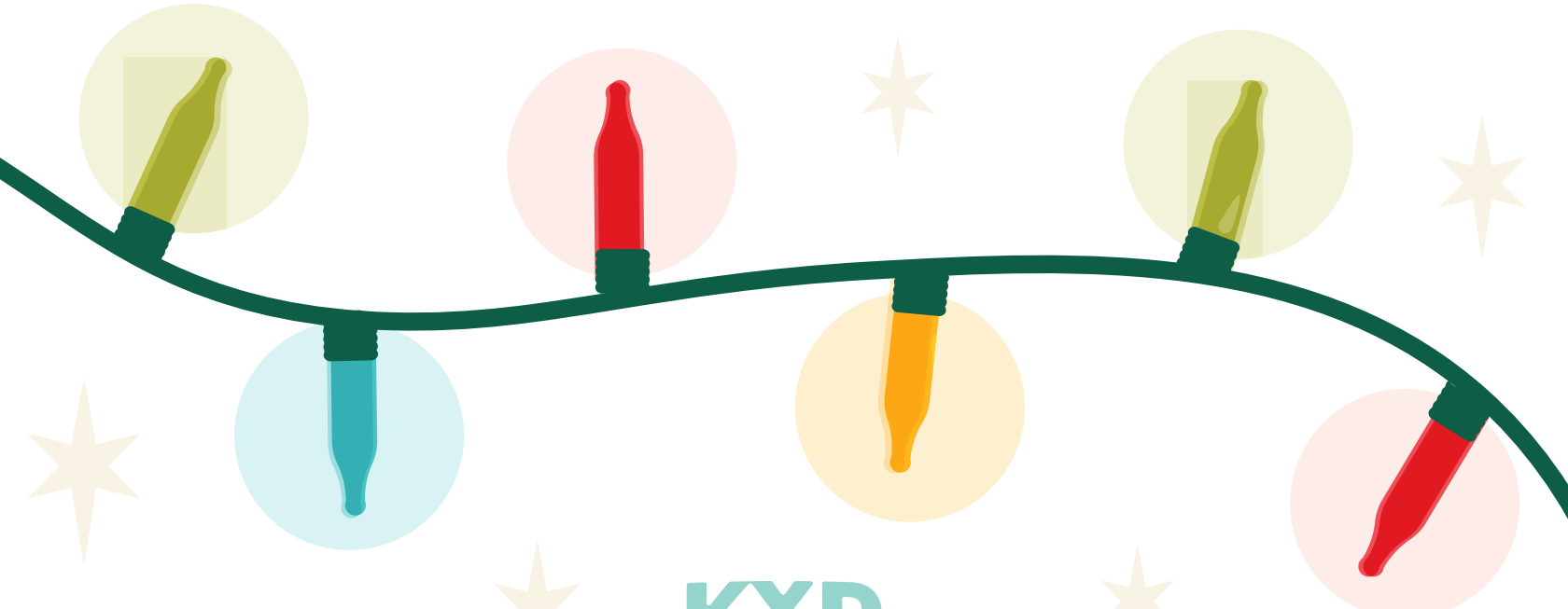


Christmas

FAMILY ACTIVITY KIT



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The Christmas Story

LUKE 2:1-20

At that time, Caesar Augustus sent an order to all people in the countries that were under Roman rule. The order said that they must list their names in a register. This was the first registration taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own towns to be registered.



So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. This town was known as the town of David. Joseph went there because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary because she was engaged to marry him. (Mary was now pregnant.) While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son. There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed.

That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and suddenly they became very frightened. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people. Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box."



Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel. All the angels were praising God, saying: "Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God."

Then the angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. We will see this thing the Lord told us about."

So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph. And the shepherds saw the baby lying in a feeding box. Then they told what the angels had said about this child. Everyone was amazed when they heard what the shepherds said to them. Mary hid these things in her heart; she continued to think about them. Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything that they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.



