

# Festive fun with Sing Up

With holiday games, activities, recipes and lots more.



  
Help kids find their voice

Holiday Pack 2020



## Winter Wonderland Wordsearch

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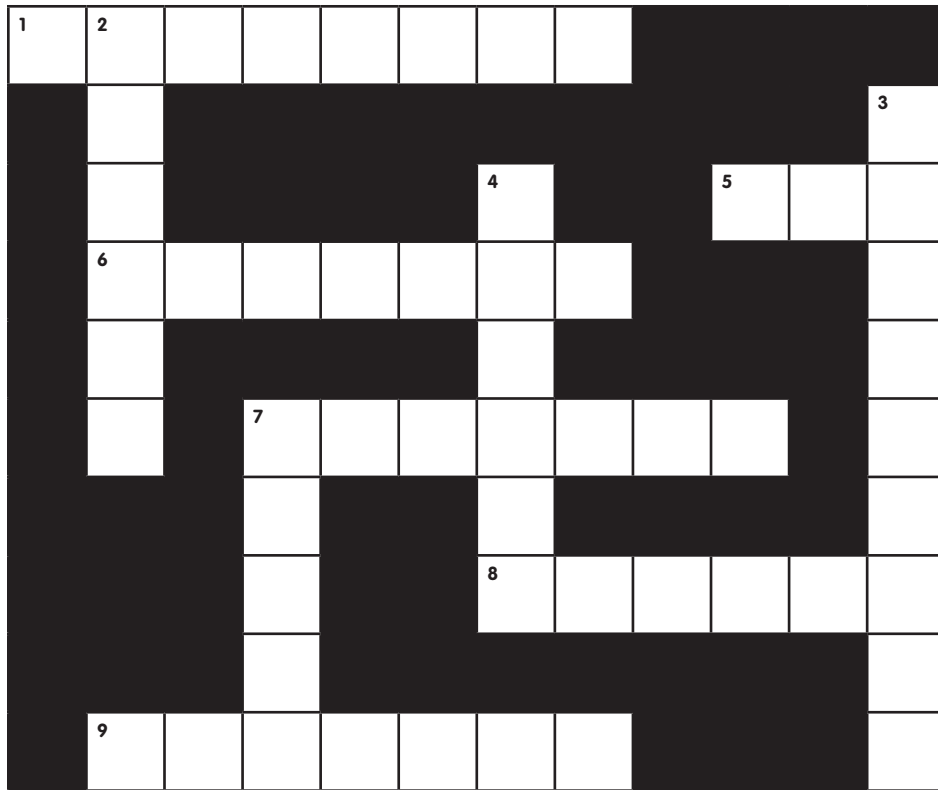
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**SLEIGH**  
**SNOWFLAKE**  
**SNOWMAN**

**MENORAH**  
**HAT**  
**WELLIES**  
**STOCKING**



## Christmas Crossword



### Across

1. Hang this out on Christmas Eve so that Santa can fill it with presents. (8)
5. Careful not to slip on this when you step outside in the cold! (3)
6. He usually has a carrot for a nose. (7)
7. The most famous reindeer of all... (7)
8. Santa's mode of transport. (6)
9. We often light these for warmth and decoration at Christmas. (7)

### Down

2. Long, sparkly Christmas tree decoration. (6)
3. The city where the nativity took place. (9)
4. Special name given to the traditional songs we sing at Christmas. (6)
7. Red-chested bird we often see at this time of year. (5)





## Seasonal Symmetry

Using a mirror and a ruler, complete these patterns by drawing the reflection to make them symmetrical. Why not colour them in or decorate them?


# Festive Games

Check out our collection of Christmas songs, playlists and resources at [bit.ly/SingUpChristmas](http://bit.ly/SingUpChristmas)

## Snowman Musical Statues

Listening to your favourite seasonal music, make sure you have enough space and sing along while playing this fun game. You could make it even more fun by dressing up as a snowman. Whose costume is the most creative?

### Instructions

- Listen to some popular seasonal songs.
- Someone must be in charge of controlling the music.
- While the music is playing, dance and sing using all the space around you.
- Whenever the music stops, everyone must freeze like a snowman.
- Anyone that moves is eliminated from the game.
- The last snowman standing wins the prize.

