FREE PRINTABLE · AGES 3 TO 8

Christmas Scavenger Hunt for Kids

Two hunts in one set: 12 picture cards for kids who cannot read yet, and 12 rhyming clue cards that lead readers from the fridge to the stocking to a prize.

1 Picture hunt, ages 3 to 5

Pages 2 and 3. Say the word on the card, let your child find the real thing around the house and put a sticker in the circle. Or tape the cards around two rooms and let them collect the cards.

2 Clue hunt, ages 5 to 8

Pages 4 and 5. Cut the 12 cards. The grey line on each card says where to hide it. Write the prize spot on card 12, hide the prize, then hand card 1 to your child.

3 Found-it sheet

Page 6 has all 12 pictures on one sheet. Print one per child for a classroom, a party or a Christmas lights walk, and check each picture off as it is spotted.

4 Print tips

US Letter, cardstock if you have it. The drawings are flat shapes with thick outlines, so black-and-white printing works. Teachers may print copies for their own class.

PICTURE HUNT · AGES 3 TO 5 CLUE HUNT · AGES 5 TO 8



Safety: a grown-up stays with the child for the whole hunt. Glass ornaments, hooks, candy canes, small prizes and stickers are choking hazards for children under 3. Keep hiding spots away from the stove, stairs and the tree stand. The bathtub clue means beside the tub, never in it.

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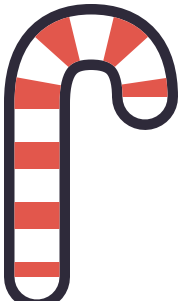
Star

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Ornament

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Candy cane

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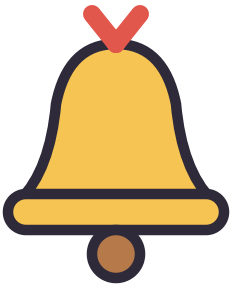
Stocking

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Wreath

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Bell

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Gift

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Tree

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Snowman

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Reindeer

11



Gingerbread

12



Mitten

1

Your hunt starts now, so here is the plan: look where the milk stays cold, if you can.

Grown-ups: Hand this card to your child to start the hunt.

2

Where you lay down your sleepy head, peek under the pillow on your bed.

Grown-ups: Hide this card in the fridge.

3

Boots and sneakers stand in a row. Look inside one shoe, that is where I go.

Grown-ups: Hide this card under a pillow.

4

Rub-a-dub-dub, splish and splash. Check by the bathtub, quick as a flash.

Grown-ups: Hide this card in a shoe by the door.

5

Coats and jackets hang in a line. Reach in your pocket for the next sign.

Grown-ups: Hide this card beside the bathtub (not in it).

6

Where the family sits when dinner is made, look under the table where the clue is laid.

Grown-ups: Hide this card in your child's coat pocket.

7

Stories and pictures, so many to read. Beside your favorite book is the clue you need.

Grown-ups: Hide this card under the kitchen table.

8

Socks live in pairs, a left and a right. Open the drawer where they sleep at night.

Grown-ups: Hide this card on the bookshelf, next to a favorite book.

9

Look through the glass to see if it snows. On the windowsill your next clue goes.

Grown-ups: Hide this card in the sock drawer.

10

Green and tall with lights that glow, look near the bottom where the presents go.

Grown-ups: Hide this card on a windowsill.

11

Hung with care on a hook or the wall, reach in your stocking, it is not far at all.

Grown-ups: Hide this card under the tree.

12

You followed each rhyme and found every clue. Look in the _____ for a prize just for you!

Grown-ups: Hide this card in a stocking. Write the prize spot on the line first.

FOUND-IT SHEET · ONE PER CHILD

I Found It!

Walk the house, the classroom or the neighborhood. When you spot each thing, put a sticker or a check mark in its circle.

NAME _____

 Star	 Ornament	 Candy cane
 Stocking	 Wreath	 Bell
 Gift	 Tree	 Snowman
 Reindeer	 Gingerbread	 Mitten

All 12 found? Draw your favorite one here:

FOR GROWN-UPS · WANT A PLAN FOR EVERY DECEMBER DAY?

Christmas Activities for Kids at Home

If this hunt was a hit, the full 34-page pack for ages 3 to 8 has a second indoor scavenger hunt with 16 picture prompts, plus a 24-day activity countdown, bingo, I spy, word searches, kindness cards and coloring pages.



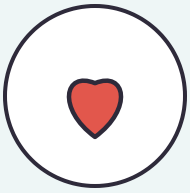
A 24-day activity countdown

A color-in countdown tree chart plus 24 activity cards, one for each day from December 1 to Christmas Eve: a blanket fort story time, a cocoa picnic, sock snowball fights, a lights walk. Each card lists what you need and a tweak for little ones or big kids.



Games for parties and playdates

6 different Christmas bingo boards with 24 picture caller cards, an I Spy counting page and an indoor scavenger hunt with 16 picture prompts, so the game night after this one is already printed.



Quiet afternoons

2 word searches (easy and harder, with an answer key), 6 big, bold coloring pages, a letter to Santa, a wish list drawing page, 12 kindness cards and a kindness wreath to color in.

Also inside

A grown-up page with age tweaks for 3 to 4, 5 to 6 and 7 to 8, simple safety notes, printing tips and an answer key.

See the pack at puddlesandplay.com