



# The Teacher's Aid



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## KIDS' KORNER

**Ages 6-12**



## Christmas Candy Review Game



### Hang That Old Christmas Stocking!

Try this neat little motivator  
the month of **December**.

#### Supplies:

- \* 1 regular size Christmas stocking
- \* Candy canes—regular or mini size
- \* Green/red or Christmas print tape
- \* Small wrapped \$1.00 store Christmas gifts/treats
- \* Large wrapped gift box/lid or small Christmas tree



#### Preparation:

Hang stocking in a prominent place in the classroom. Set up the Christmas tree or gift box with small gifts on or around tree or in gift box.

Wrap a piece of tape around the bottom of several candy canes. Each week place 1 or 2 of them along with a number of unmarked canes hanging out of the stocking.

#### Procedure:

**Attendance:** (Use for weeks leading to Christmas)

When children bring a visitor to class **both of them** may choose a candy cane from the stocking. Be sure you monitor this. If a cane with tape is chosen, that child also gets to choose small gift from under the tree or the gift box.



**Memory Work:** Each child who correctly says their memory verse each week (or whatever system you have set up for this), gets to choose a cane from the stocking . . .

**Review Contest:** Each child, who answers any review question you may use each week, gets to choose a cane from the stocking. . .

A great way to review the Christmas lesson by teams.

#### Supplies:

- \* Red and green wrapped candy (Hershey® Kisses, hard candy...); extra candy for prizes
- \* Paper lunch bag or Christmas bag
- \* List of review questions

#### Preparation:

Prepare 10-12 (or whatever number works for your class) questions to review the Christmas story. Then place 10-12 (or match with number of questions used) red candy pieces and same # of green candy into the bag and mix.

#### Procedure:

Divide your group into 2 teams and determine which team will be the "Red" and "Green" teams. Have teams take turns answering questions. The child who answers correctly for their team can take a candy from the bag without looking into the bag. Place all candy taken from the bag into a container at the front of the room. When all questions have been answered, count the red and green candies in the container to determine which team has the most of their color. That team wins! **For a prize**, use the extra candies and allow the winning team to have 2 or 3 extra candies/per child and the other team one candy for each child. Everyone gets something for their efforts!



**Option for smaller classes:** Use a variety of mixed candies and each child that answers correctly may pull a candy from the bag and keep it. Be sure all have at least one turn to answer and be successful!



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## A CHRISTMAS "DRAW"!

A fun game to review the Christmas story and allow children to work together as a team.

### Supplies:

- Paper and pencils/markers for each team
- 4" x 6" cards or slips of paper
- Candy canes or small Christmas story-related prizes

### Preparation:

Select **key words** from the Christmas story (*star, manger, Jesus, Bethlehem, God, shepherds, wise men...*)  
Print each on a 4x6 card or slips of paper.

### Procedure:

Divide the class into 2 or more teams, depending on class size. Sit each team together in a different part of the room at a table or on floor. Give each team pieces of paper and a pencil or marker. Have one child from each team be designated as the "drawer" for each turn. That child will come to you at the front. Show these children one of the words from your cards (same word for all teams). After they have seen the word, each must go back and draw a picture of the word for their team, with no talking, writing words or making gestures. The first team to guess the word wins that round. Play till everyone has had a chance to draw a word. Points can be given for each team win and a Christmas cane or Christmas treat to final winners.

## Decorate Your Tree ANSWER KEY

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| 1. False | 9. False  |
| 2. True  | 10. True  |
| 3. False | 11. True  |
| 4. False | 12. True  |
| 5. True  | 13. False |
| 6. False | 14. True  |
| 7. True  | 15. True  |



## Decorate Your Tree!!

A unique way to review the Christmas story.



### Supplies:

- \* 8 1/2 x 11" heavy paper or cardstock—white or light green.
- \* 1 copy of tree for each child (See pattern provided.)
- \* Crayons/fine tip markers —red, green, blue, yellow.
- \* List of review statements and answer key (Below)

### Preparation:

Make a copy of the tree for each child on paper or cardstock. Give each child a set of crayons/markers or share in groups.

### Procedure:

Conduct this as a review game. Follow the list of "True/False" statements. Have children find ornament #1 on their tree. Read #1 statement and the colour for their true or false answer. Give children time to choose an answer and color the ornament before moving on to the next question. When all statements have been answered, check answers together. For any false statement, have children give the true answer. Tree can be taken home and used as a Christmas decoration.

**Note:** Statements can be changed to reflect the content of your lessons. Be sure to keep the T & F concept for answers.

## True or False Statements



- Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to be taxed. True—red; false—yellow
- The books of Matthew and Luke tell about the birth of Jesus. True—red; false—blue
- An angel appeared to Mary and told her to name her Son Jesus. True—blue; false—green
- The wise men brought four different gifts to Jesus. True—yellow; false—blue
- Mary and Joseph's hometown was Nazareth. True—green; false—red
- The wise men saw the baby Jesus before the shepherds did. True—blue; false—red.
- Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem. True—yellow; false—green.
- In a dream an angel warned Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. True—red; false—blue.
- Jesus was born in a manger because it was the nicest place in the town. True—yellow; false—green.
- Herod was king of Judea when Jesus was born. True—blue; false—red.
- Caesar Augustus sent out a decree that all of the world was to be taxed. True—red; false—yellow
- Mary, Joseph and Jesus were living in a house when the wise men came. True—green; false—blue.
- A star led the shepherds to Jesus in the manger. True—red; false—blue
- The shepherds were afraid when the angel appeared to them. True—yellow; false—green.
- The real Father of Jesus was God. True—green; False—blue.

