



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

America's official national Christmas tree is located in King's Canyon, Ca.. It is a Giant Sequoia over 300 feet tall and is known as "The General Grant Tree". The General Grant became our official tree in 1925.

Many believe the busiest shopping day of the year is the Friday after Thanksgiving. It is NOT. The busiest days are the Friday and Saturday before Christmas.

Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday in 1836.

Americans buy 37.1 million real trees each Christmas.

Although commercial cards were not yet available in 1822, so many people were sending home made Christmas cards that the postmaster of Washington D.C. had to hire 16 extra mailmen for the city.

Oregon is the leading producer of Christmas trees.

Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called "wassailing", toasting neighbors to a long and happy life.

Christmas trees are edible! Many parts of pine, spruce, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine cones and pine nuts are also a source of good nutrition.

During the Christmas buying season, the Visa card alone is used 5,340 times every minute in the U.S.

Frankincense is a sweet smelling gum resin derived from trees. It is burned as incense.

Franklin Pierce was the first US president to decorate an official White House tree.

There are two Christmas Islands; one in the Pacific and one in the Indian Ocean.

Hallmark introduced its first Christmas cards in 1915.

It is estimated that 400,000 people become sick each year from eating tainted Christmas leftovers.

More than three billion Christmas cards are sent annually in the US

On Christmas Day, 1989, Eastern Europe was permitted to celebrate Christmas freely and openly for the first time in decades. Church masses were broadcast live for the first time in history!

Mistletoe was once believed to have magical powers, healing wounds and increasing fertility. Early Britons believed it so sacred that it had to be cut only with a golden sickle.

Silent Night was written in one night by an Austrian priest. He was told the day before Christmas that the organ was broken so he wrote a song that could be sung to guitar music.

St. Nicholas was a bishop in Turkey. It was the Dutch who made him into a giver of Christmas gifts and it was the Dutch who brought him to America where he eventually became Santa Clause.

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Christmas Quiz

1. Jacob Marley
2. Bob Crachit
3. Button
4. Parson Brown
5. Mommy
6. Nicholas
7. Eight
8. Scrooge
9. Two front teeth
10. Frosty the snowman
11. Four golden rings
12. Fanny Bright
13. A Christmas Carol

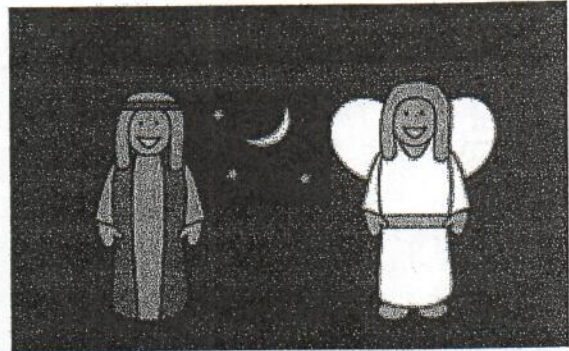
Christmas word jumble

1. star
2. Dancer
3. Scrooge
4. Rudolph
5. present
6. Friends
7. Carols
8. Feast
9. Evergreen
10. peace
11. Family
12. Blitzen
13. Gingerbread
14. Snow
15. Sleigh
16. Donder
17. Eggnog
18. Children
19. Frosty
20. Cards

♥ The Christmas Story ♥

Long ago, about 2000 years, when King Herod ruled Judea (now part of Israel), God sent the angel Gabriel to a young women who lived in the northern town of Nazareth. The girl's name was Mary and she was engaged to marry Joseph.

The angel Gabriel said to Mary: 'Peace be with you! God has blessed you and is pleased with you.' Mary was very surprised by this and wondered what the angel meant. The angel said to her 'Don't be afraid, God has been very kind to you. You will become pregnant

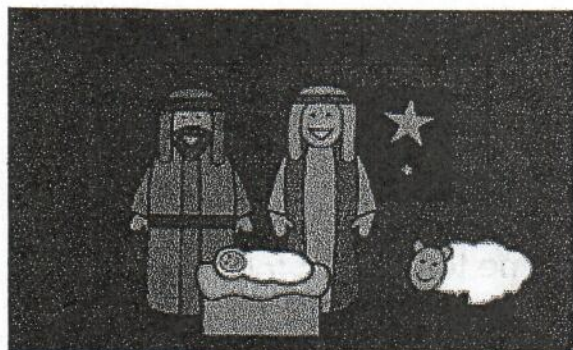


by the Holy Spirit and give birth to a baby boy and you will call him Jesus. He will be God's own Son and his kingdom will never end.' Mary was very afraid but she trusted God. 'Let it happen as God chooses.' She replied to the angel. Gabriel also told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth who everyone thought was too old to have children, would have a baby boy whom God had chosen to prepare the way for Jesus.

Mary said goodbye to her family and friends and went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah. Elizabeth was very happy to see Mary. She knew that Mary had been chosen by God to be the mother of his Son. An angel had already told Zechariah that Elizabeth's baby would prepare people to welcome Jesus. He was to be called John. Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned home to Nazareth.

Joseph was worried when he found out that Mary was expecting a baby before their marriage had taken place. He wondered if he should put off the wedding altogether. Then an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: 'Don't be afraid to have Mary as your wife.' The angel explained that Mary had been chosen by God to be the mother of his Son and told Joseph that the baby would be named Jesus which means 'Saviour' because he would save people. When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel had told him to do and took Mary as his wife.

