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PACK MEETING IDEAS

- ❖ Have each den research the holiday traditions of a different country or region of their choice. At the pack meeting, each den can tell about the area they chose, sing a traditional song, show traditional costuming, even share regional holiday cookies or other treats they have prepared.
- ❖ Host a holiday food or used clothing drive to benefit a local pantry or shelter.
- ❖ If the pack provides Pinewood Derby cars, consider giving them out this month as seasonal gifts.

CEREMONIES

HOLIDAY MAGIC SCRAMBLE OPENING

Preparation: Two dens and a Den Chief can participate together on this skit. A poster board for each letter of the words "Holiday Magic" is needed. After the letters are written, let the boys decorate their posters as desired.

Boys enter the stage carrying letter poster that spell "Holiday Magic". All the letters are scrambled as the boys come on stage. The boys look at one another and at the posters and look puzzled.

Den Chief enters, looks at boys, scratches his head and really looks the boys over again. He begins to rearrange the letters by moving all the boys around. He makes several errors. All the time, the boys are looking around, trying to figure out the message. The Den Chief finally gives up. He just cannot figure it out. The boys huddle together and discuss the situation. Finally, one boy goes over, taps the Den Chief on his shoulder, and whispers in his ear. The Den Chief then proceeds to properly arrange the letters to spell "Holiday Magic".

When all the letters are finally in place, the dens lead the audience in singing a lively holiday song.



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SONGS

HOLIDAY TIME

Tune: Jungle Bells

Holidays are a time
When there's something in the air,
More than bells that chime,
More than songs to share.
Something gay and bright,
More than lights aglow,
You sense it morning,
Noon and night,
Wherever you may go.

CHORUS

Holiday time, holiday time,
Every Jack and Jill,
Knows what fun it is to feel
All a tingly with goodwill.
Holiday time, holiday time,
Though the air be chilled,
Everyone is tingly now,
With a feeling of goodwill!

OH CHRISTMAS TREE

Tune: O Tannenbaum

(1)
Oh, Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
Your needles falling down on me.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
Your needles falling down on me.
"It's freshly cut," the salesman said.
But now you're home, I see you're dead.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
Your needles falling down on me.

(2)
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
You fell over on my TV.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
You fell over on my TV.
The cable lines are in a pinch,
I can't watch Snoopy or the Grinch.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
You fell over on my TV



(3)
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
There's something under you I see.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
There's something under you I see.
Is it a present gaily wrapped?
No, it's a blob of gooey sap.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
There's something under you I see.



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GAMES

SANTA'S REINDEER GAME

Boys stand side by side on a line called the "North Pole". Another line at the end of the playing area is designated as "My House". Each boy selects the name of one of the reindeer for himself. One of the boys is selected as Santa Claus and he goes to the middle of the play area facing the reindeer, between the North Pole and My House. Santa calls the name of one of the reindeer, and all the reindeer with that name try to run to the line marked My House before they are tagged by Santa. All those tagged by Santa go to the center and help Santa tag the others. When all the reindeer names have been called, the last reindeer tagged is the new Santa.

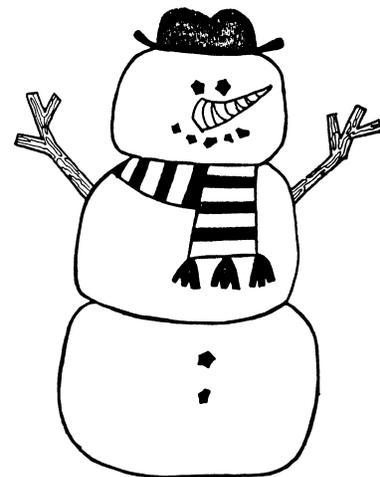
CHRISTMAS STOCKING RELAY

One red stocking for each team is hung. Each contestant is provided with a teaspoon and three large cotton balls. These cotton balls must be picked up off the floor with the spoon, carried to the stocking, and dropped into it. This is run as a relay, with each runner putting his cotton balls into his team's stocking and returning to the next runner. The cotton balls must be put into the stocking without using hands.

