



Christmas Activity Checklist

for Toddlers

Simple songs, crafts, movement games and safe festive play ideas for home.

Colour hunt

Paper tree craft

Jingle hand dance

Clean-up song

Reindeer actions

Snowflake dance

Print, choose one activity, add a song, and keep it playful.

Start small

Choose one activity at a time. Toddlers often enjoy short, repeated activities more than long plans. Use the same song again and again so the routine feels familiar.

Simple routine

1. Pick one card.
2. Set out safe materials.
3. Sing the song.
4. Let your child join in their own way.
5. Tidy up together.

Safety reminders

- Always supervise toddlers during craft, sensory, food, bath and movement play.
- Keep small parts, bells, beads, buttons, batteries, magnets and choking hazards away.
- Avoid loose glitter, long ribbons, cords, sharp tools and breakable decorations.
- Use large paper pieces and child-safe materials. Adults should cut, tape and prepare tricky parts.
- Adapt every activity for age, allergies, sensory needs, mobility and whether your child mouths objects.

Goal: safe, joyful, playful connection - not perfect crafts.

Tick activities as you try them. Repeat favourites as often as your child enjoys them.

This week we tried:

☐ Christmas colour hunt

☐ Snowflake dance

☐ Paper Christmas tree craft

☐ Christmas story basket

☐ Jingle hand dance

☐ Snack sorting

☐ Christmas clean-up song

☐ Christmas bath time song

☐ Christmas sensory tray

☐ Book and song time

☐ Reindeer action game

☐ Toddler helper jobs

☐ Christmas card making

☐ Favourite activity page

☐ Counting presents

Notes from our Christmas play:



Find festive colours around the room

Use this card for a short toddler activity. Stop before anyone gets tired or frustrated.

You need

- Safe festive pictures
- Paper tree or stocking
- A grown-up nearby

How to play

1. Choose one colour.
2. Point to something that colour.
3. Name it together.
4. Repeat with another colour.

Add this song

**Red, red, what can you see?
A Christmas hat looking back at me.
Green, green, what can you see?
A Christmas tree looking back at me.**

Safety or parent note

Pointing is enough. Do not let toddlers pull decorations from the tree or touch breakable ornaments.



Stick, count and name colours

Use this card for a short toddler activity. Stop before anyone gets tired or frustrated.

You need

- Large green paper triangle
- Large paper circles
- Glue stick
- Crayons if wanted

How to play

1. Place the triangle on paper.
2. Add paper circles.
3. Name the colours.
4. Count the decorations.

Add this song

Little tree, little tree,
What colours can we see?
Red and yellow, one, two, three,
Christmas tree for you and me.

Safety or parent note

Use large paper pieces. Avoid tiny sequins, beads, buttons and loose glitter.



Movement without loose bells

Sing slowly, keep it short, and let your child join with actions, sounds, smiles or words.

Song or chant

**Jingle hands, jingle feet,
Can you find the Christmas beat?
Shake up high, shake down low,
Freeze like snow, then go, go, go.**

Try this

Shake hands, clap, tap knees, march gently and freeze when the music stops.

Learning moment

Listening, rhythm, movement control, action words and stop-and-go practice.

Safety note

Clear the floor first. Avoid slippery socks, stairs, sharp furniture and crowded spaces.

Turn tidy-up into a routine



Sing slowly, keep it short, and let your child join with actions, sounds, smiles or words.

Song or chant

**Pick it up and put it away,
Christmas helpers save the day.
One by one, we tidy the floor,
Then we sing a little more.**

Try this

Give one small job, such as crayons in a box or safe toys in a basket.

Learning moment

Following directions, sorting, routines, helping and simple sequencing.

Safety note

Toddlers should not handle sprays, dishwasher tablets, sharp tools, hot pans or broken decorations.



Move like a reindeer

Sing slowly, keep it short, and let your child join with actions, sounds, smiles or words.

Song or chant

**Reindeer, reindeer, tap your feet,
Reindeer, reindeer, find the beat.
Reindeer, reindeer, turn around,
Then sit softly on the ground.**

Try this

Tap feet, wiggle nose, make antlers with hands, march slowly, freeze and sit softly.

Learning moment

Action words, body awareness, listening, rhythm and safe movement.

Safety note

Keep movement gentle. Avoid running, jumping from furniture or spinning too fast.

Calm festive movement



Sing slowly, keep it short, and let your child join with actions, sounds, smiles or words.

Song or chant

**Snowflakes falling soft and slow,
Round and round the snowflakes go.
Float down low, then reach up high,
Snowflakes dancing through the sky.**

Try this

Float slowly, reach high, move low, turn gently and rest like a snowflake.

Learning moment

Slow movement, imagination, positional words and calm body control.

Safety note

Do not use long scarves, strings or ribbons with toddlers. Keep the activity slow and supervised.



Choose one small kind action

Kindness works best when it is gentle and age-appropriate. Keep it simple and never force a child to give away a toy they are not ready to share.

Kindness ideas

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Make a card

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Share a book

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Say thank you

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Sing for a grandparent

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Help tidy toys

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Put a drawing in the post

Kindness song

Kind hands, kind words,
Kind hearts every day,
We can share a little love,
In a Christmas kind of way.

Today we chose:

Little helpers need safe jobs

Choose one small job at a time. Toddlers can help with soft, safe, simple tasks while adults manage hot, sharp, heavy and breakable items.

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Put napkins on the table

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Put crayons back in a box

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Carry a soft toy to the sofa

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Pass a board book

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Place cards in a pile

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Put safe toys in a basket

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Put paper in recycling

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Help count pretend presents

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Wipe a small area with a damp cloth

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Give a card to family

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Choose the Christmas song

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Say thank you

Do not let toddlers handle hot food, glass, candles, knives, batteries, plugs, cleaning products or breakable decorations.

Draw or write about your favourite activity.

A grown-up can write your words. You can draw, colour, stick a photo, or circle your favourite song.

My picture

My activity was:

Certificate

I helped make Christmas playful, kind and full of songs!

Child name