12 Books to Celebrate Jesus This Christmas

Looking for a way to slow down and celebrate Jesus this Christmas? Here are 12 books for kids and parents. Choose a few to read together! Borrow them from your local library, or build your own collection.



1. The Promised One, Daily Grace Co.
(Preschool Board Book)
2. What is Christmas All About?, Daily Grace Co.
(Preschool Board Book, Touch-and-Feel)
3. Room for a Little One, Martin Waddell
(Children's Picture Book)
4. Jesus Calling: Story of Christmas, Sarah Young
(Children's Storybook)
5. The Promise of Christmas, Daily Grace Co.
(Children's Storybook)
6. 'Twas the Night by William Dean
(Children's Storybook)
7. An Angel's Story by Max Lucado
(Children's Storybook)
8. The Promises of God Storybook Bible, Carolyn Larsen
(Children's Bible Storybook)
9. The Biggest Story Advent, Kevin DeYoung
(Family Devotions, 25 Lift-the-Flap)
10. A Jesus Christmas, Barbara Reaoch
(Family Advent Devotional)
11. Our Family's Jesse Tree, Jen Frost
(Family Advent Devotional, Jesse Tree)
12. The Wonder of the Greatest Gift, Ann Voskamp
(Family Advent Discipleship)

Christmas Wishes

TO GIVE

TO GET



DIY Gift Wrap

With endless energy and creativity, your kids are the perfect designers for your giftwrap this year! Start with a roll of white or brown butcher paper and unroll as much as you want at a time and let the creative mess take over! Here are some idea to get you going.

Paint, Crayons, or Markers

Draw something abstract, tell a story, or just doodle. This is an easy way to add scripture or other holiday messages! Use these supplies with any of the following techniques.



Hand Prints

If you don't mind the mess, hand and finger prints make easy art! You can add to the handprints with marker doodles to create little animals or a string of Christmas lights! Use paint or inkpads and keep the baby wipes handy!



Bingo Daubers

Polka dots are always in! Use bingo daubers or cotton swabs and the eraser end of a pencil dipped in paint to make hundreds of dots around your paper.



Stencils

If you don't have a stack of traditional stencils, look for lace, doilies, or mesh fruit bags! Anything that you don't mind getting paint all over when you sponge over it to give your paper amazing textures! Or make some paper snowflakes and sponge paint over them!



Stamps

Use ink or paint with stamps you have or make your own stamps out of simple shapes around the house. The bottom of a 2 liter soda bottle makes great flowers! Cut up fruit and veggies are also creative ways to make stamps! Cut off the bottom inch of celery and you have a beautiful rose stamp. You can even use hot glue on a lego or alphabet block to create your own stamp designs.



Collage

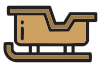
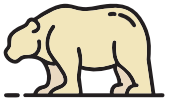
Old photos or clippings from magazines, sheet music, or comic books make great collages! Simple gluesticks or school glue work, or step it up by spreading mod podge over your collage when its done. (Hint: sometimes this method works best after you've wrapped your gift.)

Christmas Card Template



Cut along the dotted line and fold at the center line.

Christmas Lights
SCAVENGER HUNT

- ☐ Christmas Tree 
- ☐ Sled 
- ☐ Nativity Scene 
- ☐ Reindeer 
- ☐ Snowman 
- ☐ Elf 
- ☐ Bells 
- ☐ Bow 
- ☐ Candle 
- ☐ Stocking 
- ☐ Snow Globe 
- ☐ Mrs. Claus 
- ☐ Star 
- ☐ Angel 
- ☐ Polar Bear 
- ☐ Santa 
- ☐ Ornament 
- ☐ White Lights 
- ☐ Candy Cane 
- ☐ Gingerbread Man 
- ☐ Green Lights 
- ☐ Wreath 
- ☐ North Pole Sign 

- ☐ Train 
- ☐ Presents 
- ☐ Santa Hat 
- ☐ Nutcracker 
- ☐ Sleigh 
- ☐ Snowflake 
- ☐ Icicles 
- ☐ Holly 
- ☐ Teddy Bear 
- ☐ Penguin 

Picture Frame Templates

YOU WILL NEED:

- Printed picture frame template
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- A photo or drawing to place inside

STEPS:

1. **Color Your Frame**
   Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to decorate the frame.
   Make it bright and fun!