## Pin The Nose On Frosty The Snowman

Listen to Frosty the Snowman on Sing Up at [www.singup.org/singupathome](http://www.singup.org/singupathome). Please make sure you're careful when using scissors and when wearing a blindfold.

### Instructions

- Draw a snowman on a large sheet of paper and colour it in, or find a photo of a snowman (without a nose!) and put it on the wall.
- Draw a carrot on another piece of paper, colour it in and cut it out.
- Wearing a blindfold, take turns to stick the carrot nose onto the snowman.
- The winner gets a prize for sticking the nose in the most 'nose like' place.



## Santa Says

Using the rules to 'Simon says', the leader changes 'Simon' to 'Santa'. Playing as Santa's elves, you must follow any instructions which 'Santa says' - like 'Santa says, touch your toes!'. Don't get caught out if you are just told to 'Touch your toes'. Any elves who do touch their toes when the sentence did not begin with 'Santa says' are out of the game.



# Music

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## Christmas Song Bingo

This game works best with a minimum of 5 players. Together, make a list of your 20 favourite festive songs from the Song Bank and number them. From this list, everyone will choose four of their favourite songs and write the song and its number down on a piece of paper.

Put the numbers 1-20 into a hat and allocate the role of bingo caller to someone. They will pick a number out of the hat and call it out. You could take turns by passing the hat around and having each person pick out a number. Every time one of the numbers you have written down is called out, you can cross out the song. The first person to cross out all of their songs and shout 'bingo' is the winner.

For some extra musical fun, you could create a playlist of these songs in a random order. When one of your songs is played, sing along and cross the song off your list.

Here are some great song ideas to get you started:

- Jingle-bell rock
- Away in a manger
- Little donkey
- Frosty the snowman
- I wish it could be Christmas everyday
- Sparkle and shine
- Silent night

Song Bank

## Festive Song Charades

Using the list of songs from Christmas Song Bingo, mime out the title of a Christmas or Hanukkah song of your choice while everyone else guesses. You can give clues about the number of words in the title by holding up the right number of fingers or demonstrate how many syllables are in each word by holding the right number of fingers against your other arm. Touch your ear to indicate 'sounds like' and act out something that rhymes with your sound. Whoever guesses correctly gets the next turn! To add a competitive edge, split into teams and mime your song to your teammates. And don't forget to keep score.

## Pass The Tune

You can make this game easier or harder depending on how daring you are feeling. The easier version: one person sings the first line of any seasonal song, the next person sings the next line, and so on. The harder version: each person sings a single word rather than a whole line. Try and make it as seamless as possible – this will really test your knowledge of lyrics!

## This Year, I'm Asking Santa For...

What would be your ideal Christmas present? Let's see if you can remember everyone else's too! The first person starts by saying, 'This year, I'm asking Santa for ...' and sings a word beginning with 'A'. The next person then repeats this sentence and adds their own word beginning with 'B', and so on. See if you can get every new word sung differently – you'll be surprised how much easier it is to remember (and it's more fun, too)!

## Carol Singing

**Why not do some carol singing in your community?**

Use our carols playlist and booklet on [Sing Up at Home](#) and get singing with your friends or family.



# Festive Activities

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## Make Snowflakes



Fold a piece of paper in half, and then half again, and then half again until it's very small and has as many folds as you can manage. With a pair of scissors\* cut small different shaped holes in the paper and then fold it out to reveal a snowflake. Once you've made lots of these (about 20) you can start to make snowflake bunting to hang around the classroom or your house. You'll need a very long piece of string to thread through each snowflake in two places to make sure it stays put and doesn't overlap with the next one.

\*Please be careful when using scissors.



## Festive Crackers

### What you'll need

- An A5 sheet of card rolled into a small tube and held in place with sellotape.
- A selection of small sweets and festive prizes.
- Two pieces of ribbon or string.
- A piece of paper with a lyric from your favourite song written on it.

### Making it

Decorate and colour in your cracker design, making it as festive as possible. Why not add coloured tissue paper or colour it in with some very bright colours?