THE SNOWMAN SPIN GAME

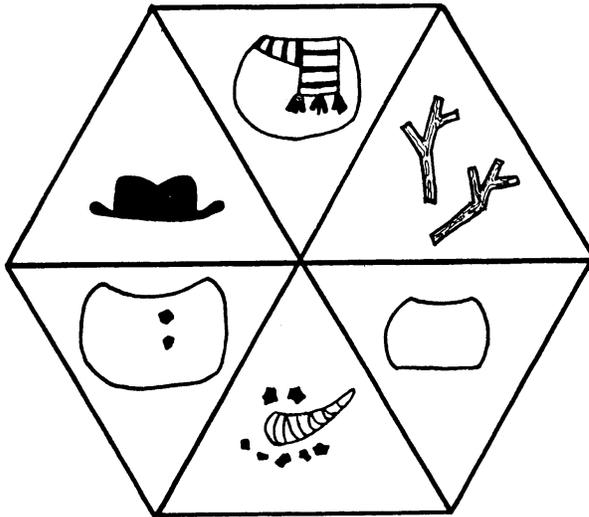
Preparation: Enlarge the game wheel to desired size and copy onto a heavy cardstock. If desired, glue the wheel to a piece of cardboard or foam board. Use a paper clip or safety pin, held in place by a push pin placed in the center of the wheel, as your spinner. This game is so much fun that each boy may wish to make one to share with his family. Another option is to make copies of the snowman and let each boy cut out the different parts to build the snowman instead of drawing a snowman.

Each player needs a sheet of paper on which to draw his snowman. Each player must build his snowman from the bottom up. Players take turns spinning the clip – one spin per turn – and each must spin to the bottom section of the snowman before he can draw it. After a player has spun and drawn the bottom section, he must then spin to the middle section. He can then draw it without the scarf. He must spin again to the middle section to draw the scarf. Once this is done, he must spin for the arms, one at a time. He must then spin for the head. Spin three times to get the eyes, nose, and mouth. The final spin is for the hat. The first player to complete his snowman wins the game.



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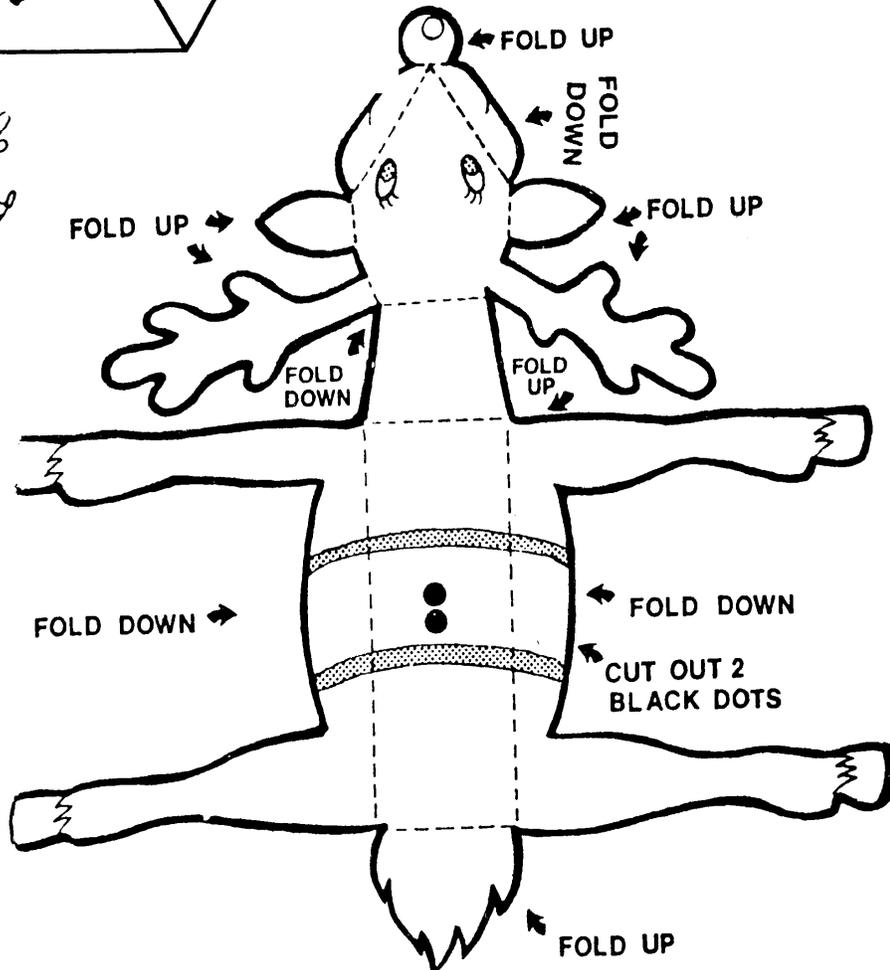
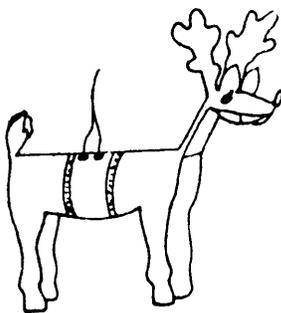
THE SNOWMAN SPIN GAME, continued



CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

REINDEER ORNAMENT

Enlarge reindeer pattern to desired size and let the boys color as desired. Cut along the heavy black line and fold on dotted lines. Punch two small holes in reindeer, as indicated with dark circles on back, and run string through for hanging.





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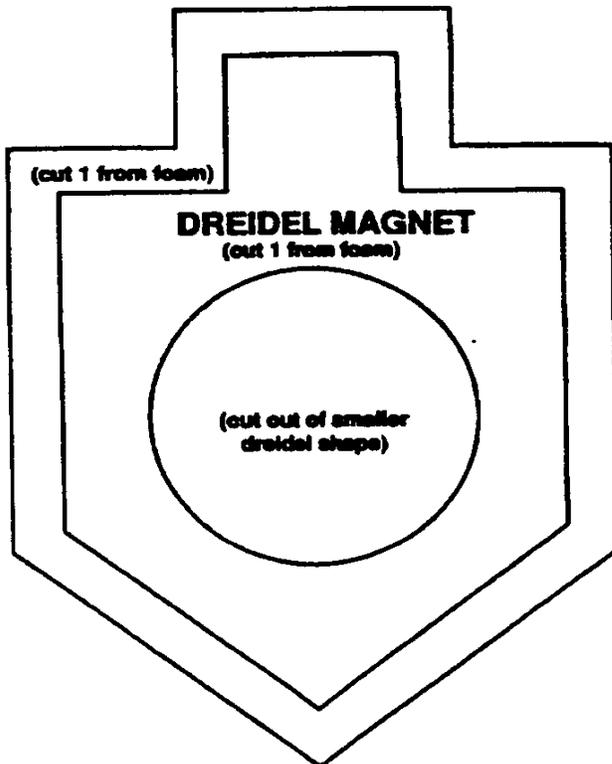
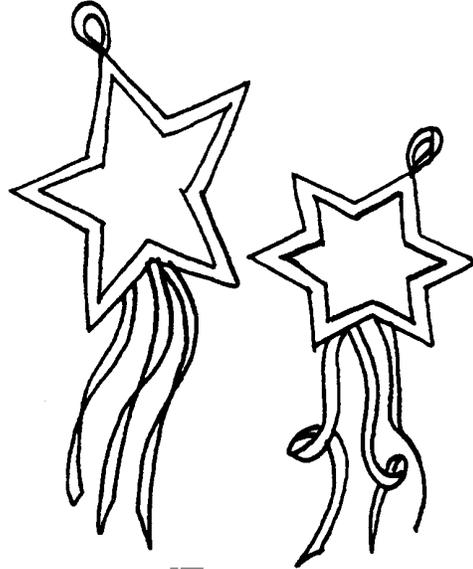
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SHOOTING STARS OR HANUKKAH STAR

