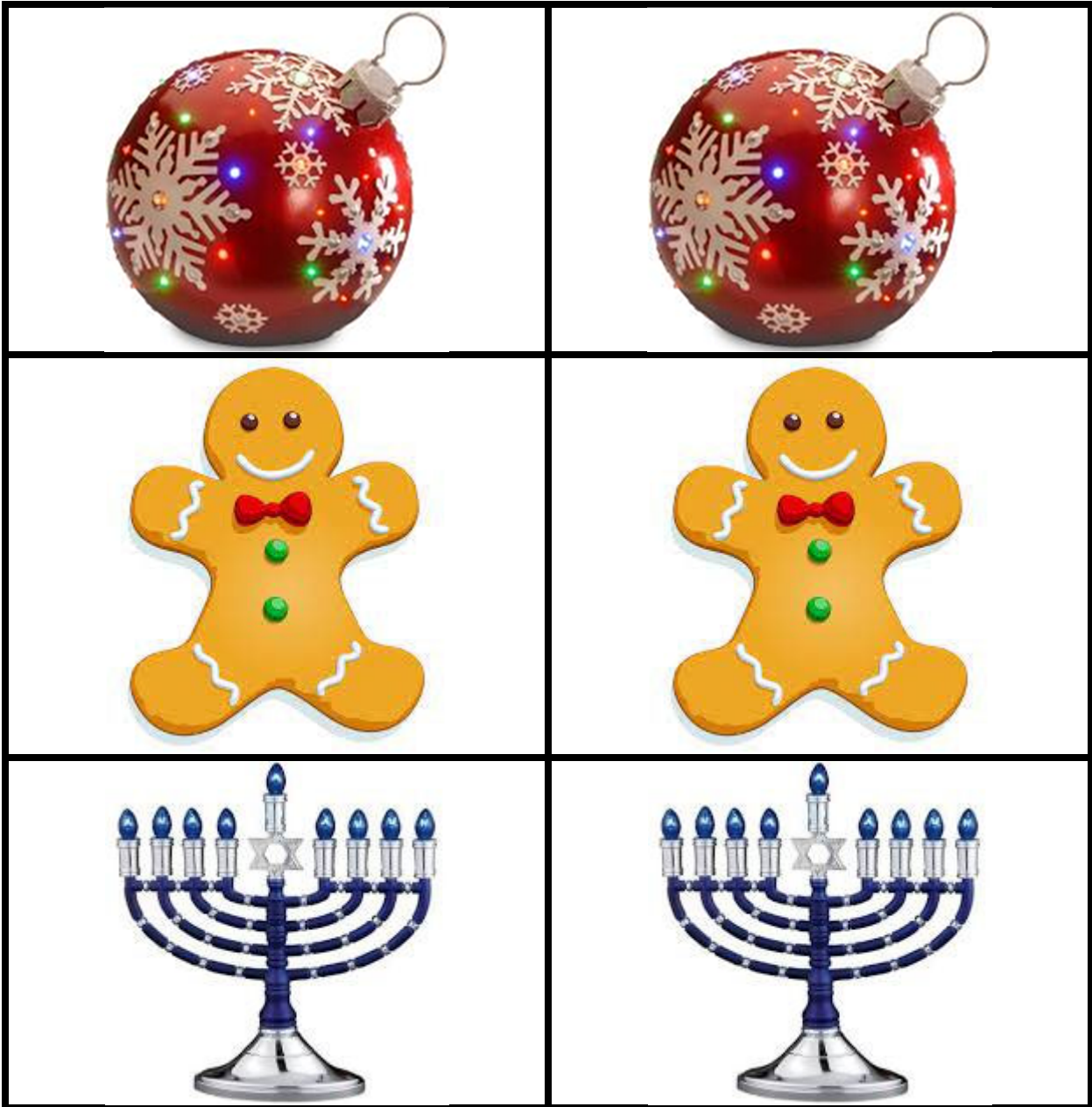

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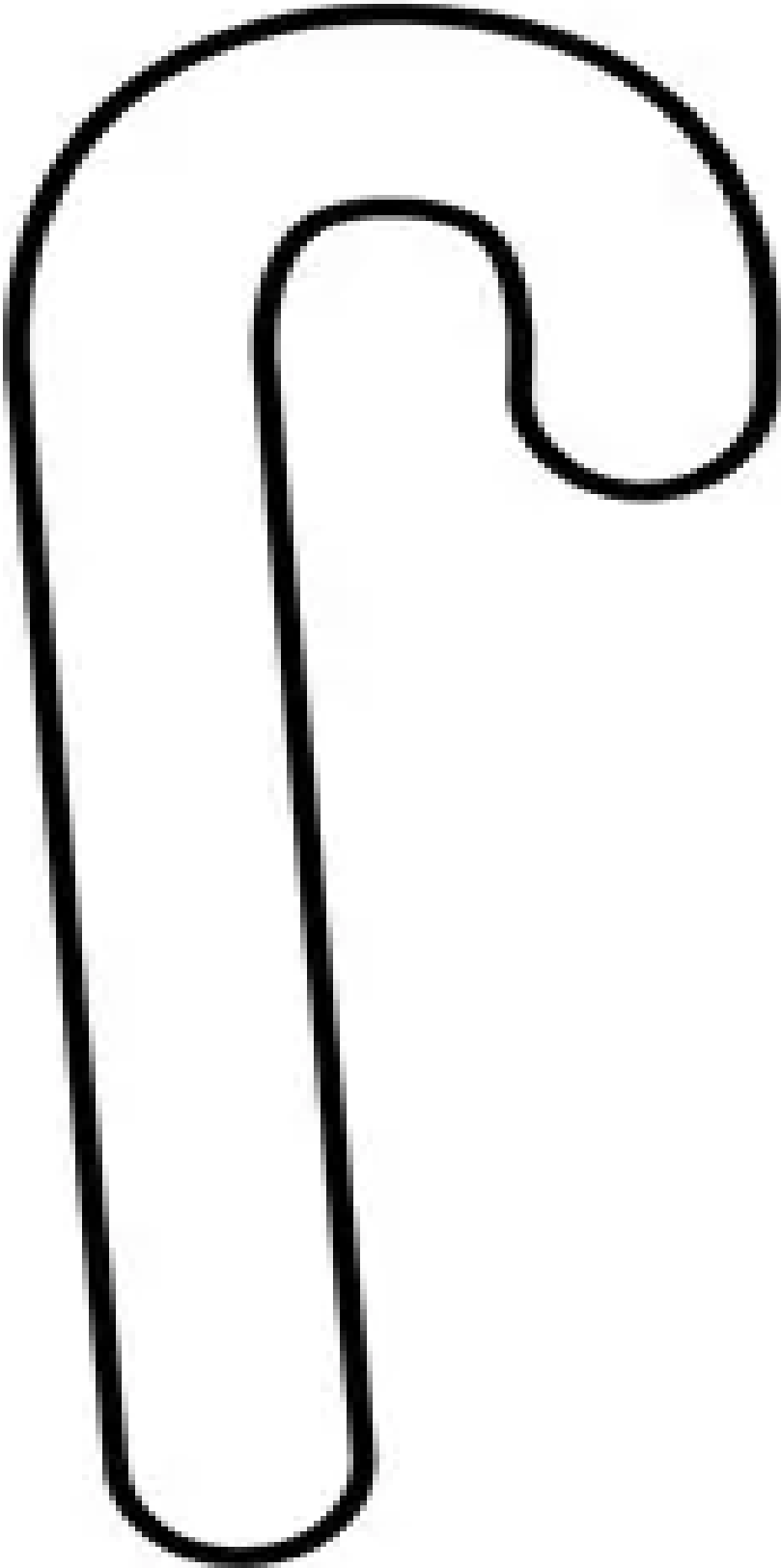Move both flat hands in forward circling movements with palms touching the chest alternating.

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Missing Decorations Template

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Candy Cane Template

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