At this time, the land where Mary and Joseph lived was part of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor Augustus wanted to have a list of all the people in the empire, to make sure they paid their taxes. He ordered everyone to return to the town where their families originally came from, and enter their names in a register (or census) there. Mary and Joseph travelled a long way (about 70 miles) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, because that is where Joseph's family came from. Most people walked but some lucky people had a donkey to help carry the goods needed for the journey. Joseph and Mary travelled very slowly because Mary's baby was due to be born soon.

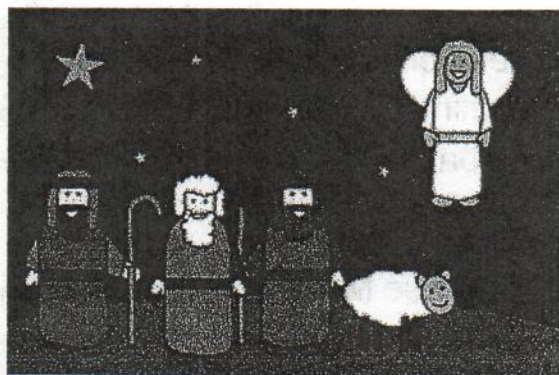


When they reached Bethlehem they had problems finding somewhere to stay. So many people had come to register their names in the census, that every house was full and every bed was taken in all of the Inns. The only shelter that they could was a stable or cave with the animals. In this poor place Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God. In those days it was the custom to

wrap newborn babies tightly in a long cloth called 'swaddling clothes'. Jesus' bed was the manger that the animals ate their hay from.

In the hills and fields outside Bethlehem, shepherds looked after their sheep through the long night. As the new day began, suddenly an angel appeared before them and the glory of God shone around them. The shepherds were very, very scared, but the angel said, 'Don't be afraid. I have good news for you and everyone. Today in Bethlehem a Saviour has been born for you. You will find the baby lying in a manger.'

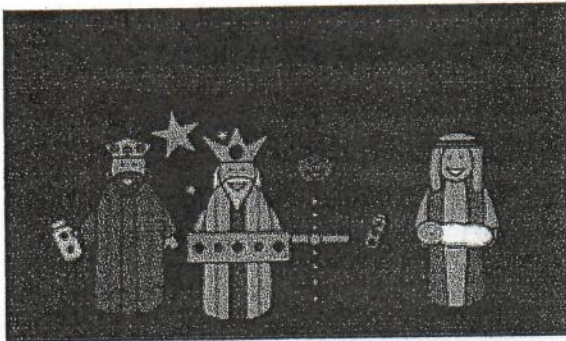
Then many more angels appeared, lighting up the sky. The shepherds heard them praising God singing: 'Glory to God in highest, and peace to everyone on earth.' When the angels had gone the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem to see what has happened.' So the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph. The baby Jesus was lying in a



manger as they had been told. When they saw him, they told everyone what the angel had said and everyone who heard the story were astonished. Then the shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for sending his Son to be their Saviour.

When Jesus was born, a brand new bright star appeared in sky. Some Wise Men in faraway countries saw the star and guessed what it meant. They were very clever men that studied the stars and had read in very old writings that a new star would appear when a great king was born. They set out to find the new king and bring him gifts.

The Wise Men followed the star towards the country of Judea and when they got to the capital called Jerusalem they began to ask people: 'Where is the child who is born to be king of the Jews?' Herod, the king of Judea, heard this and it made him very angry to think that someone might be going to take his place as king. Herod sent for the Wise Men to come to him. He told them to go on following the star until they had found the baby king. He said: 'When you have found him, let me know where he is, so that I can go and worship him.'. But Herod did not tell them that he really had an evil plan in mind to kill the new king.



The Wise Men followed the star towards Bethlehem (where it said that the king would be born in the old writings). It seemed to stop and shine directly down upon the place where Jesus was.

The Wise Men entered the house where they now lived and found Jesus with Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him. The

Wise Men spread the the gifts they had brought before Jesus. The gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Wise Men were warned in a dream, by God, not to go back to Herod. So they returned home to their countries in the East by a different way.

When the Wise Men had gone, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' the angel said, 'take Jesus and Mary and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for Jesus to kill him.' So Joseph got up,

took Jesus and Mary during the night they left for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod died.

