Christmas Eve Box
A festive game and puzzle set

Christmas List Game

For this game you will need:
4 Christmas stocking boards, 4 Christmas list boards and 24 item cards, all with blue backing.

Setting up
- Each player chooses a Christmas stocking board and a Christmas list board and places both in front of them.
- Shuffle the item cards and spread them face down on the table.

Object
To be the first player to fill their Christmas stocking with all the items on their Christmas list.

To play
- Take turns to turn over one of the item cards.
- If the card matches an item on your Christmas list, add it to your Christmas stocking board.
- If the item is not on your Christmas list, show the card to the other players and return it, face down, to the table. Play passes to the next player.

The winner
The winner is the first player to fill their Christmas stocking with all the items on their Christmas list.

Christmas Eve Jigsaw Puzzle

For this activity you will need:
20 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 think the cat would like for Christmas?
- **How** does Father Christmas get to your house?
- **What** do you like most about Christmas?

Encourage observation
- **Can you see** some Christmas decorations?
- **Can you spot** the moon?
- **Can you find** a dinosaur toy?

Discuss colour and shape
- **Can you find** something round?
- **What** colour is Father Christmas' suit?
- **What** shape are the windows in the house?
- **Can you spot** something pink?

Reinforce counting skills
- **How many** reindeer are on the roof of the house?
- **Can you count** the bows on the Christmas tree?
- **How many** stockings are hanging on the fireplace?
- **Can you find** two stars?

Extra Fun!
Once the jigsaw puzzle is complete, use the item cards from the Christmas List game in a fun activity to promote observation and discussion. Take each item card and see if you can spot it in the Christmas jigsaw scene.

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