

Kindergarten Christmas Directions ---READ ORANGE Sheet 1st ☺

Craft- (10 min) *Craft is not an option, please do it.*

Reindeer Antlers- Give each child antlers. Kids will decorate with simple foam stickers. Demonstrate how to peel back off stickers. Kids can decorate however they wish. If you have extra time, read a provided book or ask what each wants for Christmas.

Game Options- *You will not be able to do ALL of these! Pick your favorites, enjoy☺ All activities can be shortened or extended 5 minutes if needed.*

Decorate the Tree Toss (10 min)

- a. Divide kids into 3 groups for entire class or 2 groups if doing stations.
- b. Put students in 3 lines (or 2 lines if using station format)
- c. Give each group 2 bean bags, kids take turns throwing (decorations) bean bags onto tree.

Do a couple times regular & then have kids try tossing- under leg, backwards, eyes closed, hop 2 times before throwing, stand sideways, stand on one foot, turn around once & then throw, bend & throw between legs backwards – you can even move the target further away. *PLEASE demonstrate before each round.****

Holiday Bingo (10min)

- a. Give each student a bingo card & bingo chips. Briefly explain if they have the picture you pick, put a bingo chip on it. They want to get a row or line filled with the chips (most will know this already).

**The winners get a holiday stamp on their hand, ALL good bingo players, at the END can get a stamp on their hand too so that no one is sad.*

Hot Holiday (10 min) (hot potato) Have students sit in a circle, pass a holiday ornament around the circle, the child it stops on, stands up & says what they hope to get at Christmas (no one gets out). Once they get the hang of it, you can add a 2nd ornament so they have 2 being passed at a time. **Remind kids they must hand it gently to person beside them- no throwing.**

- Have one adult shake the maraca to use as music, face away from the kids (no cheating☺)

-You may use the music cd as music instead of the maraca, if teacher has a cd player.

Christmas Tree Walk (10 min) Divide kids in to 3 lines if doing whole class or 2 lines if doing stations. Kids must walk to designated point, turn around, and come back by ONLY stepping on 2 paper trees. **Don't fall off into the "forrest" (carpet ☺). Demonstrate how to step both feet on 1 tree then reach and move 2nd tree in front, then step on it. Make sure they don't use the paper trees like skates, should not slide, must take their time & step onto each one, 1 at a time.*

Stocking Stuffers (10 min)- Kids will try to guess what is in the stockings. Have kids pass the stockings, only 1 at a time around. Tell them to keep their guess in their head until everyone gets a chance to touch it. After everyone has felt the stocking, ask for volunteers to share guesses. Variation: divide kids into small groups and give each group a stocking to try to figure out. Remind kids the stockings don't open- Stop anyone from pulling them open ☺.

Stocking Answers: #1/#4 have marbles, #2/#5 have puzzles, #3 #6 have bows

Reindeer Pokey (hokey pokey) (5 min) **Do multiple times, kids will catch on & have more fun the more they do it.*

- a. Have kids stand in a large circle.

b. *Lead kids singing- You put your REINDEER HOVES (hands) in, take your REINDEER HOVES out, Put your REINDEER HOVES in and shake them all about, you do the REINDEER pokey & you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about – clap- clap **REPEAT using** -You put your REINDEER TOES IN (feet) REINDEER ANTLERS(head) – REINDEER TAIL IN(behind)- whole REINDEER IN (kids jump in & jump back)*

Silly Jingle Sticks (5 min)

You will need to ham it up! *Tell kids you have special magic shakers that can help you guess what they want to find in their stockings (kids should be seated for this). If they get loud, tell them the shakers work best when quiet. You shake the maraca over their head 1 at a time & make up silly things they **would NOT like to get.***

Examples: old shoes, empty toothpaste, green beans, dirty socks, coal, mud, rocks, bugs, broken crayons, candy bar wrapper, ½ eaten tootsie roll, crunched up chips, ½ rotten apple, pizza crust, soggy oatmeal...

Action Cards (5 min) Kids can stand in a circle or at their desks. Pick a card- kids act out what it says (remind them to stay in their own area and not be wild so no one gets hurt).

Rudolph Says (5 min) Simon Says- but say "Rudolph says". No kids get out, just continue to play.

Tinsel Talk (5 min) (old fashion telephone game) Adult whispers a short Christmas phrase to 1st child, then they whisper to the next person- continue. You can do 1 big circle of kids OR divide kids into 2 smaller circles and see which group comes closest to the original phrase. Examples- Silly Santa loves snow, Rudolph runs right, Ellie the Elf loves everyone...

Snack (10 min) – This should be the LAST 10 minutes of the party.

Time Filler Activities – Please do if there is time before snack. **Read Christmas Story Books that are provided in the party bag. **Make sure to return books to the party bags please.***