50 Little Christmas Activities

Grown-ups help choose age-appropriate materials and supervise scissors, food, heat, and small parts. Adapt every activity for your family.

Kindness paper chain

Bring: Paper strips, crayons, glue stick

Write or draw a helpful action on five strips. Loop the first strip and glue the ends. Thread each new strip through the last loop. Choose one action together each day.

Paper snowflake window

Bring: Paper, pencil, child-safe scissors

Fold a square in half twice. Draw small shapes along the folded sides. A grown-up can help cut them out. Open slowly and display on an indoor window with removable tape.

Cocoa-table conversation

Bring: Paper, pencil, mugs of a safe-temperature drink

Write five gentle questions such as “What made you smile?” Fold them into a bowl. Take turns choosing a question. Anyone may pass without answering.

Recycled gift tags

Bring: Clean cardboard, crayons, child-safe scissors

Trace small rectangles on recycled cardboard. Cut with help. Add simple stars or stripes. Write only the recipient's first name and attach to a family gift.

Five-senses winter window

Bring: Paper and crayons

Look through a window with a grown-up. Draw three things you see. Notice two sounds. Imagine how the air might feel. Keep observation indoors if the weather is unsafe.

A thank-you picture

Bring: Paper and coloring supplies

Think of someone who helped you. Draw the moment they made easier. Add a thank-you message. Let a grown-up decide how to share it without posting private details.

Indoor color hunt

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw red, green, gold, and white circles. Look around the room for one safe object matching each. Point or draw instead of moving fragile objects. Share your favorite discovery.

Paper ornament gallery

Bring: Paper, crayons, tape

Draw three large ornament outlines. Fill each with a different pattern. Cut out with adult help and tape to a wall or paper tree. Avoid hanging near flames or heaters.

Make a cozy bookmark

Bring: Card, crayons, ribbon drawn on paper

Cut a long rectangle with help. Decorate one side with a winter scene. Write a cheerful reading message on the other. Slip it into a favorite book.

Build a box village

Bring: Clean small boxes, paper, tape

Arrange empty boxes as houses. Draw doors and windows. Make paper paths between them. Give each building a friendly purpose, such as a library or quiet room.

Willow's gentle stretches

Bring: Clear indoor space

Pretend to reach antlers toward the sky. Lower your arms slowly. Take small marching steps. Rest whenever needed. A seated version works too; skip movements that hurt.

Snowflake breathing picture

Bring: Paper, crayon

Draw a snowflake with six long branches. Trace one branch while breathing comfortably in, then another while breathing out. Keep breathing natural. Stop if it feels uncomfortable.

Family memory page

Bring: Paper, crayons

Draw a favorite shared moment. Ask a grown-up to write a sentence about it. Leave out addresses and full names. Keep the page in a family folder.

Decorate a paper mitten

Bring: Paper and coloring supplies

Trace a large mitten shape. Divide it into three bands. Fill one with dots, one with stripes, and one with stars. Make a matching mitten or a completely different partner.

Christmas sound detective

Bring: Indoor household objects

Close your eyes only if comfortable. A grown-up gently jingles keys, crinkles paper, or taps a cup. Guess the sound. Switch roles and keep every sound soft.

Kindness coupons

Bring: Paper and crayons

Make three coupons offering a small helpful action. Choose jobs a grown-up approves. Decorate each coupon. Give it to someone in your household and honor it when asked.

Create a paper lantern

Bring: Paper, crayons, child-safe scissors, tape

Decorate a sheet. Fold and cut short slits with adult help, leaving an uncut border. Roll into a cylinder and tape. Use it as an unlit paper decoration; no candles or heat.

Toy rescue workshop

Bring: Washable toys, cloth, grown-up help

Choose one toy that needs care. Check with a grown-up before cleaning. Wipe suitable surfaces and organize any large pieces. Leave repairs and batteries to an adult.

Draw a silly sleigh

Bring: Paper and pencils

Invent a sleigh powered by laughter, clouds, or paper stars. Draw a safe seat for each passenger. Give it an imaginative name. Explain how it would work in a pretend story.

Indoor snowball target

Bring: Scrap paper and basket

Scrunch paper into soft balls. Set a basket nearby on the floor. Take gentle turns tossing toward it, away from faces and breakables. Move the basket closer whenever you like.

Share a winter story

Bring: A favorite book

Choose a short story together. Take turns reading or describing pictures. Pause to ask what a character might be feeling. There are no wrong answers when sharing ideas.

Make a paper wreath

Bring: Paper, crayons, glue stick

Draw a large ring on paper. Add leaf shapes around it. Color a bow at the bottom. Keep it flat, or cut out with adult help for an indoor door decoration.

Snow globe drawing

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw a big circle above a small base. Put an imaginary winter scene inside. Add snow dots around the scene. Write a title beneath the base.

Pip's pattern challenge

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw a row of star, dot, star, dot. Ask someone what comes next. Invent two more patterns using shapes or colors. Trade pages and complete each other's rows.

