

## Christmas Party Games to Play on Zoom

Looking to gather friends, family, youth group or classmates for some Christmas fun? Trying to figure out how to do this on Zoom? Here are several simple and satisfying games that can be used for almost any type of group.

Supplies are minimum and inexpensive:

Dice (2 per player)

Pipe Cleaners (a small handful per player)

Skittles candies (the original colors/flavors – one fun size pack per person)

Copies of the Skittles game prompts (one copy per person)

Tips for leading and playing:

- Put together a small team of leaders. Invite a different person to serve as the leader for each game.
- Either snail mail or drop off a fun holiday goodie bag with game and party supplies prior to your Zoom gathering. The supplies are all easily available online, at a craft store, or a multi-product store such as Target, Walmart, Meijer
- Include a fun snack or beverage that party participants can decorate or make while on Zoom. Decorate a cupcake; make a fancy hot chocolate; build a simple gingerbread house from graham crackers; decorate large sugar cookies.
- Open your Zoom Game gathering with festive music playing and/or funny Christmas videos or memes.
- As a closing prayer invite all participants to touch the screen with their hand. While they remain safely physically distant the symbolic movement and gesture of hands on the screen during the prayer create a powerful communal action.



### **Song Tapping Game:**

Formation: Put the group into breakout rooms of 4-8 per room

Equipment: Text the song titles to one person in the breakout room

Each group is given two of the song titles below. That group will be tapping out the tunes given on the tabletop OR if you don't have a table have participants clap out the tunes. Each group should practice their "tune" for a minute or two in their breakout rooms. Then come back together into the main Zoom. One by one, let each group clap or tap out their tune (no words/singing) for the rest of the groups until those people start to sing the words to that tune. Next group goes until all groups have had a chance.

**Song List:**

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Jingle Bells  
Silent Night  
Feliz Navidad  
Joy to the World  
Frosty the Snowman  
Away in A Manger  
Deck the Halls  
O Come All Ye Faithful



**Christmas Pipe Cleaner Pictionary:**

Each person should have a handful of pipe cleaners (8-10 per person). Using the chat box, send one of the items below to the person “drawing”. When the leader says “Go!” that person has to shape their pipe cleaners to represent their word. When the first person’s item is guessed correctly, move on to the next person/item.

Elf  
Christmas Tree  
Present  
Star of Bethlehem  
Baby Jesus  
Santa Claus  
Bell  
Sled  
Mistletoe  
Snowman  
Snowflake



**Christmas Dice:**

Formation: Small groups of 4-8 people in breakout rooms or if you have a small group, just do it all together.

Equipment: 2 dice per person if playing online

Each person takes a turn rolling their dice and answering the question according to the number they rolled...you have a choice to answer the number of one dice or the two added up!

1 - If you could only have one side dish for Christmas dinner what would you pick?

- 2 - Do you prefer mittens or gloves?
- 3 - Did/Does Santa leave gifts wrapped or unwrapped at your house?
- 4 - On a snowy day where would we find you? What would you be doing?
- 5 - What's your most memorable Christmas Eve?
- 6 - Are you a jigsaw puzzle person or card game person?
- 7 - Tell the best gift you remember getting as a young child for Christmas?
- 8 - If you could be in the Winter Olympics what sport would you compete in?
- 9 - What's your favorite children's Christmas book?
- 10 - Do you have an artificial tree or always get a cut/live Christmas?
- 11 - What is your favorite Christmas song? Christmas carol?
- 12 - Do you have Christmas PJs or an Ugly Christmas sweater



**Round One**

**Round Two**

**Just for fun! If you could be one of Santa's elves or one of his reindeer, which would you be and why?**



**What is your biggest fear?**

**If a friend were knitting you a scarf, what color would you choose?**



**What would you describe is your best quality?**

**What is the best gift you have every given?**



**What is your favorite story or verses from the Bible?**

**Just for fun! What is your favorite Christmas movie?**



**Who is a hero that you look up to?**

**You are on vacation, which do you visit first? library? museum? zoo?**



**Share something that brings you joy.**

### **Holiday Skittles Activity:**

Formation: Small groups of 4-8. Can utilize breakout rooms for large groups.

Equipment: Each person needs one package of the candy Skittles (regular flavors – it's important that the colors match the chart below) - can be fun sized or regular. You will need to have the question card ready to share online or printed out and distributed ahead of time.

Beginning with the person whose birthday is closest to "today" that person reaches into their bag of candy and picks one Skittle. They answer the question in Round One that corresponds to that color. After they have answered, they can invite someone else in their small group to go. Keep going until all have answered one question in Round One. After this move onto Round Two!



### **Christmas Trivia Questions:**

1. What popular children's cracker today was introduced in 1902 as a Christmas ornament?
2. In 1939 Robert May created this Christmas figure as a Christmas promotion for Montgomery Ward department store in Chicago.
3. In the 1920's what worldwide beverage company adopted the Santa Claus figure for a winter advertising promotion?
4. Who was the United States first ambassador to Mexico?
5. What popular Christmas candy today had its debut and was given out by a choirmaster in 1670 to quiet the noisy children?
6. What bestselling Christmas song did Gene Autry record in 1951?
7. What American President barred the Christmas Tree from being displayed in the White House?
8. What years were the first machine printed Christmas Card offered in a United States Variety Store?
9. In what year did Coke-Cola hire Haddon Sundblom to illustrate Santa Claus dressed in the red Santa Claus suit and Santa Claus hat trimmed in white fur that helped standardize the image of the gift-bringer in the eyes of America?
10. The politicians, women's groups, and seniors' organizations protested this Christmas song written in 1979 and popularized by Elmo and Patsy.
11. "Crying up the lum " is how some Scottish children tell Santa Claus their Christmas gift wishes. What is "crying up the lum "?
12. The Nutcracker phenomenon started as a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann in what year?
13. To determine who opens the first Christmas gift. What kind of glass Christmas ornament has to be found first on the Christmas tree?
14. What are the names of Santa Claus's eight reindeer as named in Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas"?
15. American's concern over the separation of church and state resulted in a number of court challenges. What was the "ruling name" of the United States Supreme Court decision?

### **Christmas Trivia Answers:**

1. The Barnum's Animal Cracker and box was introduced by the National Biscuit Company. The box, as it does today, had a string designed so that the box could be hung as a Christmas ornament.
2. Rudolph the Red Noised Reindeer.
3. The Coca-Cola company used Santa Claus to promote the idea that a soft drink was a winter beverage as well as a summer beverage.
4. Joel Poinsett the developer of the popular Christmas Poinsettia flower.
5. The candy cane.

6. Frosty the Snowman.
7. The environmentalist President Teddy Roosevelt.
8. In the 1850s Pease's Great Variety Store in Albany sold the first machine printed Christmas cards.
9. Haddon Sunblom was hired to illustrate Santa Claus in 1931 and drew Santa Claus illustrations till 1964.
10. Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.
11. They simply stick their heads up the chimney and shout out their Christmas desires.
12. The nutcracker began in 1816.
13. The Glass pickle ornament.
14. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen. Note that Rudolph made his first appearance later in 1939.
15. The "Reindeer Rule" decided that the presence of secular elements such as Santa Claus, elves, and the reindeer had diluted the religious content sufficiently.

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