

Christmas-Season Activities

All Ages

Infants (0–12 months)

1) Paint-in-a-Bag “Snow” Art

- Put a few drops of white/blue paint into a zip bag.
- Tape the bag flat to a table or highchair tray.
- Babies press and swipe to “paint” snow.
- Optional: add a few sequins inside the bag before sealing/taping.

2) Handprint Keepsake: “Holiday Lights”

- Paint baby’s hand and stamp onto paper in a row.
- Adults add string lines and write: “Baby’s first lights” or “Winter lights.”
- Display as classroom art or send home.

3) Texture Ornament Collage (teacher-prepped)

- Adults cut a large ornament shape from cardstock.
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Toddlers (1–2 years): 3 activities



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1) Sticker Ornament Art

How to implement:

- Cut big paper circles (ornaments).
- Toddlers add stickers and scribbles.
- Adults write: “Holiday art by ____.”

2) Reindeer/Elf Movement Game (Go–Stop)

How to implement:

- Call prompts: “reindeer run!” “elf tiptoe!” “freeze!”
- Keep it short and silly (2–3 minutes).

3) Toy “Gift Wrap” Dramatic Play

How to implement:

- Provide baskets, scarves, tissue paper, and empty boxes.
 - Toddlers “wrap” toys and practice giving: “Here you go!” “thank you!”
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Preschool (3–5 years)

1) Watercolor “Northern Lights”

How to implement:

- Kids paint paper with watercolors (green/blue/purple).
- Add white crayon “stars” or splatter white paint for snow.



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- Great as holiday-neutral winter art.

2) Christmas STEM: Build a “Sled” for a Small Toy

How to implement:

- Materials: craft sticks, straws, tape, cardboard.
- Kids design a sled that can slide across the floor with a toy on top.
- Test, improve, and talk about what worked.

3) Classroom “Holiday Market”

How to implement:

- Set up pretend gifts with price tags 1–5.
 - Give each child 5 tokens.
 - Kids “buy” one item, then practice trading/sharing politely.
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School-Age (6+): 3 activities

1) “Ugly Sweater” Paper Design Challenge

How to implement:

- Give a sweater outline.
- Kids design patterns using symmetry, shapes, and repeating designs.
- Optional math tie-in: create an ABBC or ABC pattern.



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2) Winter Story Theater

How to implement:

- Choose a winter or Christmas story (or a neutral winter tale).
- Kids create simple scripts, props, and perform for a younger class.

3) Giving Project

How to implement:

- Choose one: book drive, sock drive, classroom supply drive, or “welcome kits” for new students (if allowed).
- Kids plan and organize the project like a team.



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