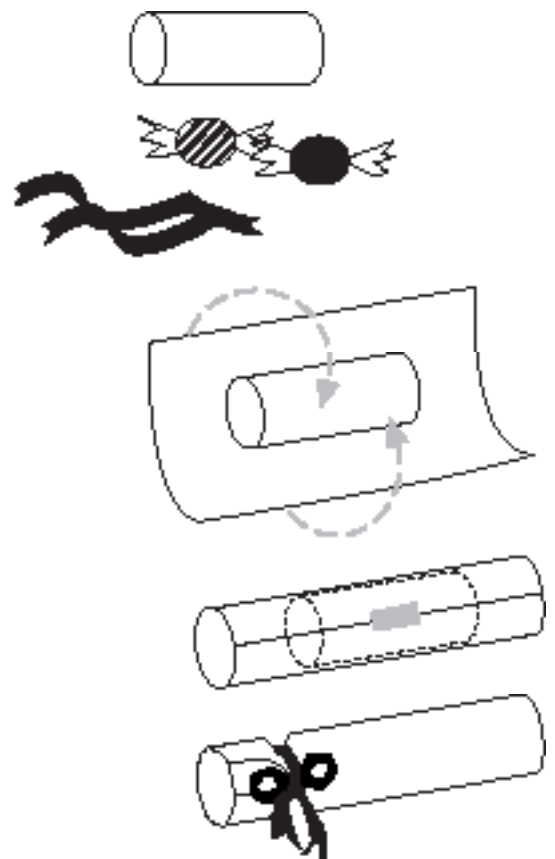
Carefully put your sweets, gifts and piece of paper into the card tube. Wrap your cracker design around the card tube and attach together with a small bit of tape.

Twist either end of the cracker design. To make it extra festive, tie two pieces of ribbon to each end.

If you are especially proud of your cracker design, why not leave the card tube empty? That way you can add it as a decoration on your tree!

### Now your cracker is ready to use

Why not make extras and use them with your whole family during the holidays? When you use it, get your family and friends to guess where the song lyrics come from!



## Hand-Print Menorah

This is a fun, simple activity with great results which anyone can join in with.

### What you'll need

- 2 clean hands.
- Newspaper.
- Dark-coloured water-soluble paint.
- Yellow water-soluble paint.
- A large sheet of light-coloured paper.
- 2 paper plates or shallow dishes you don't mind getting mucky!

### Instructions

- Cover your work area with newspaper and pour a shallow layer of the dark-coloured paint onto your paper plates or dishes.
- Lay out the large sheet of paper on the newspaper.
- Put both hands in the paint, palms down. Carefully lift your hands out of the paint, link thumbs together so they overlap (they will make the centre candle), and place both hands down on the paper, flat, with fingers spread out to make a menorah print.
- Wash your hands and then dip your thumb into yellow paint and dab a 'flame' at the top of each candle.
- Allow to dry and then display where everyone can see it!





# Festive Activities

Make your own  
Dreidel using the  
template on  
page 10

## Make Your Own Dreidel

### What is a Dreidel?

In Hebrew, we call it a Sevivon. In English, we say 'spinning top'.

**Why do we call it a Dreidel?** It's from the Yiddish word 'Drey' - 'to spin!' You've probably noticed the Hebrew letters on the sides of your dreidel. These letters are:



The letters stand for the Hebrew words:  
**Nas Gadol Haya Sham** - 'A Great Miracle  
Happened There'.

### Here's how to play the fun, ancient game

Every player begins the game with an equal number of treats (you could use sweets, cheerios and chocolate coins).

At the beginning of each round, everyone puts one piece into the centre 'pot'.

Every player takes it in turn to spin the Dreidel once.

The letter you land on could be your lucky move!

