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Introduction

Get ready to make this holiday season magical with our Christmas Preschool Circle Time Plan! Designed for five festive days of fun, learning, and holiday cheer, this comprehensive plan engages young children with hands-on activities, delightful read-alouds, and creative crafts centered around key Christmas themes. From the excitement of Santa and his reindeer to the joy of giving, Christmas colors, decorations, and family traditions, each day is thoughtfully crafted to nurture early literacy, fine motor skills, and social-emotional development. Perfect for classrooms or home learning, this plan will fill your preschoolers' days with the wonder and warmth of Christmas!

What's Included:

1. Detailed Circle Time plans

Each day of the week is planned with a structured circle time agenda that includes:

- *Introduction:* A brief and captivating introduction to the daily theme, setting the stage for the day's activities.
- *Song:* A fun and educational song related to the daily theme, designed to engage children and reinforce learning through music and movement.
- *Read aloud and discussion:* A carefully selected picture book paired with thought-provoking discussion questions to enhance comprehension and encourage interaction.
- *Activities:* Creative and hands-on activities that complement the day's theme, fostering gross and fine motor skills, creativity, and critical thinking.

2. Posters and props

Enhance Circle Time with visual and tactile aids:

- *Posters:* Vibrant posters featuring the lyrics and illustrations for each daily song, making it easy for children to follow along and participate. The product also includes non-fiction posters, providing educational content alongside the fun.
- *Props:* Printable props related to each song and theme help bring the songs and stories to life and engage children in interactive play.

3. Printables for all activities:

Not all days include activities that require printables. However, optional printables are included for each day if you would like to use them. They include:

- Group activity printables
- Worksheets
- Craft templates

Why You'll Love This Resource:

- **Comprehensive and convenient learning:** A complete week of themed learning activities and resources in one packet.
- **Easy to use:** Detailed plans, printables, and props make it straightforward to create a dynamic and engaging circle time experience.
- **Educational and entertaining:** Each component is designed to be both educational and fun, keeping children excited and involved.

Happy Teaching :)

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	Objective	Read Aloud	Activity
Day 1	<p>Christmas Trees</p> <p>Children will learn about the significance of Christmas trees, while exploring the theme of self-worth and belonging.</p>	<p>Book: "The Littlest Christmas Tree" by R.A. Herman</p> <p>Discussion: What the littlest tree wanted. How it felt when it found a family. Why decorating a tree is special.</p>	<p>Paper Loops Christmas Tree</p> <p>Children will create a Christmas tree craft using paper loops.</p> <p>Materials: Activity 1 templates, glue, scissors; glitter, sequins</p>
Day 2	<p>Santa Claus & Reindeer</p> <p>Children will learn about Santa and his reindeer.</p>	<p>Book: "How to Catch Santa" by Jean Reagan</p> <p>Discussion: Funny ways the characters tried to catch Santa. What children would do if they saw Santa.</p>	<p>Reindeer Headband</p> <p>Children will make a reindeer headband to wear.</p> <p>Materials: Reindeer Template, crayons, glue, scissors, tape</p>
Day 3	<p>Christmas Colors & Decorations</p> <p>Children will identify traditional Christmas colors and decorations.</p>	<p>Book: "Red & Lulu" by Matt Tavares</p> <p>Discussion: Colors and decorations seen on the tree. How the decorations made the tree special for everyone.</p>	<p>Christmas Wreath Painting</p> <p>Children will paint and craft a Christmas wreath.</p> <p>Materials: Wreath Template, cotton ear buds, elastic bands, green and red paint, pom-poms, glue, small Christmas bows</p>
Day 4	<p>Gifts & Giving</p> <p>Children will understand the joy of giving and practice kindness by making gifts for others.</p>	<p>Book: "Turkey Trouble" by Wendi Silvano</p> <p>Discussion: Why Turkey tried to hide. What children would do if they were a turkey on Christmas.</p>	<p>Gift Wrapping Station</p> <p>Children will practice wrapping presents.</p> <p>Materials: Small boxes, precut wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows, gift tags, scissors</p>
Day 5	<p>Christmas Fun & Celebrations</p> <p>Children will reflect on their favorite Christmas traditions and celebrate together, building social and emotional skills.</p>	<p>Book: "Llama Llama Holiday Drama" by Anna Dewdney</p> <p>Discussion: How Llama Llama felt during the holidays. What made him feel better. What children can do if they feel overwhelmed.</p>	<p>Christmas Keepsake Ornament</p> <p>Children will create a keepsake ornament.</p> <p>Materials: Ornament template, markers, glitter, glue, hole punch, ribbon; scissors</p>

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Day 5: Christmas Fun & Celebrations

Children will reflect on their favorite Christmas traditions and celebrate together, building social and emotional skills.

