

GIZMO'S CHRISTMAS PARTY DILEMMA FAMILY FUN GUIDE

Parents: Please supervise your children as they do these crafts, games and recipes.

SNOWMAN DECORATION

MATERIALS:

- Toilet paper roll
- Glue
- White construction paper
- Orange construction paper
- · Googly eyes

- Scissors
- Pipe cleaner
- · Pom-poms
- Ribbon
- Black marker
- Buttons
- Hole punch (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

5tep 1: Add a line of glue to the top of the white construction paper and place on the toilet paper roll. Roll the paper around the toilet paper roll, and glue the loose end to the roll.

Step 2: Cut the pipe cleaner in half and arch it to resemble earmuffs. Make a small hook on each end and glue pom-poms to both hooks. Glue earmuffs to either side of the toilet paper roll.

Step 3: To make the scarf, take a small 8-inch piece of ribbon and make small cuts in both ends of the ribbon to form tassels. Drape the scarf around the toilet paper roll, cross both ends in front, and fix in place with glue.

Step 4: Glue two googly eyes to the snowman.

Step 5: Cut out a carrot-shaped nose from orange construction paper and glue it on the snowman.

Step 6: Draw on a coal-shaped smile with a black marker.

Step 7: Choose whatever buttons you like and glue them to the toilet paper roll below the scarf.

Step 8 (optional): If you would like to turn your decoration into an ornament, use a single hole punch to make a hole in the back of the toilet paper roll and thread a ribbon through it.

REINDEER DECORATION

MATERIALS:

- Toilet paper roll
- Brown construction paper
- · Googly eyes
- Pom-pom

- Glue or tape
- Scissors
- Hole punch (optional)
- Ribbon (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Wrap the toilet paper roll with brown construction paper and secure it with either glue or tape.

Step 2: With scissors, cut into the tube about a third of the way down. Then cut across for about an inch, and then back up the tube, until you've cut out a rectangular section. Do the same on the other side of the tube until you have identical cutouts about an inch long.

Step 3: When you have two identical sections of the tube sticking up, higher than the rest, make several cuts into the strips in the higher part of the tube until you make antlers.

Step 4: Glue on some googly eyes and a pom-pom for a nose.

Step 5 (optional): If you would like to turn your decoration into an ornament, use a single hole punch to make a hole in the back of the toilet paper tube and thread a ribbon through it.

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CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

MATERIALS:

- Green construction paper
- Yellow construction paper
- Scissors
- Popsicle stick
- · Brown marker

- Buttons
- Ribbon
- Pipe cleaner
- Glue
- Christmas tree ornament template (on separate page)

NATIVITY SCENE STAINED GLASS CRAFT

MATERIALS:

- Nativity scene template (on next page)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Black construction paper
- Contact paper
- Colored tissue paper, cut into small squares
- Tape

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Fold green construction paper in half and cut out the shape of a Christmas tree using the provided template. This will make two Christmas trees.

Step 2: Color the bottom half of the popsicle stick with the brown marker.

Step 3: Make a loop with a piece of ribbon, and glue it to the top of the non-colored half of the popsicle stick.

Step 4: Glue the popsicle stick between the two Christmas tree cutouts, with the brown part of the stick hanging out below, as the trunk of the tree.

Step 5: Cut out two small stars with yellow construction paper. Then, glue both stars together at the top of tree.

Step 6: Take a pipe cleaner (a sparkly one works best!) and wrap it around the tree so it resembles a garland.

Step 7: Glue buttons to the tree until it is decorated to your liking.

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Place Nativity template on black construction paper and use pencil to trace the template.

Step 2: Cut out the outline of the Nativity scene until you have a construction paper version of it.

Step 3: Peel a sheet of contact paper and lay it down, sticky side up.

Step 4: Place the black construction paper cutout down on the sticky contact paper. Tap it down gently until it sticks.

Step 5: Now add the squares of colored tissue paper to the sticky contact paper until it covers all of the contact paper within the Nativity scene.

Step 6: Take another sheet of contact paper and place it sticky-side down on the Nativity scene, locking it between both sheets of contact paper.

Step 7: Cut out the whole Nativity scene and use a piece of tape to secure it to a window!

Sing along with Superbook

"O Come All Ye Faithful (Light of the World)"

VERSE 1

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

VERSE 2

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

CHORUS

We lift You up. We lift You up, Light of the world. (Sing 4 times.) We lift You up.

