

Lollipop Snowmen



Here's what you will need to make these snowmen (see bag in pack)

- Lollipop stick
- Googly eyes
- Black marker
- Orange marker
- Ribbon
- Buttons
- Pipe cleaner
- PVA glue (not provided)
- Scissors (not provided)

Cut the pipe cleaner in half and wrap it around the top of lollipop stick and upwards to form a spiral that makes the hat for the snowman.

Glue a pom pom to the end of the pipe cleaner and allow to dry.

Take the long piece of ribbon in half and glue to top of lollipop stick.

Attach googly eyes to the craft stick just below the hat.

Draw a carrot nose with orange marker.

Add dots with black marker to form a mouth.

Take the remainder of the pipe cleaner and wrap it around the lollipop stick to form a scarf that crosses in the front, just below the mouth. Secure in place with glue.

Glue three small buttons to the bottom portion of the snowman.

Accordion Reindeer



Here's what you will need to make two of this decoration (see bag in pack):

- Brown card/Cream card
- Googly eyes
- Pom pom
- Glue (not provided)
- Scissors (not provided)
- Template over leaf

Cut out shapes on template overleaf from the brown card/cream card.

Glue the ears and antlers onto the back of the reindeer's head.

Turn the head over and glue on some googly eyes and a red or black pom pom nose. Finish off your reindeer face with a happy smile.

To make this reindeer's body and tail we use a double accordion fold. It looks a bit tricky but honestly it is super simple.

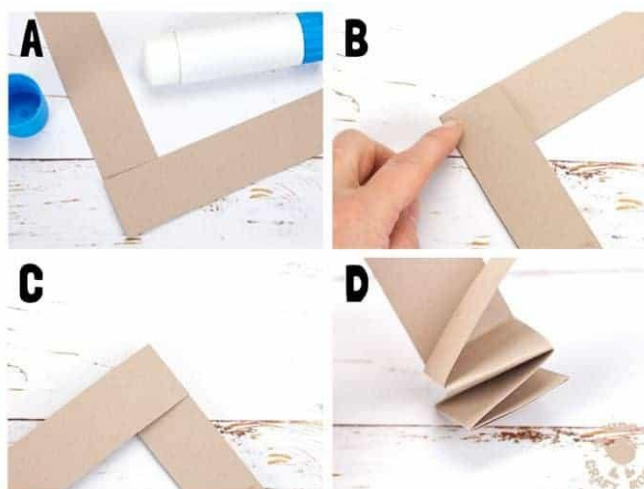
Glue the two ends of your long body strips at right angles to each other. Fold the lower strip over the top of the upper strip. The upper strip is now the lower strip so fold that over the upper trip. Keep folding the strips over each other until you have used up all the strip of paper.