Draw a 5-point star or a 6-point Star of David (about 3" across) on cardboard for a pattern. Then, draw a slightly smaller star pattern. Using two different colors of bright colored felt, cut a star out of each. Using 2 matching ribbons colors, cut three 8" strands of ribbon from each color. Make sure all ends are even, then staple across the top several times to hold them together. Lay the large star on the table and place the stapled ribbons together in the center of the star. Put glue on the back of the smaller star, turn it over and center it on the larger star. This will secure the ribbon strands. When the glue has dried, carefully poke a small hole in the top of the star and thread a short piece of ribbon through it for a hanging loop. You may add glitter, sequins, beads, or write Shalom or Peace on your star with fabric paints.



DREIDEL PHOTO MAGNET

Trace both dreidel outlines and the oval outline onto paper to create patterns. Use the large dreidel pattern to cut from one color of craft foam and the smaller dreidel shape to cut from another color of craft foam. If desired, pinking shears can be used to cut the smaller dreidel shape. Cut the circle from the center of small shape. Glue a photo (approximately 2" x 2") onto the back of the small dreidel foam so picture shows through the oval opening. Center and glue the small dreidel shape onto the large dreidel shape. Decorate as desired with a bow, small foam circles made with a hole punch, glitter, or greeting written with a marker. To finish, press a strip of self adhesive magnetic tape on the back of the dreidel.



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KWANZAA!!

If you are having a Kwanzaa celebration in your home, make a list of all the people you wish to invite. Look through magazines for examples of African fabric and designs (Corel Gallery Magic clipart as a large selection as well). You can follow these designs for your invitations and other decorations. Look around your home for a special cup that you can use for the Unity Cup. Start gathering dried vegetables and fruits to make up the mazao, which represent the crops of harvest, or the many good things in our lives. Make Kwanzaa decorations; the colors of Kwanzaa are red, black and green. Begin thinking of Kwanzaa gifts you can make. Remember that Kwanzaa gifts are not meant to cost a lot of money. Instead, the gifts are meant to celebrate the spirit of kuumba, or creativity.

KWANZAA MAT

Materials needed:

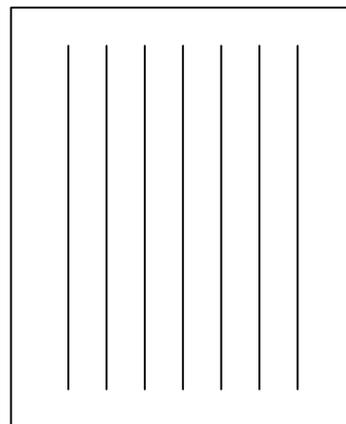
ruler

scissors

glue or clear tape

black, red and green construction paper

Measure and cut a piece of black construction paper that is 8" wide and 10" long. With ruler and pencil, measure and draw 7 lines on the paper, leaving a 1" border all the way around the mat. See illustration. Cut 4 red and 4 green strips of construction paper, each 1" wide and 8" long.



Weave red and green strips alternately, going over and under the black mat frame. Keep the border solid black for a clean, finished look. Secure the ends of the red and green paper strips with glue or clear tape. Place your mat on the table and decorate with an arrangement of corn and other harvest foods.

OTHER KWANZAA ACTIVITIES

- Take out the old photograph album and tell your children about their ancestors.
- Show some movies about the country and people of your family's origin.
- Take the children to the library and have an "Africa" scavenger hunt for information about Africa.
- Create a family tree.