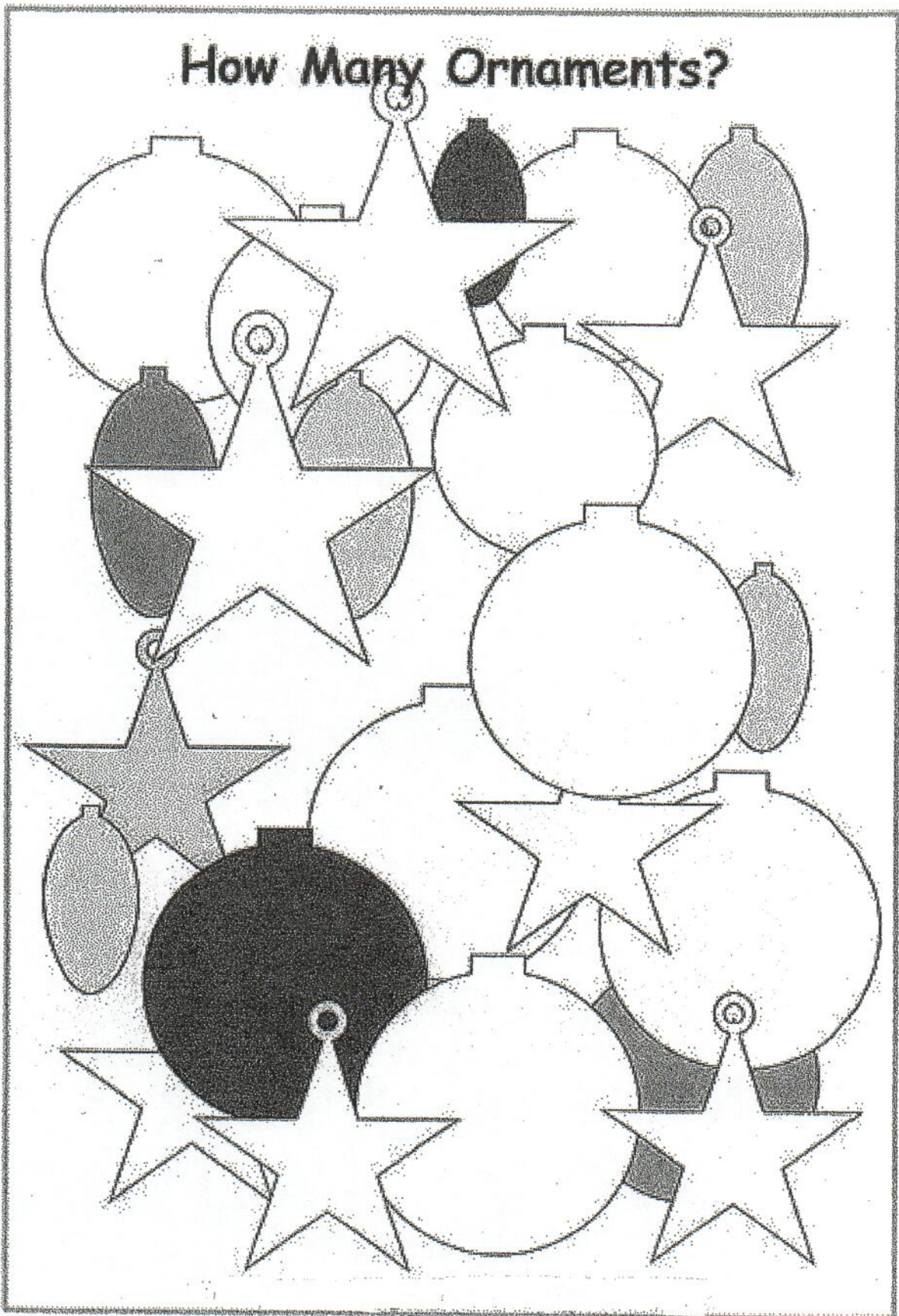
When Herod realized that he had been tricked by the Wise Men, he was furious and he gave orders to kill all the boys aged two or younger in Bethlehem and the surrounding area. This was to try and kill the new King, as his plan to find the location of the new king from the Wise Men had failed.

After Herod had died, Joseph had another dream in which an angel appeared to him. The angel said, 'Get up, take Jesus and Mary and go back to Israel, for those who were trying kill Jesus are dead.'

So Joseph got up, took Jesus and Mary and they went back to Israel. But when he heard that Herod's son was now king of Judea, he was afraid to go there. So instead they went to Galilee, and lived in their old town of Nazareth.



How Many Ornaments?



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

In Germany, Christmas itself is not as important as advent. Most homes share in the advent calendar activities. Christmas trees are decorated by mother on Christmas Eve and children write to the Christ child for gifts. German Christmas markets are world famous with hundreds of food items and decorations largely made of glass.

Sweden celebrates St. Lucia Day on Dec. 13th with more traditional activities than Christmas. The main holiday meal is served on Christmas Eve with many meats, cheeses, pickles, and breads. On Christmas Eve over 50% of the population watches a time-honored Disney special starring Donald Duck!

“I heard a bird sing in the dark of December,
A magical thing and sweet to remember.
We are nearer to spring than we were in September,
I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.”

Oliver Herford

“How did it get so late so soon?
It’s night before it’s afternoon!
December is here before it’s June.
My goodness, how the time has flown.

How did it get so late so soon?”

Dr. Seuss

“It’s too early. I never eat December snow
Flakes. I always wait until January.”

Lucy

What is Kwanzaa ?

Kwanzaa is a holiday celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Its first celebration was held in 1966 when it was first developed by an African-American who wanted a holiday that included the African heritage.

Kwanzaa is celebrated by African-Americans and African-Canadians. It is not a holiday that came from the continent of Africa.

The time of celebration is spent in feasting and in worship and culminates with gift giving.

What is cat herders day?

This could also be known as "chicken herders" day. It is a day to celebrate anyone who has a job riding herd on hard to manage components, like young children, an untrained crew, a flock of chickens, or alley cats, an unwieldy machine, etc..

ANCESTRAL YULE

Yule is when the dark half of the year

Relinquishes to the light half.

Starting the next morning at sunrise

The sun climbs just a little higher

And stays a little longer in the sky each day;

Known as Solstice Night

Or the longest night of the year.

Much celebrating was had as ancestors

Awaited the birth of Oak King, the Sun King,

The Giver of Life that warmed the frozen earth

And made her bear fruit from seeds

Protected through the fall and winter,

In her womb.

Bonfires were lit in fields and crops and trees

Were "wassailed" with toasts of

Cider.

CRAZY FOR COOKIES !

Americans consume over 2 billion cookies a year or about 300 cookies each.

The average American eats 35,000 cookies in a lifetime.

Half the cookies baked in America are chocolate chip.

The biggest cookie on record was 102 feet wide and weighed 40,000 pounds!!