Family kindness jar

Bring: An unbreakable container, paper

Decorate a safe container with paper. Add slips describing kind actions you noticed. Read a few together at the end of the week. Avoid ranking or comparing people.

Design a welcome mat

Bring: Paper and markers

Draw a rectangle. Add a welcoming word or picture in the middle. Decorate the border with a repeating pattern. Display it on a wall, not the floor where someone could slip.

Gift-wrap rubbing art

Bring: Paper, crayons, textured safe objects

Place paper over a textured mat or leaf. Rub gently with the side of a crayon. Try two textures. Use the decorated sheet as pretend wrapping or a gift tag.

A quiet winter minute

Bring: A comfortable safe spot

Sit however you feel comfortable. Notice one color and one gentle sound. Think of someone you appreciate. Share your thought or keep it private.

Santa's sorting table

Bring: Large safe household items

Gather six large objects with adult permission. Sort by color, shape, or use. Explain your rule. Mix them and let someone choose a new way to sort. Avoid small choking hazards.

Build a cushion reading nook

Bring: Cushions and books

Ask a grown-up to choose a safe open corner. Arrange cushions without covering heaters or blocking doors. Bring a book and a blanket. Leave any climbing or heavy furniture out.

Christmas charades

Bring: Paper and pencil

Write actions such as tying a bow or reading a book. Pick one and act without speaking. Others guess. Skip any action you do not want to perform.

The thankful alphabet

Bring: Paper and pencil

Choose five letters of the alphabet. Think of something you appreciate beginning with each. Draw it or ask for help writing. Inventing an answer together is part of the fun.

A paper postcard for Santa

Bring: Card and crayons

Draw a favorite moment on one side of a card. Write a short greeting on the other. Keep addresses off the activity page. A grown-up decides whether and how it is mailed.

Reindeer story dice

Bring: Six numbered paper cards

Label six cards with a place, friend, object, problem, kindness, and ending. Pick cards in any order. Tell a pretend adventure using each idea. Change the ending together.

The helpful explorer map

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw an imaginary village. Add a place to rest, a place to read, and a place to help. Connect them with paths. This is a pretend map; leave out your home address.

Family song rhythm

Bring: Hands or a tabletop

Choose a lyric sheet. Tap a slow, gentle rhythm with fingers. Read the words together. Try a different rhythm and notice how it changes the mood. Keep volume comfortable.

Decorate a paper cup sleeve

Bring: Paper, crayons, adult help

Trace a rectangle sized around an empty cool cup. Decorate it, then tape the paper to itself. Use for pretend cocoa play. A grown-up handles real hot drinks separately.

Snowman shape collage

Bring: Paper, glue stick, child-safe scissors

Draw three circles and a triangle. Cut with help and arrange a snowman. Add paper buttons, scarf, and hat. Use large paper pieces instead of small loose decorations.

The kindness interview

Bring: Paper and pencil

Ask a family member about someone who helped them. Listen without rushing. Draw the moment they describe. Ask permission before sharing their story with anyone else.

Make a holiday menu

Bring: Paper and crayons

Design an imaginary meal for Santa and friends. Draw foods you enjoy. Include water and a comfortable place for everyone. Any real food preparation needs grown-up help and allergy checks.

A paper patchwork quilt

Bring: Paper squares, crayons, glue

Give each person a large paper square. Decorate with a favorite pattern. Arrange the squares on a larger sheet. Glue into one picture celebrating everyone's different designs.

Winter would-you-rather

Bring: Two paper signs

Make signs for two gentle choices, such as snowy walk or cozy story. Point to your choice. Explain if you want, then invent another pair. Nobody needs to agree.

Draw the missing half

Bring: Paper and pencil

Draw half a tree or ornament beside a center line. Invite someone to complete the other half. Compare details and celebrate differences. Swap roles with a new shape.

Make a kindness badge

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw a big badge shape. Add a picture representing helping, listening, or sharing. Decorate the edges and display on paper. Avoid pins or cords for young children.

Memory tray game

Bring: Six large safe objects, cloth

Look at the objects for a short moment. A grown-up covers the tray and removes one. Uncover it and guess what changed. Use fewer objects whenever helpful.

The ribbon-free bow

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw two large loops and a center circle. Color the loops in different patterns. Add drawn ribbon tails. Turn the page into a festive card with no loose strings.

Winter comic strip

Bring: Paper and pencils

Divide a page into four boxes. Draw Pip finding a problem, asking for help, trying an idea, and celebrating. Add speech bubbles or tell the story aloud.

Our family tradition wheel

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw a large circle with four sections. Fill them with a food, story, activity, and quiet moment your family enjoys. Use it to choose an easy evening together.

A promise to the planet

Bring: Paper, clean recycling, grown-up help

Sort a few safe clean items using your local rules with an adult. Choose one way to reuse paper. Draw your idea on a reminder card. Leave sharp, dirty, or hazardous items to grown-ups.

A goodnight gratitude star

Bring: Paper and crayons

Draw a large star. Add one happy moment, one helpful person, and one hope for tomorrow. Read it quietly or share with someone you trust. Keep it beside a favorite book.