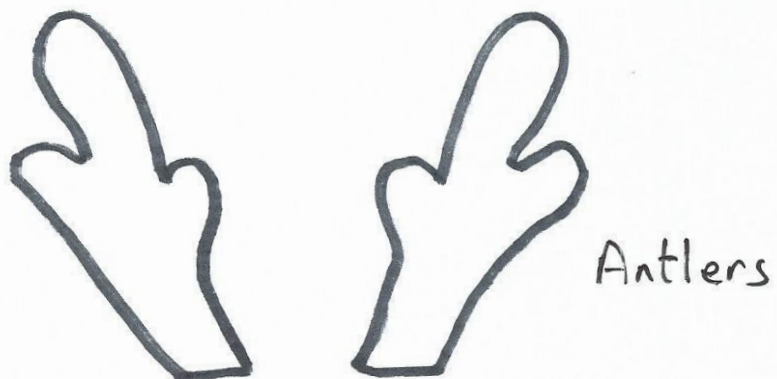
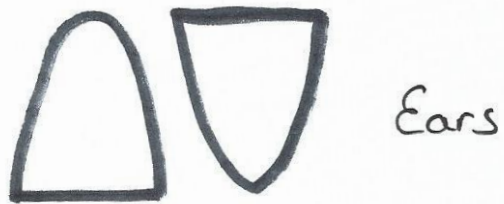
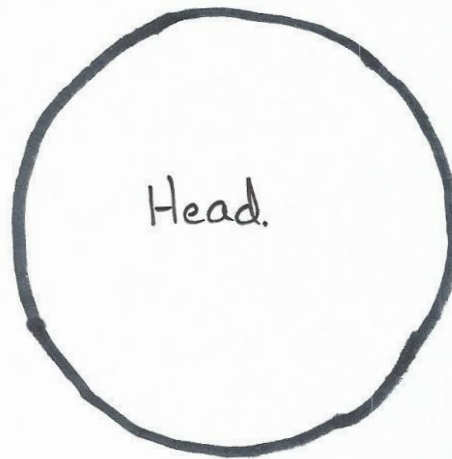
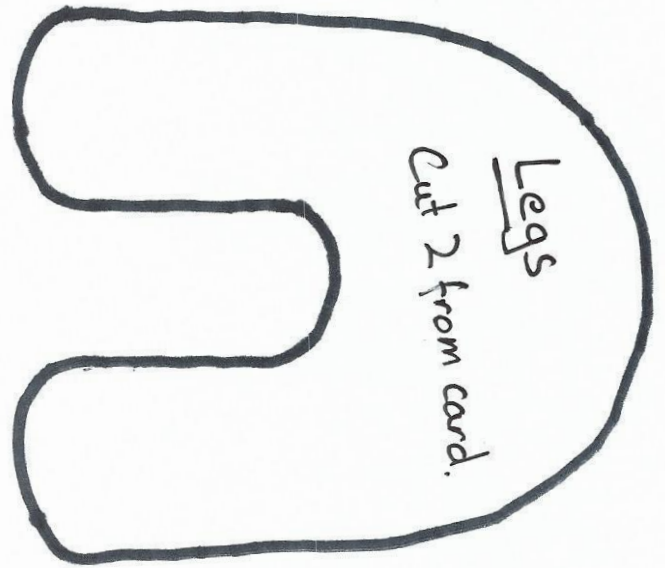
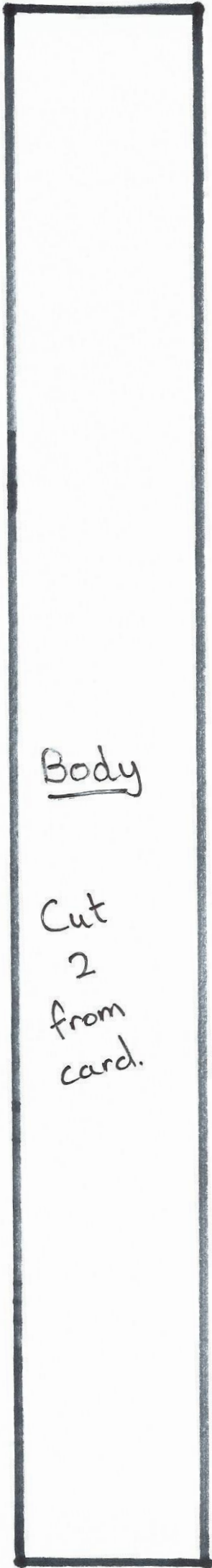
When you come to the end of the strips of paper, glue the two ends together and snip off any excess. You'll see that it is now a sort of spring that you can push flat or stretch out.

Glue the accordion folded reindeer's body between the two pairs of reindeer legs. Fold over the ends of the legs to make feet.

Repeat the accordion folding process with the little strips of paper to make the reindeer's tail and glue it into place.

Glue on the head and your reindeer is complete.





Accordion Reindeer

Upside Down Gingerbread Reindeer Cookies



Ingredients:

For Cookies:

350g plain flour
175g brown sugar
100g butter
1 egg
4 tablespoons golden syrup
1 teaspoon bread soda
2 teaspoons mixed spice

For decorating:

Icing sugar
Cold water
Chocolate (melted)
Mini smarties or M&Ms

Method:

Put the flour, butter, mixed spice and bread soda in a mixing bowl.
Mix it all together with fingertips until crumbly.
Add sugar, golden syrup and egg. Mix until it forms a firm pastry mix.
Using a rolling pin, roll out the pastry on a floured surface.
Cut out cookies using a gingerbread man shape cookie cutter.
Place cookies on a greased or non-stick baking tray.
Bake for 15 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180°C or Gas Mark 4
Remove from oven and cool on a wired tray.

To ice the reindeer, mix icing sugar with 1-2 tablespoons of cold water.
Draw on the antlers, ears, etc.
Use melted chocolate to make eyes and to attach mini smarties for noses.

Melting Snowman Cupcakes



Ingredients:

For cupcakes:

150g butter
150g caster sugar
160g self raising flour
15g cocoa
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla essence

For icing:

50g butter
100g icing sugar

To decorate:

Mini smarties or mini M&Ms
Chocolate icing in tube
Icing pens

To make cupcakes:

Line a 12-bun tray with paper cases.

