

# Christmas Scavenger Hunt Activity

## Materials:

Christmas questions worksheet (pages 2-3),  
18 Christmas fact cards (pages 4-8),  
scissors and scotch tape

## Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Christmas questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Christmas fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs,



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You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other. You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

## Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- laying flat on the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair
- on the side of your computer monitor

*Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.*



### Scavenger Hunt

# Christmas

Fact Card

# 1



### Scavenger Hunt

# Christmas

Fact Card

# 2



Electric Christmas lights were first used on Christmas trees in the late 1800s.



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# Christmas

# 3

The Germans made the first artificial Christmas tree out of dyed goose feathers.



# Christmas

# 4

If you were to total all the gifts given in the song "The 12 Days of Christmas" it would equal 364 gifts.





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# Christmas

Fact Card

# 5



The song "Jingle Bells" was

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# Christmas

Fact Card

# 6

For many people in Japan eating Kentucky Fried Chicken is a Christmas tradition. It is so popular that orders are placed months in advance



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In North America children hang stockings on Christmas Eve. Dutch children put out shoes.



Poinsettias, the traditional Christmas flowers, are originally native to Mexico.



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## Christmas

Fact Card

# 9

When Santa visits Finland he does not ride in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Instead, he



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Fact Card

# 10

Just like a human fingerprint no two reindeer antlers are exactly the



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## Christmas

# 11

The first candy canes were straight white sticks.



## Christmas

# 12



The first Christmas trees were decorated with foods such as apples, nuts, and dates.



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# Christmas

Fact Card  
**13**

Jack Rollins and Steve Nelson were songwriters. They wrote "Frosty the Snowman." They also wrote the



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Fact Card  
**14**



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# Christmas

15

Many years ago, people told ghost stories on Christmas Eve. "A Christmas Carol" is an example of a Christmas ghost story.



# Christmas

16



Santa Claus has many different names including Kris Kringle, Saint Nicholas, and Father Christmas.



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Fact Card  
**17**



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Fact Card  
**18**



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# Christmas Scavenger Hunt

**Fact Card 1:** What are reindeer also known as?

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**Fact Card 2:** When were the first electric Christmas lights used?

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**Fact Card 3:** What were the first artificial Christmas trees made out of?



**Fact Card 6:** In Japan, what food is traditionally eaten on Christmas?

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**Fact Card 7:** Instead of stockings, what do Dutch children put out at Christmas?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Fact Card 8:** Poinsettias are native to what country?

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**Fact Card 9:** When Santa visits Finland what does he ride?

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# Christmas Scavenger Hunt

**Fact Card 10:** How are reindeer antlers similar to a human fingerprint?

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**Fact Card 11:** What color and shape were the first candy canes?

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**Fact Card 12:** What were the first Christmas trees decorated with?

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**Fact Card 15:** Many years ago, what type of stories were told on Christmas Eve?

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**Fact Card 16:** Santa Claus has many different names. List 3 of them.

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**Fact Card 17:** How heavy was the world's largest gingerbread man?

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**Fact Card 18:** How do you say "Merry Christmas" in French?

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**caribou**

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**Fact Card 2:** When were the first electric Christmas lights used?

**the late 1800s**

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**Fact Card 3:** What were the first artificial Christmas trees made out of?

**dyed goose feathers**

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**Fact Card 6:** In Japan, what food is traditionally eaten on Christmas?

**Kentucky Fried Chicken**

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**Fact Card 7:** Instead of stockings, what do Dutch children put out at Christmas?

**shoes**

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**Fact Card 8:** Poinsettias are native to what country?

**Mexico**

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**Fact Card 9:** When Santa visits Finland what does he ride?

**a straw goat named Ukko**

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Like human fingerprints no two reindeer antlers are exactly the same.

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straight white sticks

**Fact Card 12:** What were the first Christmas trees decorated with?  
apples, nuts, and dates



**Fact Card 15:** Many years ago, what type of stories were told on Christmas Eve?  
ghost stories

**Fact Card 16:** Santa Claus has many different names. List 3 of them.  
Kris Kringle, Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas

**Fact Card 17:** How heavy was the world's largest gingerbread man?  
1,435 pounds (650.9 kilograms)

**Fact Card 18:** How do you say "Merry Christmas" in French?  
Joyeux Noël