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# Blindfold Christmas Tree on a Plate Game

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***What you'll need:*** Paper plates, markers, pencils, and a blindfold.

***How to play:*** Have one person shout out commands to the blindfolded players for items to draw on their paper plates. They can pick a theme, such as a fireplace scene complete with stockings and fire beside a Christmas tree or Santa in his sleigh.

After the caller finishes with directions, everyone can see how accurate the drawings are when you cannot see what you are doing.

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# Build a Snowman Game

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## ***Instructions***

- Invite the young people to sit in a large circle on the floor.
- Give each person a piece of paper to draw their snowman on.
- You must first throw a 6 (BODY) to start.
- Once you have a 6... other items can be filled in in any order, except the eyes, nose, and hat where you need a head (5) first.
- Where there are more than one of an item e.g. buttons you only add one button for each correct throw of the dice. 3 x 3's are needed for all of the buttons.
- Once you have completed a snowman you must shout 'snowman' to stop the game.
- Once 'snowman' has been called, the Snowman should be checked and the winner announced.

The winner of each round gets a prize (*Optional*)

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# Candy Cane Hook Relay Game

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***What you'll need:*** A pile of candy canes, multiple bowls, or paper plates.

***How to play:*** This fun youth group game splits the participants into two teams and place half of each team on one side of the room and the other half opposite them. Place two bowls or paper plates out for each team on both sides of the room. One will have multiple candy canes inside while the other remains empty.

The first person in each line will run across the room and put a candy cane in their mouth with the hook facing out. Then, using the hook, they will try to pick up the candy canes and move them from the full plate or bowl to the empty one. If they successfully move them all, the next person in line on that side of the room can take their turn.

If they struggle and cannot finish, they must return to their group and the second person in their team has to try to finish their round. The team that successfully moves all the candy canes from one plate to the other using every player wins. This fun game can have various rules, including only three tries to pick candy canes up or a time limit. This method is a great way to help keep the game moving.

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# Christmas Balloon Frenzy

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***What you'll need:*** Red and green balloons.

***How to play:*** Separate the youth group into two teams where one team has red balloons and one team has green balloons. Blow them all up and have the teams try to keep their balloons in the air as long as possible while trying to knock down the other team's balloons. Once a balloon hits the floor, it is out. The team that has the last balloon in the air wins.

It helps to have someone assigned to pick balloons up off the floor to avoid stepping or tripping on them.

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# Christmas Commercials

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***What you'll need:*** Random Christmas or winter items to use as props.

***How to play:*** Separate everyone into teams of two to four people and give them a Christmas prop. They will take 15 minutes to develop a funny sales commercial for the item to act out in front of the group together.

Each team will act out their hilarious commercials for the group to convince them to buy their product.

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# Christmas Carol Picture Puzzle

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1. Place puzzle sheets on the tables ready for when the young people arrive.
2. Encourage the young people to get their Hot Chocolates and complete the puzzle sheet before the party begins.
3. To complete the puzzle, you have to match the pictures to the carols, and place the carol number next to the name of each song.
4. Award prizes to each young person that gets all the answers correct, or the person with most right.

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# Christmas Movie Quiz

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## ***Instructions***

- Hand out movie quiz answer sheet to individuals or each team.
- Play the Movie Quiz Power-Point. Young people should write answers on their sheet as each video is played/question is displayed.
- Give answers at the end, and award prizes to the winners (*optional*).

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# Christmas Pictionary

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***You will need:*** List of Christmas items to draw, pen and paper for each team

Have a leader with a list of Christmas items to draw stand a short distance away from their team.

When you say “Go” a child from each team has to go to their leader, where they will be told to draw something from the list relating to Christmas.

They then go back to their team to draw while everyone else has to guess what they are drawing.

The person drawing is not allowed to speak, if a child thinks they know the answer they run to the leader and tell them. If right they will be told the next item to draw, if wrong they have to go back to their team and carry on guessing.

The first team to correctly guess all the items on the list is the winner.

# Constructing Gingerbread Houses Competition

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***What you'll need:*** A pre-made gingerbread house kit or a box of graham crackers, icing, and an assortment of edible candies for decoration, and a timer.

***How to play:*** Have someone set the timer for an agreeable amount of time and break the youth group into teams. Each team will have to construct their gingerbread house as quickly as possible before the time is up. The best-decorated house that is still standing at the end wins.

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# Fun Facts Paper Snowball Fight

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***What you'll need:*** Lots of blank sheets of paper, pens, and a timer.

***How to play:*** Have everyone write a fun fact about themselves on a piece of paper and then crumple it up so it forms a ball. Do this for two more pieces of paper. Once everyone has three fun facts into snowballs, start an indoor snowball fight. Players can use any snowballs they find on the ground and continue throwing snowballs for three minutes.

After three minutes, the snowball fight stops, and everyone retrieves one snowball and opens it to read out a fun fact. Then, they must try to guess who wrote the item from the group.

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# Guess the Santa Quiz

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## ***Instructions***

Have pictures of well-known people dressed up as Santa on PowerPoint, and see who can get the most correct answers! (***Optional - Award prize for the person with the most correct answers***)

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# Indoor Ice Cream Snowman Competition

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***What you'll need:*** Tubs of vanilla ice cream, ice cream scoops, baby carrot sticks, raisins, buttons, twigs, and any other items they may want to dress up their snowman.

***How to play:*** Break up into teams and try to create the best-looking ice cream snowman using teamwork and creativity. The snowman that stays together the best wins.