Put all the cake ingredients in a bowl and beat together with either an electric mixer until light and creamy.

Divide the cake mixture between the paper cases.

Bake in a pre-heated oven, 180°C or 350°F or Gas Mark 4, for 20 minutes or until risen and just firm to the touch. Transfer to a wire tray to cool.

To make icing:

Cream the butter, add the icing sugar a little at a time until creamy.

To decorate:

1. Decorate with buttercream icing and put a marshmallow on each cupcake.
2. Draw faces and arms using chocolate icing or icing pens, and make buttons out of the mini smarties. Draw on nose with orange icing pen.



Juniors' Christmas Quiz

1. In Home Alone, what do the criminals call themselves?
2. Which famous drinks Company was the first to use Santa Claus in its advertisements?
3. In a famous Christmas song, what type of bird sat in a pear tree?
4. How many points does a snowflake have?
5. In which town beginning with "N" was Jesus raised as a child?
6. Which of the two items are usually placed on top of a Christmas tree?
 - a) A flower, b) a star, c) a present or d) an angel
7. In the song "Jingle Bells" what was it fun to ride on?
8. What type of vegetable do people leave by the fireplace on Christmas Eve for Santa's reindeer?
9. How does Santa enter your house on Christmas Eve?
10. What two colours are on candy canes?
11. What is the name of The Grinch's dog?

(Answers available on BB website www.boysbrigade.ie on 21st December 2020)

Juniors' Bible Quiz

1. What does Jesus' other name, "Emmanuel" mean?
2. Why did Joseph and Mary go to the city of David?
3. In what city was Jesus born?
4. Why were Mary and Joseph unable to stay in an inn?
5. With what did Mary wrap newborn Jesus?
6. After Jesus was born, where did Mary lay Him?
7. What was the shepherd's initial reaction to the angel who visited them?
8. What did the angel tell the shepherds?
9. What guided the wise men to find Jesus?
10. What gifts did the wise men give Jesus?
11. Why did Jesus' family flee Bethlehem?
12. Where did Jesus's family flee from Bethlehem to?
13. When they returned, where did Jesus and His family live?

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The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

BIBLE ACTIVITIES

Secret names of Jesus

Light of the world
Word made flesh
Messiah
Word of God
Christ
Son of God
Saviour
Son of man
Second Adam

Invent a secret sign or a sentence to say-

THE LORD IS HERE

St John said:

**THE WORD WAS
MADE FLESH**

(look at John 1:14)

What do you think he meant?

PRAY

Jesus, we thank you for coming to live on earth. Through you and your love may we enjoy life eternal.

AMEN

Find the secret names of Jesus.
(see above)

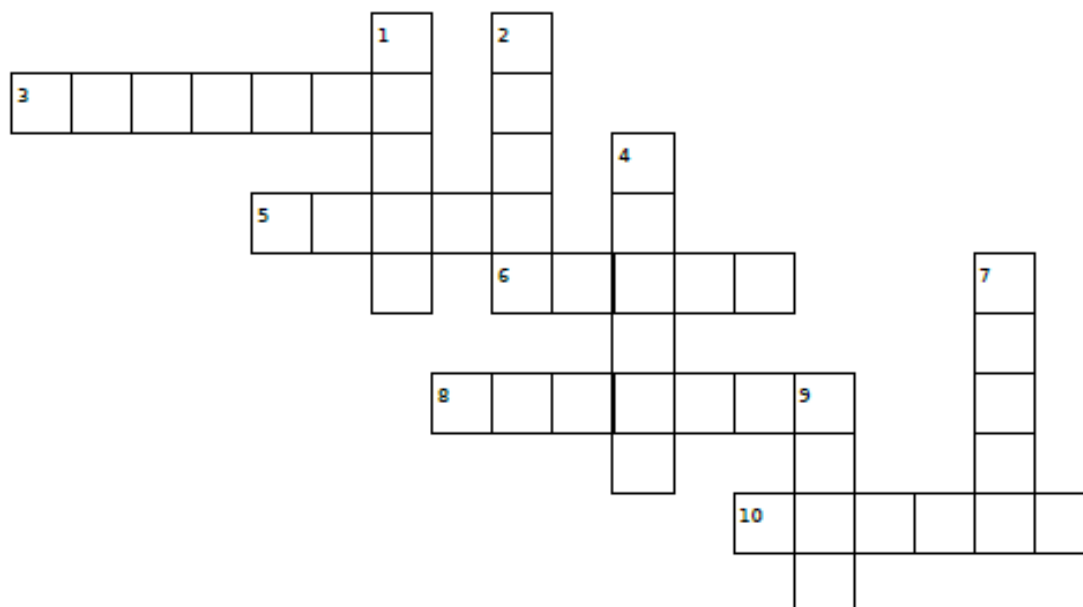


What is the most common name in the word search?

