

 **Jingle Bells****You will need:**

A large space (preferably uncarpeted)

A chair

A set of bells

A blindfold (scarf will do)

The children sit in a circle. A chair is placed in the centre of the circle and the set of bells put underneath. A child is chosen to be Santa and sits on the chair. Santa is then blindfolded.

A child in the circle is chosen to be the thief. The thief must try to steal the bells without being heard. If Santa hears a noise he must try to point at the thief before the thief returns to his/her place in the circle. If the thief succeeds, Santa has another turn while a new thief is chosen. If the thief is identified, they become the new Santa and the previous Santa joins the circle.

Depending on the numbers and ages you can adapt the last part. For example in a large group I try and pick a different Santa and thief each time to try and ensure everyone has a go at something. With younger ones I let the thief become Santa whether they succeed or fail in getting the bells.

**Fill the stocking****You will need:**

Stocking for each team

Spoon for each team

Bowl for each team

Wrapped candy

Divide the children into teams and line the teams up at one end of the room. At the other end, hang a Christmas stocking for each team. Place a bowl of candy and a spoon in front of each team. The first child in each team takes a candy from the bowl with the spoon. They then carry the candy on the spoon to the stocking, drop it in, and race back to the next person in line. The second person in line then takes the spoon and so on.

Either play that the first team to fill the stocking are the winners - or, if you have large stockings, play for a set amount of time and the team who gets the most pieces of candy in their stocking in the time wins.

Christmas Story by Mrs Theobald

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AboZsLsw5N4&feature=youtu.be>