### Now, see what your letter means!

**NUN** - 'Nisht' means nothing. You take none, give none.

**GIMMEL** - 'Gantz' means everything. You take it all.

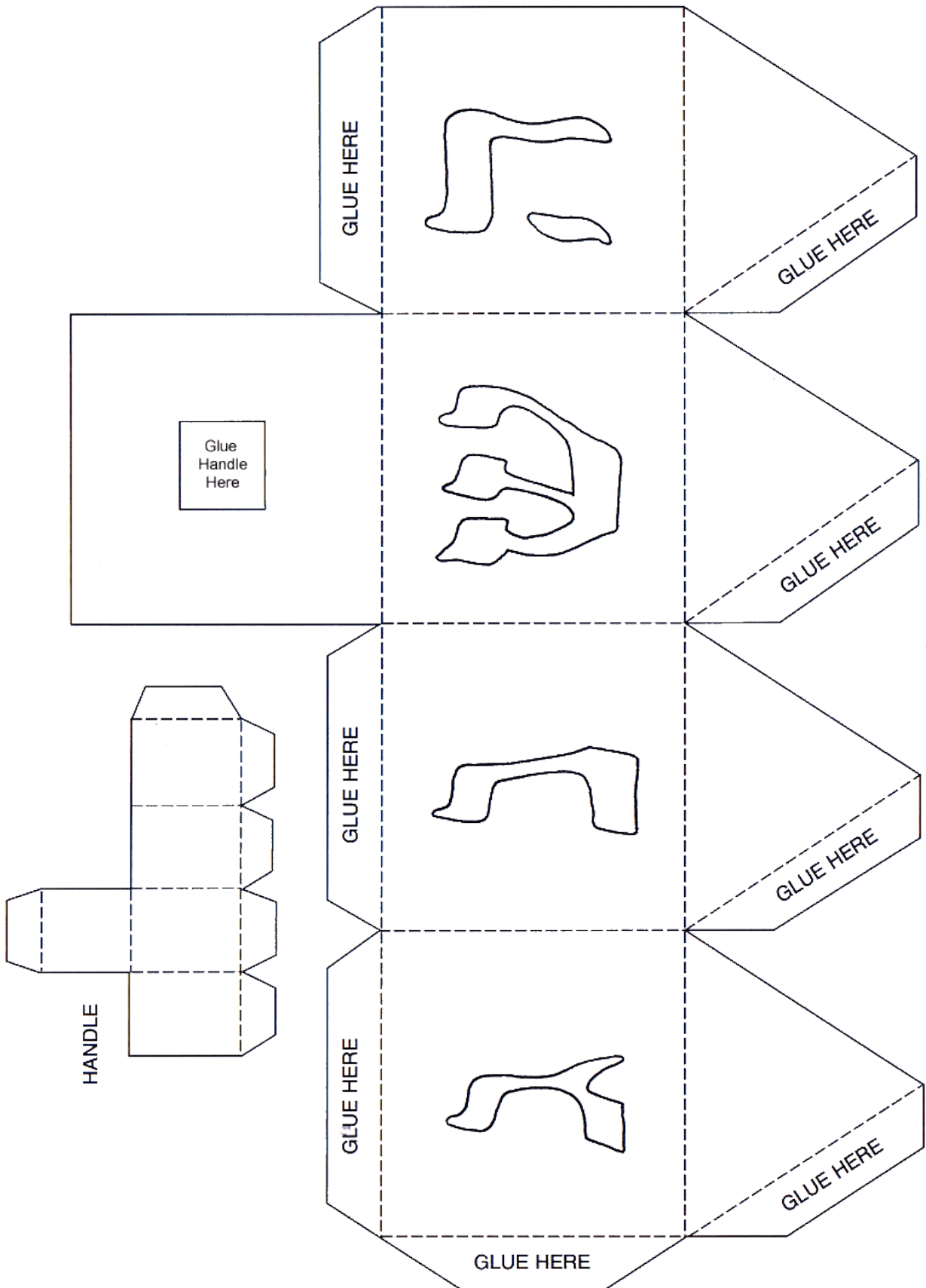
**HAY** - 'Halb' means half. You get half of the pot. (If there is an odd number of pieces in the pot, you take half of the total plus one.)

**SHIN** - 'Shtel' means 'put in'. You've got to add a piece to the pot.

Use the template on the next page to make your own Dreidel and play the game. Please make sure you are careful when using scissors.



## Make Your Own Dreidel



## Rudolph's Rolls

These delicious, cheesy treats look lovely and festive with their red and green swirls, and with only three ingredients, they're nice and easy to make.

Make sure you have an adult with you who can help with using knives and the oven, as well as measuring out ingredients.