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BB Activity Pack Junior Section

Crossword



Down:

1. He was King of Israel when Jesus was born
2. We all like playing these
4. Eeyore is one of these
7. The Book with the Christmas Story in it
9. Twinkling object in the sky at night

Across:

3. In BB, the second B means this
5. Short 4 telephone
6. He lives in a very cold place
8. People we know and like , in school or BB
10. A cot or a bed for Jesus



BB Activity Pack Junior Section

Wordsearch

E D S D I H W U A M F O S P Z
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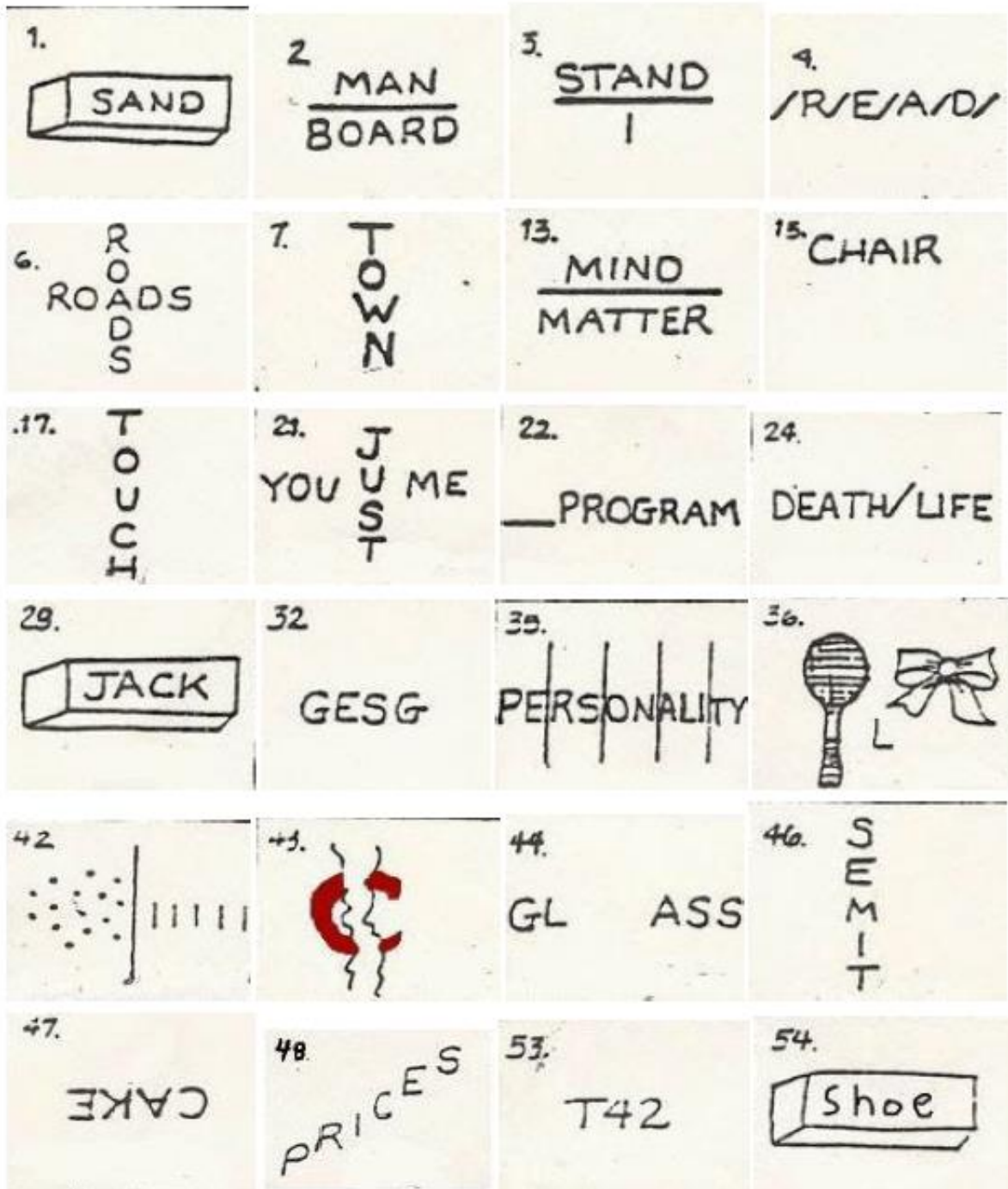
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 Manger
 Family