Animal crackers were the first cookie to be mass produced. It happened in 1902

Americans spend \$550 million a year on Oreo cookies.

Queen Elizabeth 1 is the first to cut shapes of men from ginger dough (gingerbread men!)

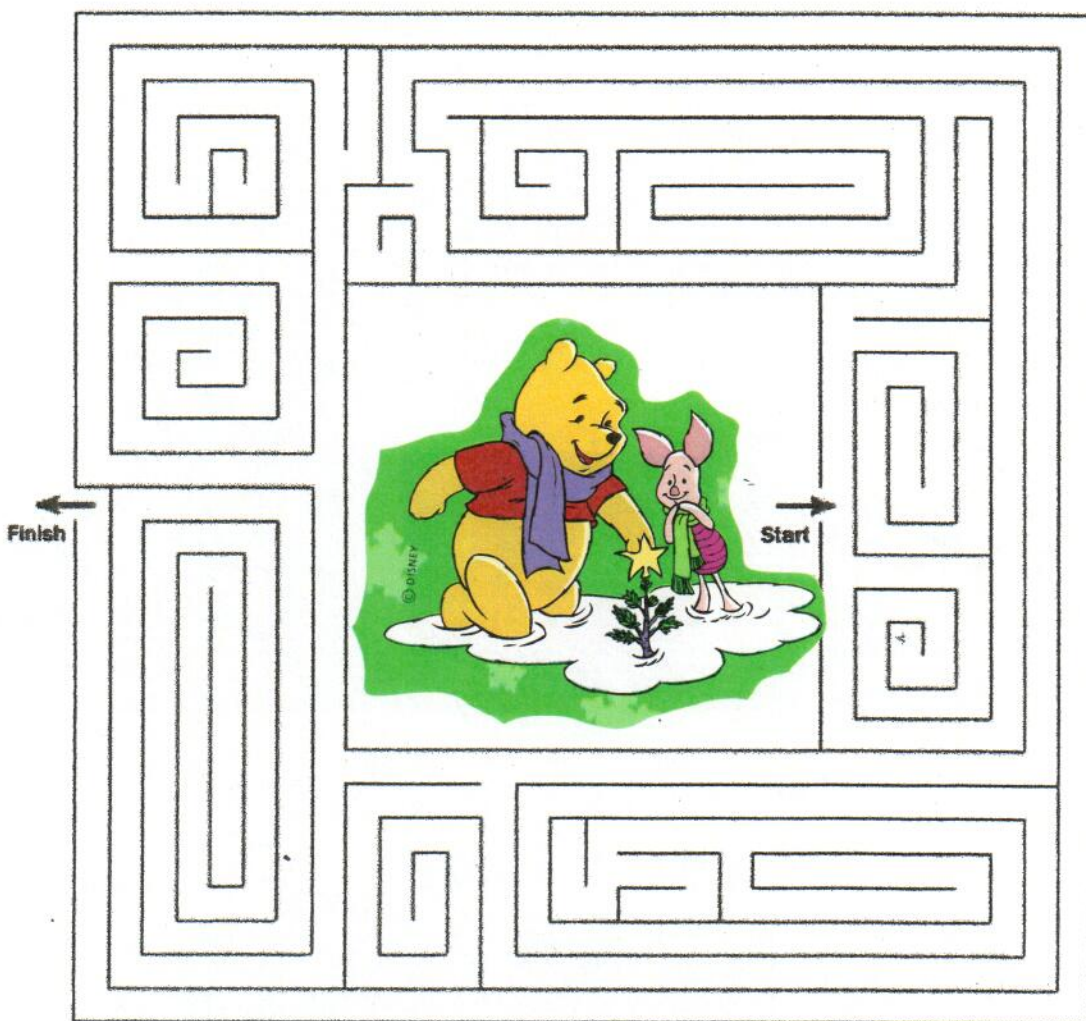
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Mexico celebrates Christmas Dec. 12 through Jan. 6th. During this time there are 9 processions of children going door to door, singing. On the last of the 9 processions, the children are invited into the house for a party. Nativity scenes are more popular than trees. Gifts arrive on Christmas Eve or Epiphany when everyone eats 3 King Cake!

