

VIRTUAL CHILDCARE PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

SPECIAL EDITION CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR FAMILY



HELLO PARENTS,

The holiday season is upon us, and there is much to celebrate. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several holiday events have changed; nonetheless, there are still plenty of opportunities to share in the bliss and wonder of this season with your family. This is a wonderful time for your family to make traditions which you may continue for years. We wish you, and your family a beautiful holiday season, filled with moments of happiness, and lasting memories. Throughout this newsletter, you will find winter fun and activities for your family to enjoy, throughout the holiday season.

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS FAMILY ACTIVITIES

MASON JAR SNOW GLOBE

MATERIALS:

- Mason jar
- Spoon
- Glue gun
- 1 cup of water
- 2 tablespoons of glitter
- A winter figurine, or small toy of your choice. For example, an ornament, small snowman figurine, small tree, favourite small toy etc.

DIRECTIONS:

- Assist your child, and use a glue gun to glue the bottom of your small toy or figurine to the inside of the Mason jar lid. Make sure you use enough glue to secure the toy or figurine. Set aside to dry.
- Fill mason jar with warm water.
- Pour 2 tablespoons of glitter into the jar. Stir thoroughly with a spoon.
- Once the small toy or figurine has dried on the Mason jar lid, place it face down into the Mason jar. The lid should rest evenly on the jar's top rim. Twist the lid to ensure the jar is tightly sealed.
- Assist your child, and hot glue the perimeter of the lid to the jar, to ensure that the seal is secure.
- Shake and enjoy watching the snow fall!

[Click here](#) to make a flying reindeer!

PIN THE NOSE ON THE SNOWMAN

MATERIALS:

- Several pieces of white paper, large size
- Coloured pencils and/or markers
- Scissors
- Tape
- Scarf/blindfold

DIRECTIONS:

- On a large piece of paper, draw a snowman. You may use several pieces of paper, to make your snowman large. Be sure to include all of your snowman's features, such as the eyes, arms, hat and face.
- On another piece of paper, draw a carrot nose.
- You may colour your snowman, and the carrot nose.
- Use scissors to cut out the snowman and the carrot nose.
- Tape the snowman to a wall or door.
- Now, it is time to play! Gather several family members to play the game.
- Use a scarf to blindfold the first player of the game. Put tape on the back of the carrot nose, and give it to the player.
- Spin the player around, 2-3 times.
- Challenge the player to hold the carrot nose, and put it on the snowman, in the middle of the face, where the nose should be!
- Mark where each player puts the nose. The person who puts the nose closest to the centre of the face, wins!

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CANDY CANE HOT CHOCOLATE

MATERIALS:

- 4 cups of milk
- ¼ cup of unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ cup of sugar
- ½ cup of chocolate chips or chopped chocolate bar
- Candy canes
- 4 mugs

DIRECTIONS:

- Place the milk, cocoa powder, and sugar in a small saucepan.
- Help your child to put the saucepan on the stove, and heat over medium/medium-low heat, while whisking frequently, until warm. Make sure it is not boiling.
- Add chocolate chips, and whisk constantly until the chocolate chips melt. If you do not have chocolate chips, cut a chocolate bar and add to the mixture.
- Distribute milk evenly into 4 mugs.
- Distribute the chocolate mixture evenly into each mug of milk. Mix well.
- Add a candy cane to the mixture.
- Enjoy a delicious mug of candy cane hot chocolate with your family!

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CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

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