Bethlehem
 Jesus
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DINGBATS



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Christingle



What you'll need:

- Orange
- Red ribbon
- Sweets or dried fruit
- Cocktail sticks
- Tin foil
- Candle
- Sellotape
- Scissors
- Lighter/matches

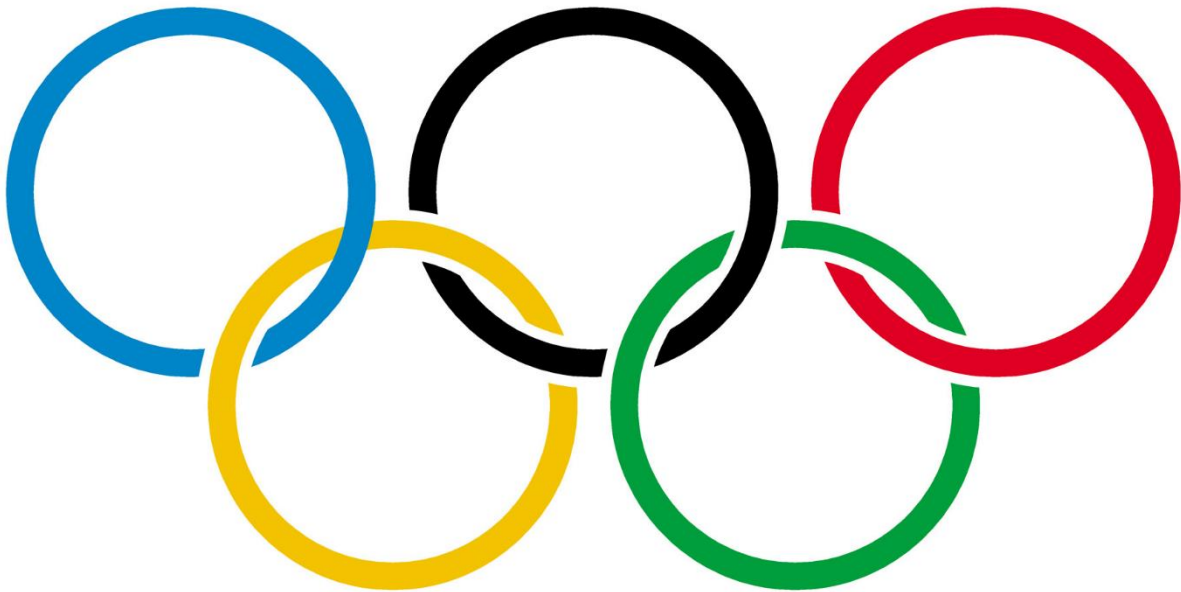
How to make:

- 1 Using Sellotape fasten a piece of red ribbon around the centre of the orange.
- 2 Make hole in the top of the orange using a pair of scissors or a sharp pencil. You may need to get an adult to help you with this.
- 3 Cut a small section of tin foil and place this above the hole on the orange. This will be used to catch any hot wax.
- 4 Push a small cancel through the centre of the tin foil and into the hole.
- 5 Stick four cocktail sticks, with sweets and/or dried fruits on them, into the four sides of the orange. Make sure the sharp ends of the cocktail sticks are covered with something.
- 6 Light the candle.
 Please be careful with the lit candle and should only be lit with adult supervision. If you have a battery-operated candle this could be used instead.

Meaning behind each piece of the Christingle:

Orange	Represents the whole world
Red Ribbon	Represents God's love wrapped around the world and the blood of Jesus shed on the cross.
Fruits/Sweets	Symbols of God's creations and can also represent the four seasons.
Lit Candle	Represents Jesus, light of the world, who brings hope to those living in darkness.

Outdoor Activities for Juniors



School sports days and even the Olympic games have all had to be cancelled this year. Make up for it by holding your own Olympic sports day, with some garden races against your family.

Egg & Spoon: Each family member will need an egg and a spoon. Set up some markers and obstacles and the first to cross the line is the winner.

Sack Race: Give each person a bin liner as their sack. Who can jump their way to the finish line the quickest?