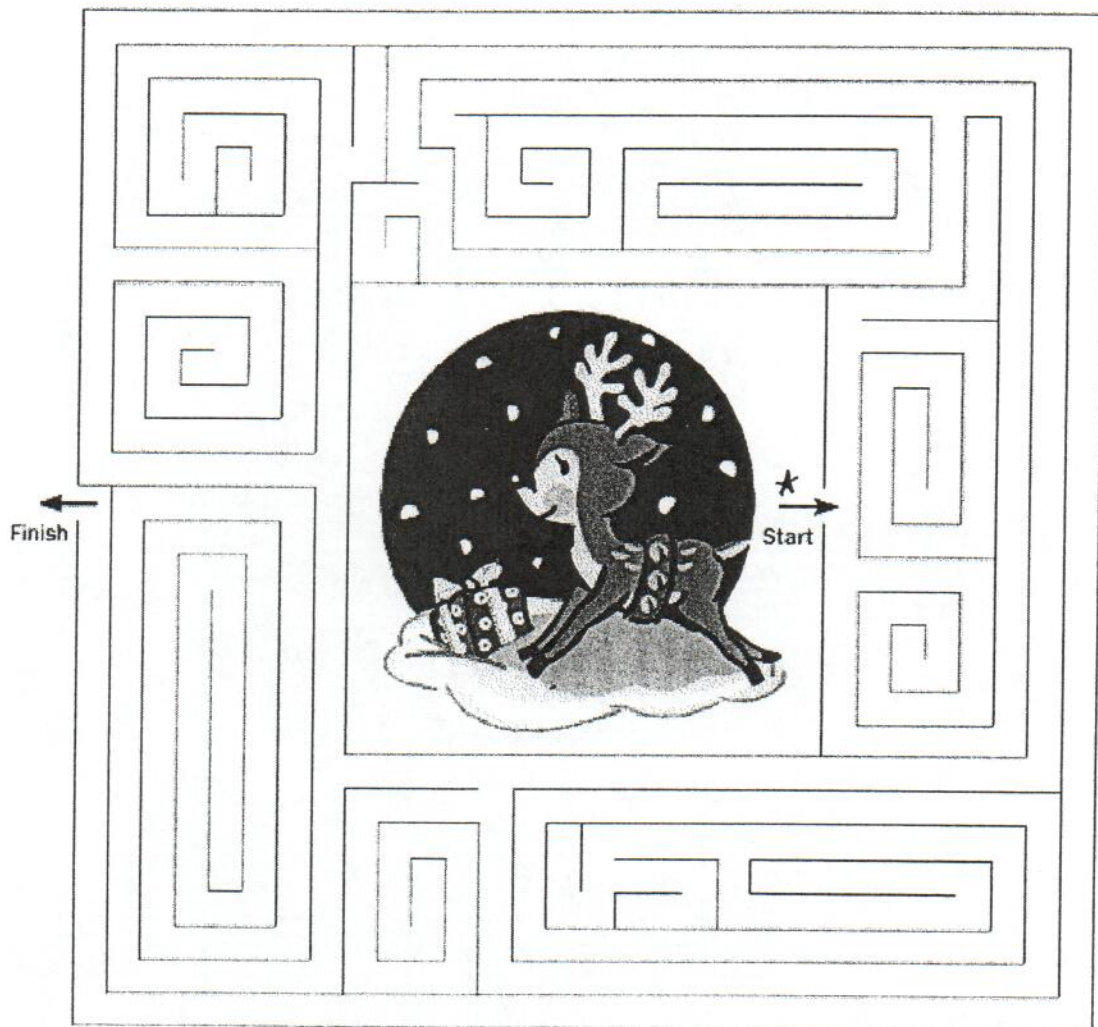
Christmas is not widely celebrated in Japan as there are few Christians living in there. Christmas Eve is thought of as a romantic day when couples exchange gifts. Sponge cake is the traditional treat and fried chicken is the Christmas meal of choice. Japanese New Year's is more like our traditional Christmas with gifts, feasts, and fireworks.

"GOD JUL" "FELIZ NAVIDAD" "FROHE
WEIHNACHTEN"