2. **Cut Out the Frame**
   Carefully cut along the outside edge of the frame.
   (An adult may need to help with cutting.)

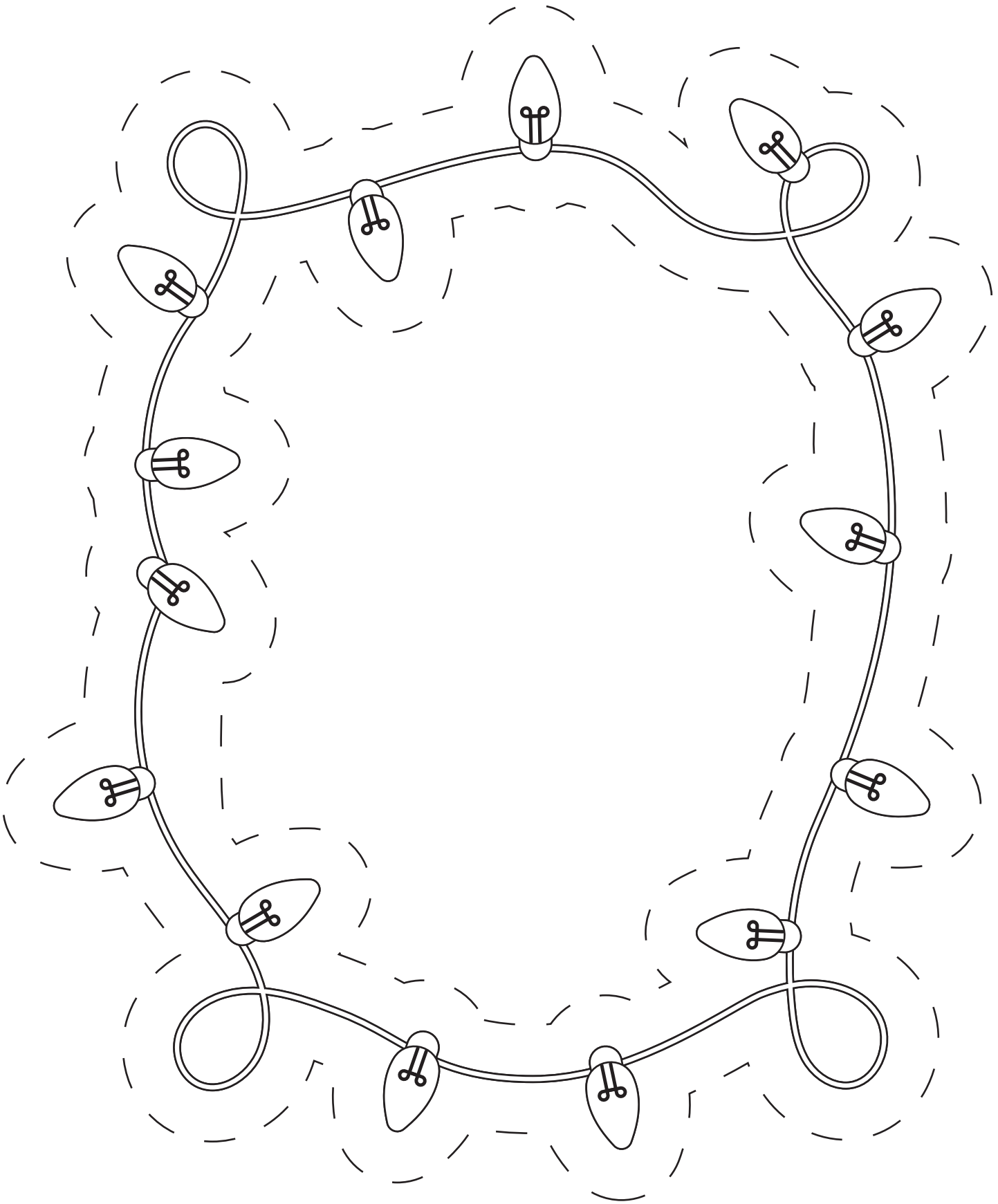
3. **Cut Out the Photo Window**
   Fold the center gently and cut a small hole to start,
   then cut along the line to open the window.

