

Feed Santa Claus

Instructions

Holiday Craft, Dice Game & Fun Extended Activity



Objective:

- Develop **fine motor skills** by cutting, laminating, and pasting.
 - Strengthen **counting and number recognition** through the dice game.
 - Encourage **hand-eye coordination** and **creative expression**.
 - Promote **language skills** with storytelling and songs.
 - Foster **social interaction** and **turn-taking** through group play (for classroom setting).
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Skills Developed:

1. **Fine Motor Skills:** Guided cutting shapes, pasting, and manipulating materials.
 2. **Math Skills:** Counting, number recognition, and one-to-one correspondence (dice game).
 3. **Cognitive Skills:** Following instructions and sequencing steps.
 4. **Language & Literacy:** Storytelling, singing, and holiday vocabulary.
 5. **Social & Emotional Skills:** Sharing materials, taking turns, and cooperative play.
 6. **Creativity & Imagination:** Decorating Santa and cookies.
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Materials Needed:

- Laminated Santa image with a mouth hole
- Box (paste Santa and cut the hole)
- Cookie cutouts
- Dice (layout is at the end page)
- Cardboard or card stock for mounting cookies
- Glue or tape
- Scissors (child-safe)
- Markers, crayons, or stickers (optional)

Instructions (Refined & Catchy):

1. **Cut and Laminate Santa:** Carefully cut out the Santa image and laminate it. You can involve your little one in cutting using the child-safe scissors.
2. **Make Santa's Mouth a "Cookie Hole":** Paste Santa on the box. Cut a hole in Santa's mouth.
3. **Prepare the Cookies:** Cut out cookie shapes and decorate with stickers or crayons. Paste cookies on small cardboards for easy handling.
4. **Dice Game – Feed Santa by Numbers:**
 - Take turns rolling a dice.
 - The number on the dice shows **how many cookies** they need to feed Santa.
 - They "feed" the correct number of cookies into Santa's mouth.
5. **Storytelling:** Short story about Santa Claus and the cookies.

"Cookies for Santa" <https://www.publishersweekly.com/9781492677710>

"Baking Cookies for Santa" <https://www.storybooks.app/bedtime-stories/baking-cookies-for-santa-wexpVYYHtg>

6. **Singing:** Sing a song while playing to make it festive.

"Up on the Housetop" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Kmq7hh8Ofg>

"When Santa got stuck up the Chimney" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IcSuv9tZow>

Flow of the Lesson

Time	Activity	Teacher's Role	Children's Role
5 min	Warm-Up Song	Lead a fun holiday song	Sing, clap, move to music
10 min	Storytelling	Read/tell a short Santa story	Listen, respond, act out parts
15 min	Craft Activity: Cut & Laminate Santa	Demonstrate cutting and laminating	Cut, laminate, ask questions
15 min	Cut & Paste Cookies	Show how to paste cookies on cardboards	Cut cookies, paste, decorate
10 min	Dice Game: Feed Santa	Explain dice rules, guide turns	Roll dice, count cookies, feed Santa
5 min	Closing Song & Reflection	Lead a festive song, recap activity	Sing, share favorite part of game

DICE Layout

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