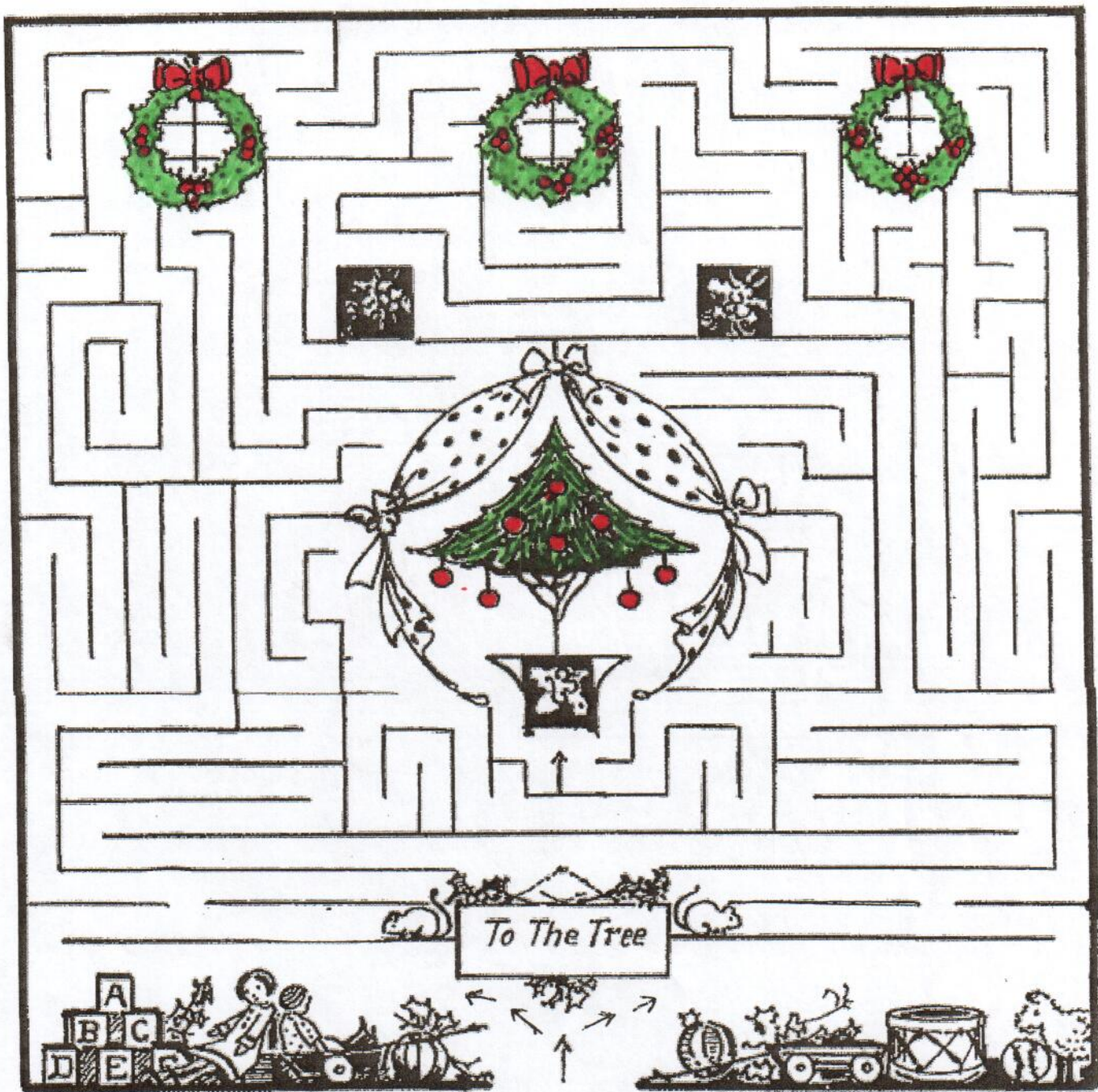
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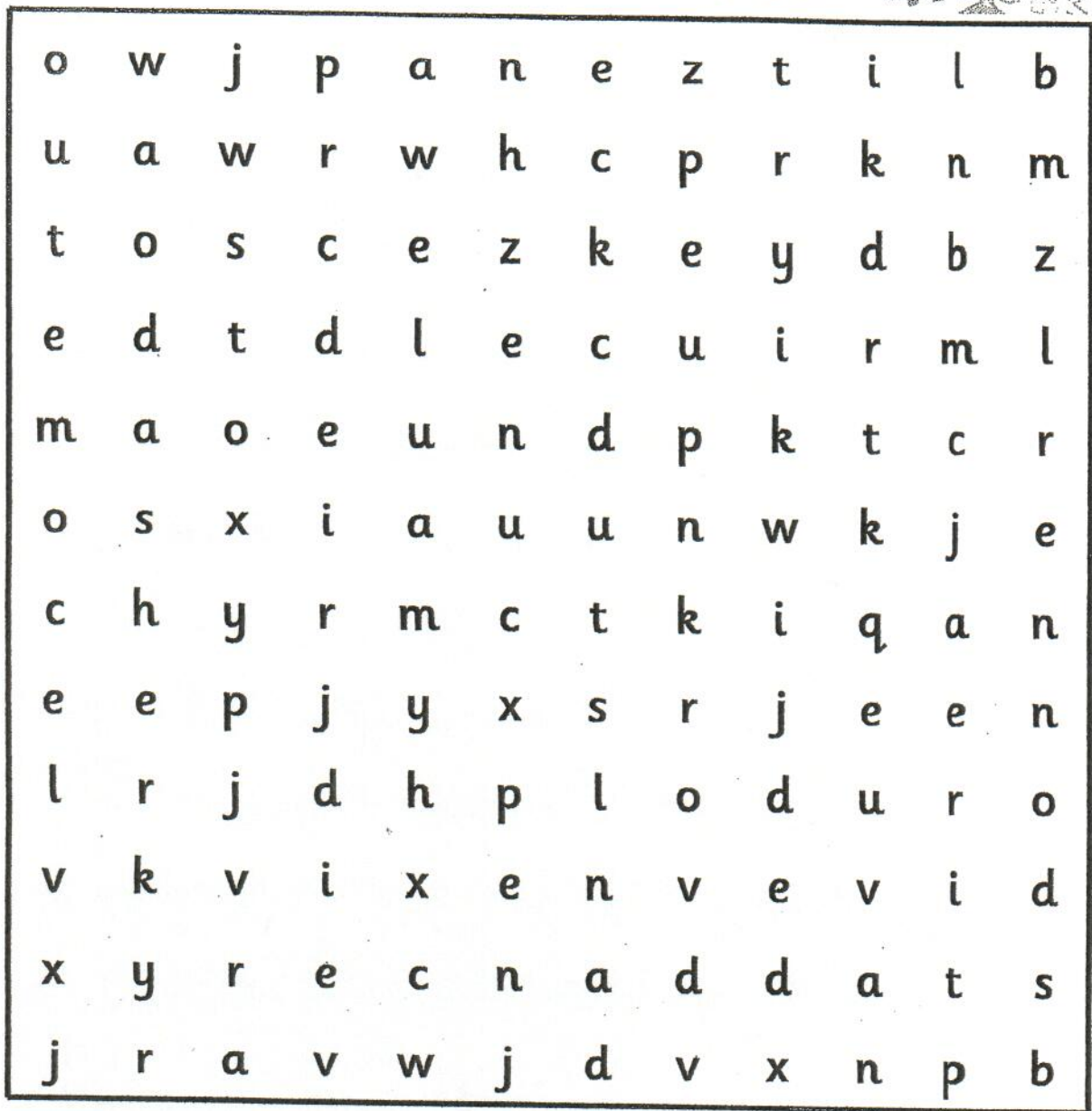
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 T S L N S C R N N E P
 N U S L S A K H A R H
 A S L O R A C I C P O
 S L L E B E L G N I J
 O I U Y J M W N E G M

Baby Jesus
 Candy Cane
 Carols
 Christmas
 Jingle Bells
 Ornament
 Presents

Reindeer
 Rudolph
 Santa Claus
 Snowman
 Stocking
 Wreath



Santa's Reindeer



Blitzen

Comet

Cupid

Dasher

Donner

Prancer

reindeer

Rudolph

Vixen

Dancer



Christmas word search



Words can go across and down only.
Words may overlap but do not share letters.

