

**Disclaimer:** Activities with children must always be risk assessed, including for allergies or choking. Children must always have adequate supervision.  
**Resources and materials must always be appropriate for children's age and stage of development.**

## Activity: Christmas Party Games

Celebrate the Christmas holiday with some familiar party games, with a Christmas twist.

### Learning aims

- Take part in familiar or new games
- Work with others
- Talk about own experiences and feelings
- Develop confidence and self-esteem when trying new things.



### Resources

- See individual activities below.

### Activity outline

#### Pass the Christmas parcel

**Resources:** Object to wrap, Christmas wrapping paper (add enough layers so each child gets a turn), sticking tape and music

**Directions:** Explain how to play the game and have a practice run. Sit the children in a circle and place the parcel in one child's hands, play the music, stopping it at regular intervals so each child gets a turn to unwrap a layer of paper, until the object is revealed.

#### Christmas hide and seek

**Resources:** Variety of Christmas themed items, basket/box to collect the items, photo list of items

**Directions:** Hide the items around the setting (include outdoors if possible). Show the photo list of items to the children and ask for their help in finding them. Place your basket or box in a central position and encourage children to place the found items in the basket. Once complete, check the found items against your list to ensure you have them all. Encourage the children to take turns at hiding the items so others can find them.

#### Pin the nose on Santa

**Resources:** Large drawn or printed image of Santa, a large red circle (to represent his nose), sticky tac, scarf

**Directions:** Secure the Santa image to a wall or other surface at the children's height. Explain how you play the game and demonstrate by covering your eyes with the scarf and trying to attach the nose to Santa's face, by pressing it on with the sticky tac. Invite the children to take turns.