

Christmas Eve Box

A Christmas game, activity book and 30 piece puzzle set

Christmas Chefs Game

Santa Claus and friends are making lots of delicious desserts for Christmas dinner! Mrs Claus is making a trifle, the cheeky elf is baking some tasty gingerbread people, the snowman is cooking some yummy mince pies and Santa is making a yule log. Who will make their dessert first?

For this game you will need:

4 chef boards, 4 tray cards, 4 dessert cards, 24 ingredient/utensil/decoration cards, 1 spinner board, 1 two-part spinner arrow (separate the plastic arrow from the base and attach to the spinner board)

Setting up

- Each player chooses a Christmas chef board.
- Shuffle the square ingredient/utensil/decoration cards and spread them face down on the table.
- Place the tray and dessert cards to one side.
- Assemble the spinner and place it where everyone can reach it.

Object

To be the first player to collect all the items on your board, pick up a tray and 'make' your dessert.

To play

- The youngest player begins by turning over a square card.
- If the item on the card is on your chef board, place the card over the matching picture. If the card is not shown on your board, return it to the table, face down. Play passes to the next player.
- When you have filled your board, on your next turn, spin the spinner. If the spinner points to a tray, place the matching coloured tray in your chef's hands. If the spinner does not point to a tray, play passes to the next player.
- Once you have collected a tray, you must also 'make' your Christmas dessert. On your next turn, spin the spinner again. If the spinner points to an elf at the table, your dessert is ready and you can take the dessert card that matches your board and place it on your tray to win the game. If the spinner does not point to an elf at the table, play passes to the next player.
- N.B. Players may continue to play after the first player has finished, to see who comes second and third, etc.

The winner

The winner is the first player to collect all the items on their board, pick up a serving tray and 'make' their dessert.

Santa's Workshop Jigsaw Puzzle

For this activity you will need:

30 jigsaw pieces with red backing

Once the jigsaw puzzle is complete, use the fun learning guide below to promote discussion and encourage observation:

Promote imaginative play

- **What** do you like most about Christmas?
- **Where** is the elf in the plane flying to?
- **What** is on your Christmas list?
- **Why** do you think there is a ladder?
- **How long** do you think it takes to put all of the presents in Santa's sleigh?
- **What** do you leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve?

Encourage observation

- **Can you see** a grumpy elf with a beard?
- **Can you spot** a robot?
- **What** is the elf painting on the dollhouse?

Discuss colour and shape

- **What** colour is Rudolph's nose?
- **What** different colours are the lights hanging from the ceiling?
- **Can you see** anything with stars on?

Reinforce counting skills

- **How many** elves can you count?
- **Can you count** the reindeers?
- **How many** gingerbread people can you see?

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