### What you'll need

- 250g ready-to-roll pastry.
- Red and green pesto, a jar of each.
- 50g ready-grated cheddar.
- Baking tray.
- Baking parchment.
- Weighing scales.
- Rolling pin.
- Fork and a table knife.

### Instructions

- Heat oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7.
- On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry to about 0.5cm thick. Try to keep a rectangular shape. Only roll in one direction, and roll and turn, roll and turn - by keeping the dough moving, you avoid finding it stuck at the end.
- Cut the pastry in half so you have two smaller rectangles.
- Spread the red pesto onto one half of the pastry and the green pesto on the other half.
- Sprinkle the grated cheese on top of both halves, then roll each up like a sausage along the long side.
- Cut each roll into 6 thick rings using a table knife. Show the children how to hold the dough with one hand and cut straight through with the other.
- Line the baking tray with baking parchment. Place the roll-ups on the parchment, cut-side down, almost touching each other, making sure that you can see the spiral. Then put them in the oven and bake for 20-25 mins until golden and melty.
- Remove them from the oven, then leave to cool. The cheese roll-ups will keep for up to three days in an airtight container.



# Festive Recipes

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## Seasonal Hot Chocolate



Perfect to warm you up on a cold winter's night after carol singing. This recipe serves 4 people and will need an adult to help you make it.

### What you'll need

- 565ml (1 pint) semi-skimmed milk.
- 3 tablespoons of drinking chocolate or a bar of your favourite chocolate broken into pieces.
- 1 tablespoon of sugar, to taste.
- A handful of marshmallows.

### Instructions

In a pan gently simmer the milk, making sure that it doesn't boil. As it begins to steam, add in the sugar and chocolate powder/chocolate pieces and stir until it's combined and the milk is super chocolatey. Heat gently for a further 2 minutes and then serve into mugs using a ladle. Drop a few marshmallows on top to make this an extra special delicious warmer.

## Fried Honey Puffs (Bimuelos)

This delicious Hanukkah recipe makes about 35 tasty puffs. Find an adult to help with this recipe.

### What you'll need

#### For batter:

- 1 packet of active dry yeast.
- 200ml warm water.
- ½ tsp sugar.
- 260g plain flour.
- 1 large egg.

#### For honey syrup:

- 200g sugar.
- 180ml cold water.
- 170g honey.
- 1tbsp lemon juice.

#### For frying and garnish:

- Vegetable oil.
- Ground cinnamon.

### Instructions

To make the batter, mix together the yeast, half the warm water and the sugar in a bowl. Let the yeast mixture rest for about 5 minutes or until it is foamy. Then, stir in the remaining batter ingredients until smooth - the batter should be very loose and sticky. Cover the bowl loosely with plastic wrap and let the batter rise for one hour.

While the batter is rising, prepare the honey syrup. Mix together all the ingredients in a saucepan and slowly bring to a boil over a medium heat, stirring only until the sugar dissolves. Lower the heat slightly and boil the syrup, uncovered and undisturbed for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool to room temperature.

When the batter has risen, stir it down and put enough oil into a large saucepan. Heat the oil until hot. Dip a small spoon in the hot oil and use that spoon to scoop a small ball of batter and gently drop it into the oil. The batter will quickly double in size to form puffs. Turn these occasionally until browned on all sides and crisp. When they are done, drain them on paper towels and drop 2 at a time into the syrup mixture covering the puffs completely. While warm, sprinkle cinnamon on them and serve!



## Winter Wonderland Wordsearch

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## Christmas Crossword

### Across

1. Stocking
5. Ice
6. Snowman
7. Rudolph
8. Sleigh
9. Candles

### Down

2. Tinsel
3. Bethlehem
4. Carols
7. Robin



# Why not get your families singing along with our festive playlists on Sing Up at Home?

Whether you want traditional carols or pop classics, we've got lots to choose from. Go to [www.singup.org/singupathome](http://www.singup.org/singupathome) for a fun-packed selection of festive favourites.



*Away in a manger*

*Frosty the snowman*



*Jingle-bell rock*

*Jingle bells*

*Little donkey*

*Must be Santa*

*Sparkle and shine*

*Santa's coming for us*

*The twelve days of Christmas*



*What Christmas means to me*

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