

Feed the Snowman, Elf & Rudolph

Holiday Craft, Sorting & Phonics Play Activity



Objectives

- Develop fine motor skills through cutting, pasting, and manipulating materials
- Strengthen early phonics skills: letter sounds, beginning sounds, and picture cues (/s/ /a/ /t/ /p/ /i/ /n/)
- Practice math concepts: sorting by size (small, medium, large carrots)
- Boost hand-eye coordination and creativity
- Encourage social skills: turn-taking, communication, and group play

Skills Developed

1. **Fine Motor Skills** – Scissor use, holding and placing the carrots into the mouth opening
2. **Phonics & Language** – Saying sounds, matching objects to letter sounds
3. **Math & Classification** – Sorting by size, comparing small/medium/big
4. **Cognitive Skills** – Following steps, sequencing activities
5. **Creativity** – Decorating characters and carrot shapes
6. **Social-Emotional Growth** – Sharing, waiting turns, celebrating peers' success

Materials Needed

- Printed and laminated **Snowman, Elf, and Rudolph** cutouts with mouth openings
- A box to attach each character + cut a small feeding slot
- Carrot cutouts in 3 sizes (S / M / L)
- Picture-sound cards for letters: **s, a, t, p, i, n**
- Glue or tape
- Card stock or cardboard pieces
- Child-safe scissors
- Markers, crayons, stickers (optional)

Instructions

1. Prepare the Character Boxes

Cut out and laminate the Snowman, Elf, and Rudolph images.

Paste each one onto a box and cut out their mouth holes.

2. Create the Carrots

Cut and decorate small, medium, and large carrot shapes.

Mount them onto cardboard for durability.

3. Match & Feed Game

✓ Choose one character to play with

✓ Child draws a picture-sound card

✓ Say the letter sound together (e.g., /s/ “sun”)

✓ Sort: Which carrot size matches the card? (Teacher will set rules per game mode)

✓ Feed the carrot into the character’s mouth!

4. Extend the Play

• Name the character: “Who loves big carrots today?”

• Describe using math language: “bigger, smaller, medium”

• Use full sentences: “Rudolph eats 2 small carrots!”

✿ Game Variations for 3 days

You can rotate between themes to keep the lesson fresh:

Character	Activity Focus	Example Prompt
Snowman 	Size sorting (S-M-L carrots)	“Feed Snowman the small carrot!”
Elf 	Initial sound sorting	“Feed Elf the picture that starts with /t/.”
Rudolph 	Mixed challenge game	“Pick a card, say the sound, then feed the correct size carrot!”

♪ Add Songs & Storytime (Optional)

Warm-up with winter or Christmas songs

- Songs about Snowmen or Santa
- Encourage dancing, clapping, repeating lyrics

Story prompts for imagination

- “Rudolph needs energy before Christmas night!”
- “The Elf is hungry after making toys!”
- “Let’s help Snowman grow taller with his carrots!”

Suggested Lesson Flow

Time	Activity	Teacher's Role	Children's Role
5 min	Warm-Up Song & Phonics Chant	Lead movement + letter sounds	Sing, repeat sounds, move
10 min	Story Introduction	Tell a fun character story	Listen & engage
15 min	Craft: Cutting & Preparing Characters	Demonstrate + support	Cut & decorate
15 min	Carrot Craft	Guide sorting vocabulary	Cut & color carrots
10 min	Feed the Characters Game	Facilitate turn-taking	Match sounds + feed
5 min	Reflection & Goodbye Song	Ask "What did you learn?"	Share favorite part