



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

Celebrations Month - Christmas

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Christmas is celebrated by billions of people all over the world on December the 25th to honour the birth of Jesus Christ. Families come together to share love, gratitude and appreciation for one another. Decorating a Christmas Tree, your house, exchanging gifts, and enjoying a meal together are just some of the ways we celebrate Christmas.

Craft activity: Fingerprint Christmas Tree

Children will need: A4 piece of red paper or card. Green, white, red & brown paint, paint brushes, paper towel or wipes.

Instructions: Mix up green and white paint to make up some different shades of green paint. Place all colours in dishes/paint pots. Let the children use their fingertips to paint individual fingertip prints to make the shape of a Christmas Tree, and use the brown paint to do the same for the tree stump. Then paint a red star at the top of the tree.

COVID Safe suggestions: Set up individual craft stations, for social distancing, wipe over items used and table before setting up for the next child. Or make up a craft pack for the children to take home.

Extension ideas: You can add silver paint or black and white paint mixed to make a light grey & red paint still using fingertips, to decorate the tree with baubles.

Fact: Mistletoe is the symbol of love and laughter.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with & contribute to their world



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

If you have an outdoor area with some natural garden area, have the children collect some nature bits like fallen leaves/ branches, pinecones or gum nuts. Talk about how they can use them to make their own Christmas decorations at home. Or if you can before Playgroup collect some of the above and set them up outside and the Children to look and touch at the items, ask them how they feel – rough or smooth. Ask them

GROUP TIME IDEAS

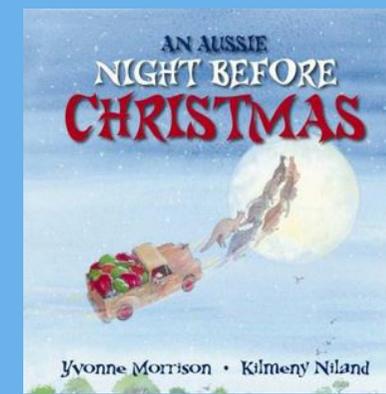
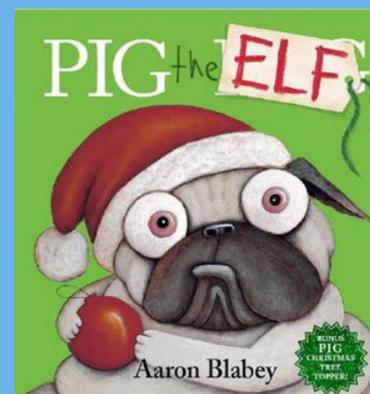
Sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols. We have a few below that you might like to sing. Ask the children what Christmas means to them. For those Children who don't celebrate Christmas ask them to share their special holidays or traditions with everyone.



BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Pig the Elf by Aaron Blabey

An Aussie Night Before Christmas by Yvonne Morrison & Kilmeny Niland



MUSIC TIME SONG IDEAS

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow,
In a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go.
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tails ring,
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to laugh and sing,
A sleighing song tonight.

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Hey, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

I'm a Little Santa

I'm a little Santa,
Short and fat,
Here is my beard
and here is my sack,
On Christmas Eve
I hop in my sleigh,
With a "Ho Ho Ho"
I'm on my way.