Introduction

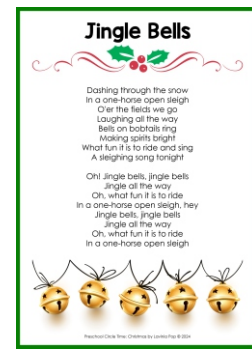
"Today is our last day of Christmas fun! We're going to talk about our favorite Christmas traditions and celebrate with music, crafts, and games!"

Song

Jingle Bells

Prop: Sleigh, bells

Actions: See "Props" section for detailed actions.

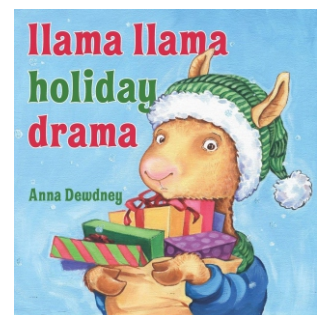


Read Aloud & Discussion

Book: "Llama Llama Holiday Drama" by Anna Dewdney

Before Reading: "Have you ever felt really excited about Christmas? Or maybe a little tired from all the activity? Let's see how Llama Llama handles holiday stress."

After Reading: "How did Llama Llama feel during the holidays? What made him feel better? What can we do if we ever feel overwhelmed?"



Activity

Christmas Keepsake Ornament

Materials: Cardstock with printed ornament template; markers; sequins, glitter, stickers, and other decorations; glue; hole punch; Christmas ribbon; scissors; permanent markers; laminator, optional

Instructions: Color and decorate the printed ornament with markers, glitter, sequins, and stickers. Write the child's name and the year on the ornament using a permanent marker. Laminate the ornament for durability if desired. Measure the child's height with Christmas ribbon, then cut the ribbon to match their height. Punch a hole at the top of the ornament and tie the ribbon through it.

Extension: Introduce basic measurement concepts by having children compare their ribbons with their classmates'. Discuss who is taller or shorter and explore how they'll grow over time.



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Circle Time Song Posters and Props

This section includes all song posters and props.

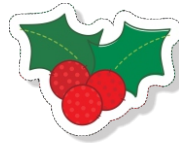
Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4



Day 5



O Christmas Tree



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!
Not only green in summer's heat,
But also winter's snow and sleet.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!



Circle Time Props and Actions: Day 1

Print, laminate and cut out. If using on a felt board, attach velcro to the back of each piece. If using on a white board, attach magnetic strips to the back of each piece.

Print multiple copies and attach to craft sticks for children to use (optional).



Actions:

1. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree: Hold your hands in front of you and shape them into a triangle, representing the shape of a Christmas tree. Alternatively, use both arms to create a triangle above your head and sway gently from side to side.

2. How lovely are your branches: Gently wave your hands or arms like tree branches swaying in the wind. You can also pretend to decorate the tree by reaching out and mimicking placing ornaments on the "branches."

3. Not only green in summer's heat, But also winter's snow and sleet: Place your arms out in front of you, swaying as if the branches are moving in the wind. Then, gesture like you're sprinkling snow by fluttering your fingers in the air, creating a snowing effect.

4. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, How lovely are your branches: Repeat the first movement of creating a triangle shape with your arms or holding them wide to represent the tree again, swaying slightly.

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Classroom Posters

This section includes posters you might like to display in your classroom.

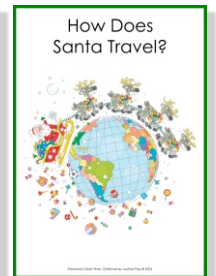
Day 1: Christmas Trees

- *Christmas Tree Decorations* poster with labels



Day 2: Santa Claus & Reindeer

- *Who is Santa?* poster with labels
- *Santa's Reindeer* poster with labels
- *How Does Santa Travel?* poster



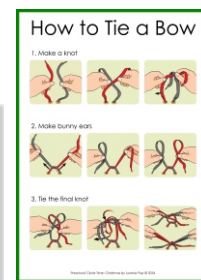
Day 3: Christmas Decorations

- *Christmas Decorations* poster with labels



Day 4: Gifts & Giving

- *How to Wrap a Gift* poster
- *How to Tie a Bow* poster
- *What Can we Give* poster with labels



Day 5: Christmas Fun & Celebrations

- *Christmas Traditions* poster



Christmas Traditions



give
Christmas
cards



family dinner



decorate a
gingerbread
house



sing carols



decorate
the Christmas tree



read stories



give
presents



go to church



bake
cookies

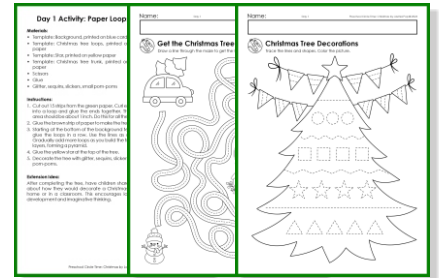
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Activities & Worksheets

This section includes all the necessary lesson printables, along with some additional activities and worksheets. You can use these pages as outlined in the lesson plan or on different days, depending on your needs.