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# Just Dance Decoration Dip

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- Place Christmas decorations on the floor spaced out
- Play the Just Dance Christmas Video for everyone to join in
- When the music stops the young people must stand by a Christmas decoration
- A Christmas decoration card should be chosen from the deck, or a spinning wheel spun to reveal a Christmas decoration. If anyone is stood by that decoration they are out, or loose a present.
- Keep playing until only one person is remaining, or until time runs out. The person remaining or the person with the least amount of 'presents' lost is the winner.
- Award a prize to the winner (*optional*).

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# Marshmallow Mountain Race

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***What you'll need:*** Jumbo marshmallows and paper plates.

***How to play:*** Separate the youth group into two small groups. Each team will be on one side of the room in a single file. On the other side of the room, have a table with bags of jumbo marshmallows and two paper plates.

Each team sends a player racing to the table to build a tall marshmallow mountain on the paper plate as fast as possible. The first player to cause an avalanche loses the round, and both players return to their group so the next two people in line can try. Continue through each person until everyone has a chance. Tally up which team has the more successful mountains that did not fall to determine a winner.

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# Pass the Parcel

**Equipment:** Two or three parcels depending on amount of young people,  
Music

Depending on the amount of young people, divide them into 2 or 3 separate games.

When the music plays the parcel is passed from Person to Person in a clockwise direction.

When the music stops the person holding the parcel takes off one layer of wrapping paper. If there is another layer on the prize the game continues.

There may be sweets or forfeits between the layers.

The person who takes the layer off to reveal the prize is the winner.

If 2 people are holding the parcel when the music stops, if the person next in line has hold of the parcel they get to unwrap the next layer.



# Play-Doh Christmas Pictionary

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**What you'll need:** Different colors of play-doh, words of Christmas movies / people / items / things / events on strips of paper, and a timer.

**How to play:** Create teams of players with the group. One team member chooses a slip of paper and must create a play-doh scene/person/item for the rest of the team members to guess. The team that figures it out in the least amount of time wins.

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# Santa vs Grinch Dodgeball

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Santa vs. Grinch are two variations of Christmas dodgeball that will be lots of fun for any group. The game can be played in a team competition style, where Santa's team plays against the Grinch's team, or in "Combination Mode," where each team has a Santa and a Grinch. Here is how it works:

**Basic Dodgeball Rules** – Two teams are divided by a line down the middle of the playing area. The objective is to eliminate all other members of the opposing team by throwing dodgeballs at the enemy players. If a player is hit with a dodgeball, the player is out of the game.

## ***Optional Dodgeball Rules***

- If you catch a ball, the person who threw it is out.

**Santa Dodgeball** – One team chooses one Santa who is completely invincible from getting out of the game, however he or she is also unable to throw the balls. If Santa catches a ball, the player from their team that has been out the longest can come back into the game. When Santa is the only remaining player on the team, the team loses.

## **Additional Rules & Ideas**

- Since Santa never goes out of the game, Santa can also become a shield for team members.
- It sounds pretty easy for Santa, however the enemy team will intentionally avoid throwing balls near him/her.

**Grinch Dodgeball** – One team chooses one Grinch to completely annoy the opposing team. Whenever the game moderator calls out "GRINCH," the Grinch can run to the enemy side and ruin Christmas Dodgeball for the team. The Grinch can do this by blocking balls from being thrown against their allied team, give their allied team the balls on the enemy side, and even grab the balls out of the opposing players' hands. The Grinch is invincible on the enemy side but only has 20 seconds to make chaos. The Grinch must then return to their home team as a regular player.

## ***Additional Rules & Ideas***

- If the Grinch is hit on their home team's side, the Grinch is out and cannot come back into the game.
- Emphasize before playing the game, that there is no physical contact between players.

### ***Equipment Needed***

- Dodgeballs – In general, we have found 7-inch dodgeballs work the best. [https://www.amazon.com/Champion-Sports-Rhino-Dodgeballs-Rainbow/dp/B0029VY4UA/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?ie=UTF8&qid=1511874755&sr=8-1-spons&keywords=dodgeballs&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/Champion-Sports-Rhino-Dodgeballs-Rainbow/dp/B0029VY4UA/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?ie=UTF8&qid=1511874755&sr=8-1-spons&keywords=dodgeballs&psc=1)
- Santa/Grinch Costume

### ***Suggested Group Size***

- 15-30 Players. If you have more players, you can add additional teams.

### ***Suggested Time***

- Each Round should last about 5 minutes, depending on the amount and skill of players.

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# Scribble Christmas

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## ***Instructions***

- Young people on each table should form a team, but can be played individually.
- Each team should choose who in their team is going to scribble a Christmas picture when it's their turn. If playing individually, the person that guesses the drawing correctly is the next scribbler.
- Each scribbler is given a Christmas picture to draw written on a card, while each team/individual has to guess as they scribble.
- The scribbler should only talk when the correct answer is given.
- A point is given to each team/person that guesses correctly.
- The team/person with the most points at the end is the winner, and should receive a prize (*optional*).

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# TV Guide Search

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## TV Guide Search (Karl)

***You will need:*** Enough of the same Christmas TV Guide's for each team, and search questions prepared in advance.

Each team is given a TV Guide, and the game host calls out a search question, in which the answer is somewhere in the Magazine.

When a team thinks they have found the answer, one of the team runs up to the game host with the answer, and if they are right, they get a point.

The winning team is the team with the most points.