Three-Legged Race: Using string or rope, tie the inside legs of two family members and set up a race course for them to make their way through.

Create Your Own: Think of your own Olympic sports day races for your family to compete in. Ask a grown-up to take a photo or video of your Olympic sports day and share it with your BB group or send to info@boysbrigade.ie so that it can be added to The Republic of Ireland's Facebook page.

What you Need:

Egg and spoon, String, Bin Liners, Markers.

Indoor Activities for Juniors



Morse code has been around since the 1830's and has helped send messages all over the world.

Learn the different letters and see if you can use Morse Code to write some key words.

Morse Code is an electronic system of communication which uses dots and dashes to send messages.

Before its invention messages could take weeks, but with Morse Code this was reduced to minutes.

Its use helped the world to communicate and had a big impact.

Use the Morse Code activity sheet overleaf pack to learn the different letters and to write the three words or phases in Morse Code.

Once completed, try and write some other words in Morse Code.

Do you know how to Morse the famous 'SOS', used by ships when they are in trouble?

Share a photo of your completed activity with your BB Company or send to info@boysbrigade.ie so that it can be posted on The Boys' Brigade Republic of Ireland's Facebook page.

What you Need:

Morse code activity sheet, Pen/Pencil

Morse Code

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B	— · · ·	O	— — —	2	· · — — —
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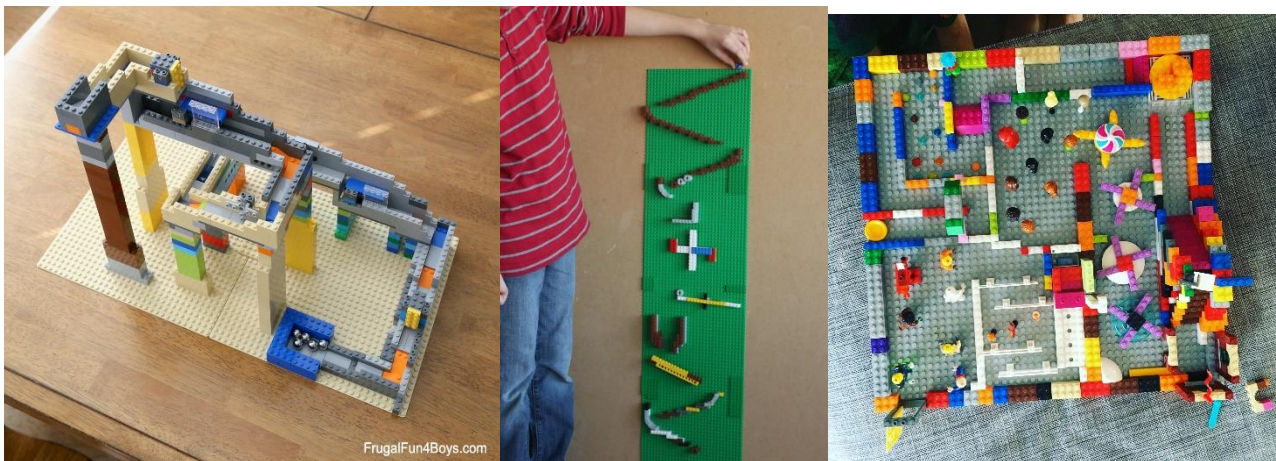
Can you write the following words in Morse Code? Use the dots and dashes to create these words.

- 1) Hello
- 2) Your Name
- 3) Boys' Brigade

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Indoor Activities for Juniors:

Lego Marble Run Challenge



Marble runs are all about being creative and finding clever ways of getting a marble to travel to the ground. What ways can you think of? Marble runs can be created almost anywhere. On walls, along tables, inside large cardboard boxes or wherever else you can think of. Marble runs should be creative and imaginative – so try to think of clever ways to make your marble travel. They should also take the marble on a journey -so try and make sure it takes as long as possible for the marble to travel to the floor.

Use baseplates on a piece of wood leaned against a wall (make sure it is not too vertical) or baseplates at an angle on a table. Then start putting on brick to create a track for your marble to run down from the top to the bottom.

To make it more interesting how about including a spinner and arches that your marble has to travel through.

Marble runs need to be tested out as they are being made. One of the trickiest bits in making them is stopping the marble from flying off the ends of the tracks as it bounces down from one level to the next. You can experiment with making stoppers and buffers to prevent this from happening – it is all part of the problem-solving process!

We would love to see your finished Marble Run, so send us a photo or video so we can show it on the BB Facebook page.