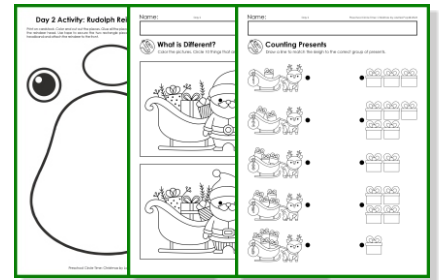
Day 1: Christmas Trees

- **Lesson Activity:** Paper Loop Christmas Tree (5 pages)
- *Extension Activity:* Christmas Maze
- *Additional Activity:* Christmas Tree Tracing



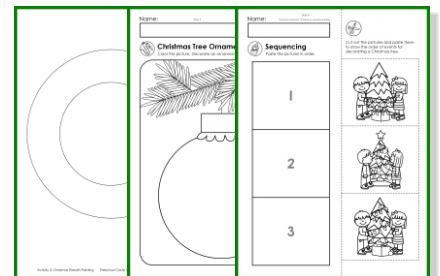
Day 2: Santa Claus & Reindeer

- **Lesson Activity:** Rudolph Reindeer Headband (5 pages)
- *Additional Activity:* What is Different?
- *Additional Activity:* Counting Presents Match



Day 3: Christmas Colors & Decorations

- **Lesson Activity:** Christmas Wreath Painting Activity
- *Additional Activity:* Christmas Tree Ornament Decorating
- *Additional Activity:* Sequencing: Decorate Christmas Tree



Day 4: Gifts & Giving

- **Lesson Activity:** Gift Tag Printable (2 pages)
- *Additional Activity:* Presents Order by Size
- *Additional Activity:* Sequencing: Wrap a Present



Day 5: Christmas Fun & Celebrations

- **Lesson Activity:** Ornament Keepsake
- *Additional Activity:* Sharing Christmas Cookies
- *Additional Activity:* Christmas Patterns



Day 1 Activity: Paper Loops Christmas Tree

Materials:

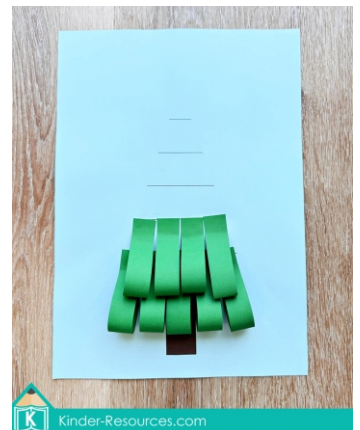
- Template: Background, printed on blue cardstock
- Template: Christmas tree loops, printed on green paper
- Template: Star, printed on yellow paper
- Template: Christmas tree trunk, printed on brown paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Glitter, sequins, slickers, small pom-poms

Instructions:

1. Cut out 15 strips from the green paper. Curl each strip into a loop and glue the ends together. The glued area should be about 1 inch. Do this for all the strips.
2. Glue the brown strip of paper to make the tree trunk.
3. Starting at the bottom of the background template, glue the loops in a row. Use the lines as a guide. Gradually add more loops as you build the tree up in layers, forming a pyramid.
4. Glue the yellow star at the top of the tree.
5. Decorate the tree with glitter, sequins, slickers or small pom-poms.

Extension Idea:

After completing the tree, have children share a story about how they would decorate a Christmas tree at home or in a classroom. This encourages language development and imaginative thinking.



Name:

Day 1

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Christmas Tree Decorations

Trace the lines and shapes. Color the picture.



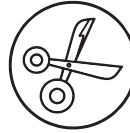
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Sequencing

Paste the pictures in order.

1
2
3



Cut out the pictures and paste them to show the order of events for wrapping a gift.



Additional Resources

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1 2 3 4 5

and and and and

What doesn't belong?

What picture is different?

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Pre-Writing Practice

How Many Lights?

Beginning Sounds Match

Aa Bb

Christmas PRESCHOOL Worksheets & Activities

Letters in My Name

Different

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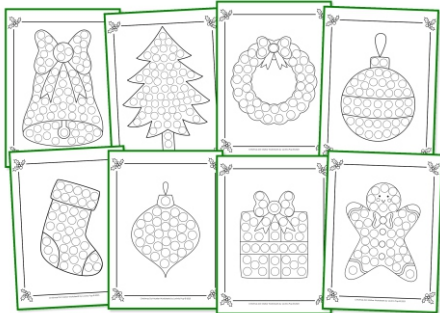
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16 fine motor printable activities

MORNING TUBS

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large classroom cards | word lists for folders | word work pages



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December CALENDAR CARDS

cards for: December, Autumn, Winter, days of the week, numbers 1-31



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31 play dough mats with instructions for building each picture



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christmas word match CENTER ACTIVITY

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christmas tree CRAFT ACTIVITY

completed color example | color cut outs | black & white cut outs on one page | cut outs on multiple pages for colored paper



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