4. **Add Your Photo**
   Place your picture behind the window.
   Make sure the part you want to show is centered.

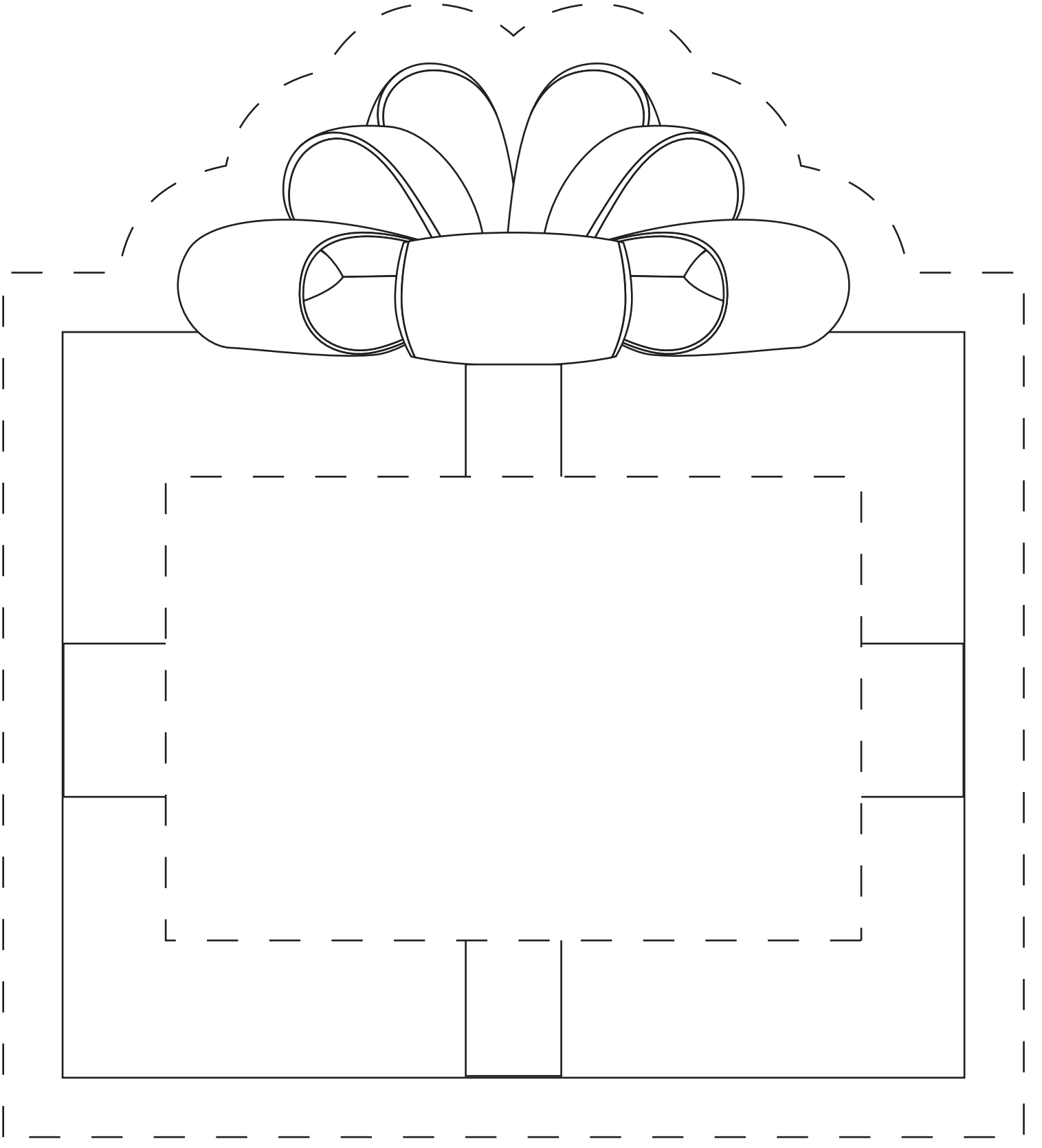
5. **Attach the Photo**
   Use glue or tape around the back edges of the
   frame to secure the photo in place.