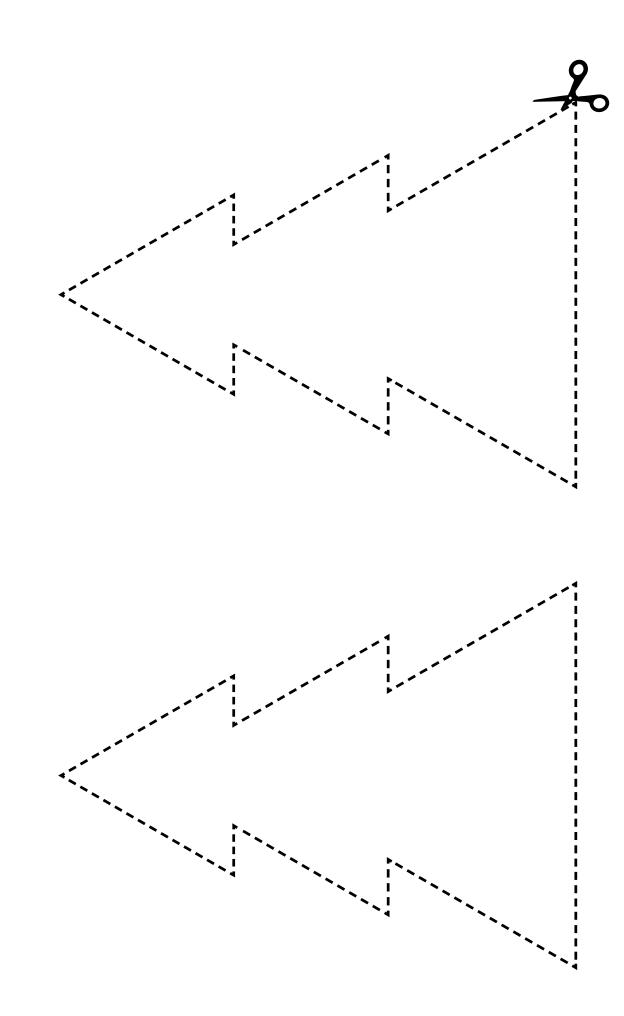
VERSE 3

We'll give You all the glory, We'll give You all the glory, We'll give You all the glory, Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord.

CHORUS

We lift You up. We lift You up, Light of the world. (Sing 4 times.) We lift You up.

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NO-BAKE WREATH COOKIES

INGREDIENTS:

- · Green food coloring
- 4 cups cornflakes
- Red M&M's® candies
- 2 cups mini-marshmallows
- 2 tablespoons butter, plus additional butter

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Step 2: Add two tablespoons butter to a mixing bowl with two cups mini-marshmallows. Microwave on a low power setting until melted, then stir.

Step 3: Add 10 drops green food coloring to the bowl and stir until color is well-mixed.

Step 4: Add 4 cups cornflakes and mix until all the cereal is coated in the butter and marshmallows.

Step 5: Using two spoons, scoop up cookie-sized amounts of the mixture and place on the baking sheet, at least an inch apart.

Step 6: "Butter" your fingers so the mixture won't stick and use your hands to mold the mixture into wreath shapes with a hole in the middle of each.

Step 7: Decorate your wreaths with red M&M's, serve, and enjoy!

THE OVEN MITT GAME

(Unlimited number of players)

SUPPLIES:

- Enough oven mitts for every player to have two mitts
- · Presents that have been wrapped multiple times

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Wrap enough gifts so that each player has one. For a more challenging game, wrap the presents multiple times!

Step 2: Ask each player to put on two oven mitts.

Step 3: Give each player a gift and say "Ready, set, go!" Everyone can then start to open their present, while wearing both oven mitts.

Step 4: The first person to get his or her gift completely unwrapped wins the game!

GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES

INGREDIENTS:

- A package of graham crackers
- M&M's® candies
- Pretzel sticks
- Gumdrops
- Smarties
- Peppermints

- Mini-marshmallows
- Mini-candy canes
- Gummy bears
- Cookie frosting
- Twizzlers
- Andes chocolate mints

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Take two whole graham crackers and cut or shave one end of the graham cracker so it comes to a peak and resembles a house.

Step 2: Using the house-shaped cookies, attach them to two graham cracker halves with the frosting in order to make the walls.

Step 3: Take two more graham cracker halves and attach them to the pointed part of the graham crackers to make the sides of the roof.

Step 4: Using the icing to affix the candy to the graham crackers, add any candies that you would like to decorate the house.

PUT THE NOSE ON THE REINDEER

(4 or more players)

SUPPLIES:

- · Reindeer antler headbands
- Red pom-poms with a hole cut in them for the nose, or red clown noses
- Blindfolds

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Choose two people to be the reindeer, and have each person put on the reindeer antler headbands.

Step 2: Blindfold two people and hand them the red noses.

Step 3: Once you say "Ready, set, go," both blindfolded players must then try to place the red nose on one of the reindeer.

Step 4: The first person to get the nose on a reindeer is the winner!

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THE SANTA HAT GAME

(2 or more players)

SUPPLIES:

- · Red disposable cups
- · Large white pom-poms

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Each player is given a large stack of red cups and a pile of pom-poms.

Step 2: Say "Ready, set, go!" Players must stack one red cup, with the opening facing down, on the table. The players must then put a pom-pom on top of the cup, so that it looks like a Santa Claus hat.

Step 3: All players must quickly stack the cups and pompoms (cup first, then pom-pom, then cup, then pom-pom again), until they have a tall tower of Santa hats.

Step 4: If a player's Santa hat tower falls, that player is out.

Step 5: The last player with a tower of hats left standing is the winner!

SCAVENGER HUNT

(unlimited number of players)

SUPPLIES:

- A list of Christmas items that can be found around the house.
- A sample list:
 - · Christmas tree star or angel
 - Stockings
 - Christmas tree ornament
 - · Candy cane
 - · Wreath
 - · Nativity scene
 - · Santa Claus ornament
 - Christmas cookie

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Give each player a copy of the list.

Step 2: Players must look around the house and check off each item as it is found.

Step 3: The first player with a fully checked-off list is the winner!

GIZMO'S "I DARE YOU NOT TO LAUGH" CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE JOKES

- 1. What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?
- 2. Do you know a snowman's favorite dessert?
- 3. What do you call a nasty reindeer?
- 4. What is a snowman's favorite cereal?
- 5. What was the weather forecast for Christmas Eve?

Answers

1. Just chill out / 2. Ice crispy treats / 3. A Rude-olph / 4. Frosty flakes / 5. A 100% chance of "rain"-deer

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