

What is Christmas? (A Mini-Unit)

Prep Work

Thanks for downloading our 5-day mini unit, *What is Christmas?*

This 5-day unit is designed to be low-prep, open-and-go, and flexible. If one activity doesn't appeal to you, you can easily skip it -- they don't build on each other. You can also check our blog post that has additional activities & book ideas.

We'd love to see pictures of your studies! Post on Panda Connect or tag us on Instagram/Facebook.

	Purchase (for free) Roll-a-Story & Similie and Metaphor from TpT.
	Download the Random Acts of Holiday Kindness kit (provided by Tricia @ This Life of Ours)
	Purchase or obtain books from the library
	Import lesson plan into your HSP. <i>Be sure to delete any assignments you don't want to do!</i>
	Save the YouTube playlist
	Choose a candy cane science activity
	Purchase toothpicks & gumdrops (or mini-marshmallows) for Gumdrop STEM
	Find a dice (roll-a-story)

Planning Notes:

What is Christmas?

	Santa Claus	Christmas Trees	Gifts	Food	
Storybook	Twas the Night Before Christmas	Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree	How the Grinch Stole Christmas	Dasher: How a Brave Little Doe Changed Christmas	The Spider Who Saved Christmas
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Read Chapters 1-2	Read Chapter 3	Read Chapter 4	Read Chapter 5	Read Chapters 6-7
Writing Prompt	Whoosh! Santa and I were off...	You're going to decorate a Christmas tree based on your state. What would go on it? What colors would you use?	Make a Christmas gift list for your family and/or friends.	(Hand out a candy cane) Describe the taste of candy canes.	Pick One
Video	The Evolution of Santa (2:49) How Coke Invented Santa (5:06)	How are trees grown? (5:47) Can tree lights spark a fire? (7:57)	The History of Christmas Shopping (9:17)	Christmas Dinner Around the World (9:41)	Pick a video from the playlist
Activity	Roll-a-Story	Gumdrop STEM	Similes & Metaphors	Choose a candy cane activity	Snowflake Garland (Take it an extr step & color your filters first.)
Christmas RAOK	Choose One	Choose One	Choose One	Choose One	Choose One

Family Movie & Snack	Miracle on 34th Street	A Charlie Brown Christmas	The Santa Clause	White Christmas	It's a Wonderful Life
	Chex Mix	Santa Munch Popcorn	Toffee Crackers (make a great gift!)	Gingersnaps	Cinnamon-Roasted Nuts