6. **Display Your Frame!**
   You can:
   - Hang it on the wall or fridge!
   - Give it as a gift!
   - Make it an ornament by taping a loop of ribbon on the back!

Christmas Lights Frame



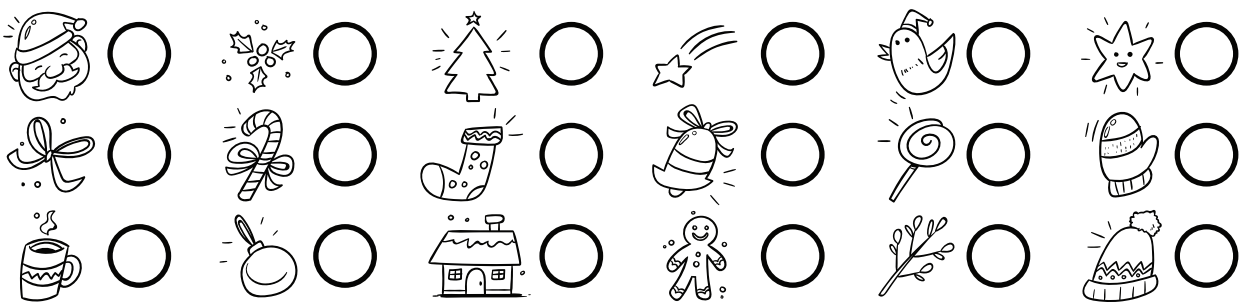
Christmas Gift Frame



I Spy: Christmas Edition



Find all the Christmas objects and count them!



Melted Snowman Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 16 pre-made round cookies (sugar cookies, snickerdoodles, etc.)
- 16 large marshmallows
- 1 cup white chocolate chips or melting wafers
- 1/2 tablespoon vegetable shortening or coconut oil (optional, for smoother chocolate)
- 8 pretzel sticks, broken in half
- Mini M&M's or chocolate chips for buttons and eyes
- Orange sprinkles or icing for the nose
- Black edible marker or gel icing for the mouth (optional)
- Additional candy (Twisters, Reese's mini cups) to decorate your snowman (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Melt the white chocolate.** In a microwave-safe bowl, combine the white chocolate chips with the shortening or oil. Microwave on half power in 30-second intervals, stirring in between, until the chocolate is smooth. Alternatively, use a double boiler on the stovetop for a more controlled melt.

2. **Decorate the snowman's head.** Use an edible food marker to draw eyes and a mouth on each marshmallow. Alternatively, dip a toothpick in a small amount of melted chocolate to create the features. For the nose, attach an orange sprinkle with a dab of melted white chocolate.

3. **Assemble the cookies.** Place a spoonful of melted white chocolate onto the center of a cookie. Spread it out to create an irregular "melted puddle" shape.

4. **Add the pieces.** While the white chocolate is still wet, quickly place a decorated marshmallow on one side of the "puddle".

5. **Add the arms.** Insert one half of a pretzel stick into each side of the white chocolate puddle to create arms.

6. **Add the finishing touches.** Place two or three mini M&M's or chocolate chips down the center of the snowman for buttons.

7. **Allow to set.** Let the cookies sit for at least 30 minutes, or until the white chocolate has fully hardened. You can speed this up by placing them in the refrigerator.