



Games, activities, food, tips & tricks to fill your holidays with love & laughter.

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Schedule your December session to load up on holiday meals, sides, and sweets!



REAM DINNERS.

#### FAMILY FUN TIME!

#### Marshmallow Challenge Game

#### What you need for each team:

20 sticks of uncooked spaghetti

- 1 yard of string
- 1 roll of masking tape
- 1 large marshmallow
- 1-2 scissors

A timer A measuring tape or yardstick to judge the height

Delicious

Décor

String marshmallows on red and white baker's twine for a sweet twist on traditional popcorn garland!

Additional items needed:

#### **Directions:**

The challenge is to build the tallest freestanding structure using the materials provided to hold up your marshmallow.

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- It must stand on its own without support, no touching!
- You are free to use as much as you want of the items provided but not more!
- A measuring tape will be used to measure from the tabletop to the top of the marshmallow.
- The large marshmallow must be at the top of the structure and intact. No nibbles!
- You have 30 minutes to complete.
- Challenge can be done either as teams or solo.



#### Mulled Wine Recipe

1 cup apple slices	1 cinnamon stick
1/4 cup dried cranberries	1 orange, sliced into rounds
1/2 cup apple juice concentrate	1 bottle red wine
2 Tbsp mulling spices	1/4 cup of brandy or liquor

Combine the first six ingredients into a pot or saucepan and set over medium heat. Slice rounds of orange and add to the pan. Add the bottle of red wine and ¼ cup of brandy or other liquor (spiced rum, triple sec, or Cointreau) to the saucepan. Let the mixture simmer for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally. For a mocktail: Use apple cider or apple juice for a non-alcoholic version.

#### Hot Chocolate Crockpot Recipe

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- 6 cups milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 12 oz. semisweet chocolate

Add milk, cream, cocoa powder, sugar, vanilla, and salt to a 6-quart slow cooker set to low. Whisk until cocoa is dissolved. Add in semisweet chocolate. Cover and whisk every 30 minutes, until the chocolate melts, and the mixture is hot. (Approx. 2 hours) Serve with:

Peppermint Sticks	Marshm	allows
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No chimney? No Problem!

#### Make a Santa key

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Take a vintage key or an uncut key from the hardware store. Paint it with quick-dry red nail polish. Decorate it with a ribbon or keychain. Hang the key from your front door on Christmas Eve. Santa will use his magic to unlock your front door to deliver gifts!

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with Santa Says!

Santa Says: Touch your nose, Take one step forward, Pretend to wrap a gift, Say Ho, Ho, Ho!

Dear Santa,

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#### NEW TRADITIONS TO ADD THIS YEAR

#### Sleeping Under the Tree

The night before Christmas, camp under the Christmas tree and fall asleep to the glow of the lights.

#### Brinner and Photos!

Take family photos in your matching pj's and serve breakfast for dinner. New breakfast items are now available at Dream Dinners!

#### Christmas Pickle Ornament!



This fun tradition originated in the late 19th century in America. Hide a glass pickle ornament in the tree (or pick a unique ornament for your family). Whoever finds it on Christmas morning gets a prize and good luck for the year.

#### A Holiday Book Reading.



Under the tree, read a favorite holiday book like *The Polar Express* or *The Night Before Christmas*. Or set up a Zoom meeting with a family member to read a special book.

#### Game Night.



Set up cards, board games, or puzzles to play by the fireplace.

#### Create a Christmas photo album.

Take photos off your phone, print, and create an album that you add to year after year.





#### Taking a family photo for your holiday cards?

Add a little magic using sparklers as festive props or a string of holiday lights for a splash of color and warmth!

#### Word Search!

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Look forward, backward, and at an angle!

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Dream Dinner Holiday Meal Ideas

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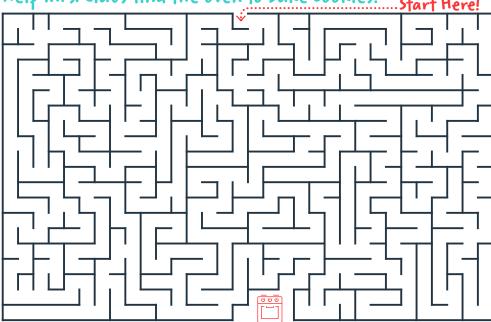
Make happy hour simple with a seafood combo of our Golden Shrimp and Crispy Salmon Cakes. Place on a decorative platter to get the party started.

#### Setting the Table



Bring the outdoors in with natural décor, such as oranges studded with cloves, berry branches or pine boughs from the garden, or pinecones, pomegranates, and uncracked nuts in a decorative bowl. 

## Port Tenderloin Welling Help Mrs. Claus find the oven to bake cookies!



#### Santa Brought Me a Gift

Play a memory game at the dinner table that uses the alphabet to describe what Santa brought you. The first person starts with "Santa brought me a gift and he gave me an...(something that starts with the letter A)" and the next person says what the first person said, and adds a word with the letter B. Continuing around the table and adding to the alphabet list each time.





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#### Color-Coded Gifting

Don't put names on your gifts but wrap each person's in a different color/print wrapping paper. Cut a small square of the paper and hide it in the toe of their stocking to find. Once they know their gift wrap design, they can pick out their presents!

#### Santa Toy Swap

Consider this fun, generous tradition to add for small children. Have each child select a gently used toy that they no longer need. Along with cookies and milk for Santa, leave this toy for him to take back to Santa's workshop to give to another child. You can later donate these toys to a local charity.

#### A Fresh Spin!

Play spin-the-bottle (without the kissing) or even spin a large candy cane, to pick who gets to open their present next. Play until each person is out of gifts to open. If you are really lucky, you might open two or more in a row!

#### Can you find all these things?

These items are sprinkled around these pages. Can you find them all?

11 presents 25 snowflakes 1 pickle 12 penguins 11 candy canes 11 ornaments