r c i v y w a d v e n t d b k
e h p s n o w m a n r w e q t
l r h c t l t n l t u z c x b
v i o a m l p b j p d t e t n
e s l r m e r r y e o n m p d
s t l o r h p r h a l l b n s
j m y l p m p z h c p p e l t
o a t s k l v z y e h g r m o
y s d t m z n m f t o y s r c
s c b r t n o r t h p o l e k
l m k e w f k t s a n t a y i
e j f e b r l s n o w r m v n
i n r e i n d e e r y x f d g
g f j i n g l e b e l l s y k
h r n t i n s e l w d s t a r

advent
carols
christmas
december
elves
holly

ivy
jingle bells
joy
merry
north pole
peace

reindeer
rudolph
santa
sleigh
snow
snowman

star
stocking
tinsel
toys
tree



Christmas Fun

P F O C P P M B Q C Q L B D C
E V E R H R M A Z T K O U E A
P T B E O N S I Y W W O K U R
H E A S S P E T E S W A B T D
F M O F A A N Z A Y C Z A M S
E O W G F E T S T T Z Q E R W
S C Q R S P Q N I I H H N W V
T N F E Z T X U A E L Y X P K
I B R C Y N R Z P S I B X T D
V P N N G F Q I D O L U R D A
A A W A Z R P J N K H E R E B
L Y S D D C O C P P E N H O D
N M B C O O K I E S M I G F E
N T I N S E L Z N Y Q B O C Y
S K Y D B X Z U P S Y O T O X



BLITZEN
BOWS
CARDS
COMET
COOKIES
DANCER
EVE
FESTIVAL

FRUITCAKE
PIPE
PRESENT
SANTA
TINSEL
TOYS
TREE



DECEMBER

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

P S T H G I L P D E
O A C I S U M R C E
I O F W R E A T H D
N N A E G C J E O F
S Y M L A I R O R T
E D I D H E F I Y G
T N L N O O E T D W
T A Y A I N L R L T
I C O C D W A R T D
A A L S L P E A C E



Candle

Candy

Card

Family

Food

Friends

Gift

Joy

Lights

Music

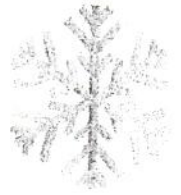
Peace

Poinsettia

Tree

Wreath

Wintry Words



D	F	L	A	N	N	E	L	T	C	Y	F	O	F	E
Z	R	D	S	T	W	F	N	O	G	R	K	G	I	L
Y	C	A	S	F	L	O	M	R	O	E	S	M	R	F
Y	R	U	Z	E	F	F	O	B	N	T	N	I	E	F
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N	A	G	G	O	B	O	T	P	S	E	L	I	P	C

Look for words related to winter. They may be spelled forward, backward, downward, upward, or diagonally.

- BLIZZARD
- BLUSTERY
- BOOTS
- COMFORTER
- DRAFTY
- DREARY
- EARMUFFS

- EGGNOG
- FIREPLACE
- FLANNEL
- FLEECE
- FLURRIES
- GUST
- MITTENS

- SKI
- SNIFFLE
- SNOWBALL
- TOBOGGAN



The Language of December

Unscramble the following words

lioHyad

loCd

steaF

rafSc

liperpSy

oCaoc

uitrFkeac

eslniT

Slehov

kosoCie

loveGs

alimFy

tensPers

gogEng

Do you know your carols? In what song would you find these lyrics ? (Answers on last page.)

1. "Round yon virgin mother and child..."

Jingle Bells / Silent Night / We Three Kings

2. "And heaven and nature sing..."

Away in the Manger / Joy to the World / White Christmas

3. "Tis the season to be jolly..."

Jingle Bells / While Shepherds Watched / Deck the Halls

4. "God and sinners reconciled..."

Hark the Herald Angels / First Noel / Come All Ye Faithful

5. "Joyful and triumphant..."

Joy to the World / O Come All Ye Faithful / Ave Maria

6. "Looked down where He lay...."

The First Noel / Away in the Manger / Jingle Bells

7. "Bearing gifts we traverse afar..."

Silent Night / Sleigh Ride / We Three Kings

8. "Somebody snitched on me ..."

Nuttin' for Christmas / Silver Bells / Joy to the World

The language of December; Answers

1. Holiday
2. Cold
3. Feast
4. Scarf
5. Slippery
6. Cocoa
7. Fruitcake
8. Tinsel
9. Shovel
10. Cookies
11. Gloves
12. Family
13. Presents
14. Eggnog

Christmas Carol Quiz

1. Silent Night
2. Joy to the World
3. Deck the Halls
4. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
5. O Come All Ye Faithful
6. Away in a Manger
7. We Three Kings
8. Nuttin' for Christmas

Christmas Fun Word Jumble # 1

Unscramble the letters to form a word associated with Christmas fun.

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|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. SRAT | _____ | 11. MIYALF | _____ |
| 2. ACENRD | _____ | 12. ELNTIZB | _____ |
| 3. CSEROGO | _____ | 13. AGGIERNEDBR | _____ |
| 4. RLHPDOU | _____ | 14. ONSW | _____ |
| 5. RNEPSTE | _____ | 15. IHSGEL | _____ |
| 6. DIFNSER | _____ | 16. OERDND | _____ |
| 7. COLRSA | _____ | 17. OGGGEN | _____ |
| 8. TEASF | _____ | 18. CDNIRLHE | _____ |
| 9. ERGNEREEV | _____ | 19. ROFYTS | _____ |
| 10. EPAEC | _____ | 20. ASDRC | _____ |

Blitzen
cards
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gingerbread
peace
present

Rudolph
Scrooge
sleigh
snow
star

Christmas Fun Word Jumble # 2

Unscramble the letters to form a word associated with Christmas fun.

