Christmas worksheets for kids

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Peabody has six free Christmas worksheets: bingo, a word search, a crossword, a maze, a secret code and a dot-to-dot. Each comes in four sizes, from preschool to 8th grade, and prints on plain paper with answers for the puzzles. Below, they're sorted by grade, with what each practices and roughly how long it takes.

- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Bingo · What it practices: Matching pictures and listening, on a three-by-three card · About how long: 10 minutes a game
- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Dot-to-dot · What it practices: Counting in order from 1, with about ten dots to join · About how long: 5 minutes
- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Maze · What it practices: Steering a pencil and planning a route, on wide paths · About how long: 5 minutes
- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Word search · What it practices: Finding letters in order: four short words with a picture beside each · About how long: 5 to 10 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Word search · What it practices: Scanning and spelling, with six words across, down and on a slant · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Crossword · What it practices: Spelling short words, with a picture for every clue · About how long: 10 to 15 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Secret code · What it practices: Letter knowledge: a joke in shapes, with the whole key on the sheet · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Bingo · What it practices: Reading words beside the pictures, on a four-by-four card · About how long: 15 minutes a game
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Crossword · What it practices: Vocabulary: nine words with clues to read, and the first letter as a help · About how long: 15 to 20 minutes
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Secret code · What it practices: Alphabet order: each letter moved along by a number you're told · About how long: 15 minutes
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Dot-to-dot · What it practices: Skip counting by twos, across about 44 dots · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Maze · What it practices: Planning ahead on a twelve-by-twelve maze · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Crossword · What it practices: Vocabulary and spelling: thirteen longer words crossed together · About how long: 20 to 25 minutes
- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Secret code · What it practices: Working a problem by testing a guess: the shift is secret, so turn the wheel until it reads · About how long: 15 to 20 minutes
- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Word search · What it practices: Careful scanning: twelve words in every direction, backwards too · About how long: 15 minutes

- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Dot-to-dot · What it practices: Skip counting by threes, fours, fives or tens, across about 80 dots · About how long: 15 minutes

The minutes are our own estimates for one child working alone, not timings from a classroom. A confident reader may race through a sheet and a careful one may take twice as long, and both are fine.

If you're printing for the last week of term

That week has a particular problem: half the class is already on holiday in their heads, and the other half is anxious about the change. Bingo solves the first hour, because everyone plays at once and nobody can finish early and start wandering. Print gives you six different cards plus a page of calling cards to cut out. With 24 students, run four copies of each card, so several children shout together — more fun than one winner, and it saves you the tie-break.

Then keep a stack of something quiet for whoever is done. A word search makes good morning work; a crossword suits a sub folder, because it needs no explaining. Answers print last, so choose page 1 in the print dialog for the class set and keep one full copy on your desk. Every sheet has a button for a new one, so each table can have a different maze if copying is the thing you are trying to stop.

If you're printing for home

Put one at each place about twenty minutes before you expect to eat, or in the bag for a long drive to a relative's. A maze and a dot-to-dot need only a pencil and no grown-up to explain them, which is exactly what you want while something is in the oven. The secret code hides the punchline of a Christmas joke, and a nine-year-old will read it out to the whole room once it cracks.

The four sizes mean a sister in kindergarten and a brother in 5th grade can each have their own sheet without either feeling babied or stuck. An older cousin can run bingo from a phone while the little ones mark their cards with crayons. Skip beans or cereal as markers if anyone at the table is under three.

How to pick the size

The grades in the table are a place to start, not a rule. If a child sighs at the first clue, press Easy or Medium and say nothing about it. If a 2nd grader flies through the shape code, try the Hard one, where a wheel shows how far each letter moved. Bingo's Hard card is five by five with a free middle square, and its Super card drops the pictures and uses words alone.

What's on them, and what isn't

The sheets stay with trees, snow, reindeer, stockings, cards, songs and food. They are not about the nativity. The story of the birth belongs on a page a family chooses to open, written in the third person and read by somebody from that tradition first — not on a printable that gets handed round a classroom where some children celebrate Christmas, some celebrate something else in December, and some celebrate nothing.

The sheets leave Santa to you. No word, no clue, no joke and no answer page touches the question of whether he is — only what he gets up to. Children who still believe are a good share of the age range these are written for, and it is their family's conversation, not a worksheet's. Nothing on them scores a child, either: no list of who has been good, which is a thing Peabody keeps off the whole site.

For something to play out loud, Christmas games for kids has whole-class and family games that need no preparation, Christmas jokes for kids prints as cracker jokes, and the Christmas coloring pages suit a child who would rather color than solve. For the weeks either side, winter activities for kids carries on into January.

Questions teachers and parents ask

Are these Christmas worksheets free?

Yes. Peabody is free through the end of 2027, with no ads, and printing a sheet doesn't ask anyone to sign up.

Can I use these in a school that has children of several faiths?

That is what they are written for. There is no religious content on any of the six, and no sheet assumes a child celebrates anything. They are about snow, trees, food and reindeer, in the way a December window display is. If your school's policy is to avoid the theme altogether, the Activity Book has the same six puzzles on everyday themes.

Will they work on a black-and-white copier?

Yes. They're made to read in black and white, on Letter or A4. On a color printer the small pictures on the bingo cards and the easy puzzles come out in color.

Can children do them on a screen instead?

Yes. Each one also works on a tablet or a Chromebook: drag along the maze, tap the crossword's boxes, or play a bingo card while Peabody reads each call aloud.

Which one should I print if I only have time for one?

Bingo for a group, and the maze for one child. Both work at every age, and neither needs reading at the Easy size.

Free at peabody.kids/holidays/christmas/worksheets