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|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. AEDSCNL | _____ | 11. EOGRC SO | _____ |
| 2. EICNYHM | _____ | 12. IGIN DTS | _____ |
| 3. SOIECKO | _____ | 13. RATIODINT | _____ |
| 4. RPRNCEA | _____ | 14. IDNLCHRE | _____ |
| 5. VTEALISF | _____ | 15. TDYLEUEI | _____ |
| 6. NITESOTIAP | _____ | 16. AISONDTROEC | _____ |
| 7. ULODRPH | _____ | 17. RADNALG | _____ |
| 8. EVRENRGEE | _____ | 18. RTNMOAEN | _____ |
| 9. RTUCAKIEF | _____ | 19. KPRWOOHS | _____ |
| 10. SKNCTOGI | _____ | 20. EEDERRIN | _____ |

candles
children
chimney
cookies
decorations

evergreen
festival
fruitcake
garland
ornament

poinsettia
Prancer
reindeer
Rudolph
Scrooge

stocking
tidings
tradition
workshop
yuletide

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Word Jumble #1

Star	Family
Dancer	Blitzen
Scrooge	Gingerbread
Rudolph	Snow
Present	Sleigh
Friends	Donder
Carols	Eggnog
Feats	Children
Evergreen	Frosty
Peace	Cards

WORD JUMBLE #2

Candles	Scrooge
Chimney	Tidings
Cookies	Tradition
Prance	Children
Festival	Yuletide
Poinsettia	Decoration
Rudolph	Garland
Evergreen	Ornament
Fruitcake	Workshop
Stocking	Reindeer

WINTER SOLSTICE

What's the big deal about the winter solstice? This is the day when the sun is at its southern most point. Which means, every day thereafter, the sun will be returning to the north!

Saturday, December 21 is winter solstice day. This is the shortest day of our year; the true beginning of winter yet also the last day of the retreating sun. December 22, the sun begins its journey back north, the nights become shorter, and we begin our journey to spring!

Winter solstice has been a day of world-wide celebrations for hundreds of years. In very early celebrations it was known as "YULE" and the longest night of the year was filled with parties and revelry in honor of the returning sun. There were bonfires and the fields and crops and trees were toasted, or "WASSAILED" with drinks of cider.

Today many countries and cities continue to have solstice celebrations, including cities in America. It's just another good reason to warm winter with drinks, food, and laughter.

HALCYON DAYS

“Halcyon is pronounced hal-see-on

Halcyon was the ancient Greek word for kingfisher. It was believed the kingfisher had the power to calm the sea thus providing for safe travel on tranquil waters. The word halcyon came to represent a time of calm, peace, and prosperity. The Halcyon Days are traditionally seven days before the winter solstice and seven days after the solstice.

Since the winter solstice is Dec. 21, the days of Dec. 14 through Dec. 28, the halcyon days, should provide fair weather.

Watch your calendar and decide how well the ancient Greeks predicted ND December weather!

Answer Key

UJSSE J E S U S
13
 RAMENG M A N G E R
7
 BTLHEEEM B E T H L E H E M
11
 YRMA M A R Y
1
 EIEERPNNK I N N K E E P E R
18 12
 REDSHSPEH S H E P H E R D S
2 17
 JPEOSH J O S E P H
6
 ASTR S T A R
3
 GAELN A N G E L
5
 SRAVIO S A V I O R
4 16
 WNSEIME W I S E M E N
5
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I SAW THREE.... SHIPS A SAILING
UP ON THE.... HOUSETOP
ALL I WANT... FOR CHRISTMAS
O' HOLY.... NIGHT
OH, LITTLE TOWN.... OF BETHLEHEM
I'M DREAMING OF.... A WHITE CHRISTMAS
WINTER WONDERLAND
SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN
GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
OH COME ALL ... YE FAITHFUL
HAVE YOURSELF A.... MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS
AWAY IN THE.... MANGER
HARK THE HERALD ... ANGELS SING
JOY TO THE ... WORLD

December craft

Cardboard, about 6" square

Yarn or ribbon

Old white pages from a phone book

Paint and brushes

Elmer's glue

Scissors and paper punch

Cut a circle from the cardboard as large as you can make it and then cut out a round center making a wreath shape. Punch a hole along one edge. Insert a piece of ribbon or yarn and tie the ends making a hanging loop.

Cover the work area with newspaper. Lay out 2-3 pages of phone book per wreath. Provide a small paper plate with paint, a brush, and a small cup of water for each painter. Thin paint works best so you might want to mix the paint with water yourself. Painters color the pages, a different color per page. The pages will be quite wet and will require an overnight to dry. Once dry, the pages can be cut into strips about 1 ½ inches wide. Then cut them again into chunks, about 1 ½ inches long.

Participants will take one piece of painted page and crumble it into a tight ball. They can crumble a collection of balls before gluing. Put Elmer's glue on a short portion of the wreath. Crafters place the balls of paper onto the glue and press down. Add more balls of paper, more glue, more balls until the wreath is covered.. It may bulge upward from the moisture but the wreath will dry flat. Set aside to dry. Once it is dry, crafters may add tiny pompoms for the berries or small dabs of red paint.