

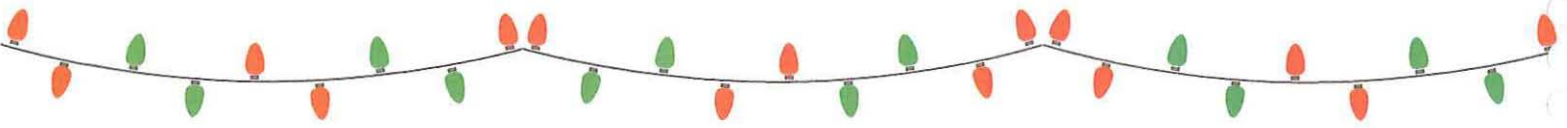


# Meeting 21 Christmas



Here are three fun ways you can celebrate Christmas with your Sunbeams. Adapt these ideas to meet the needs of your Sunbeams or use your own activities.





## ACTIVITY

# 1

# Glow-in-the-dark Star

## 10

MINUTES

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Star-shaped cookie cutter or stencil
- Black tempera paint
- Glow-in-the-dark yellow paint
- Paintbrushes
- Paper plates
- Construction paper
- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Pencil

### WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Use a star-shaped cookie cutter or stencil to draw star templates, one per child. Cut them out. Use newspaper to cover the work area.

Begin by reading Matthew 2:1-2 (NET): “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, in the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying, ‘Where is the one who is born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and came to worship him.’”

Now have the children paint their own Christmas star. Have each child trace the star template anywhere on their paper. Then have them paint the background black and paint the star with the glow-in-the-dark paint. Make sure they know the paint glows in the dark, so they can check it out when they get home.



# Gifts with Homemade Wrapping Paper

20  
MINUTES

2 ACTIVITY

## WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Find a local non-profit organization that is collecting new gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves to distribute to people who need them. Make a list of what's needed and share it with the Sunbeams and their parents ahead of time. It's a good idea for you as a leader to purchase several extra items for Sunbeams who forgot or are unable to make a donation.

Not all organizations are able to accept wrapped gifts. Please check with your selected organization ahead of time. If wrapped gifts are not accepted, the kids could make a Christmas card to accompany each gift. As an alternative, the Sunbeams could donate items for several Operation Christmas Child boxes (visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) for more information) and each make a card to go with their gift.

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Items donated by Sunbeams
- Newsprint
- Star-shaped cookie cutters or star stencils
- Markers or colored pencils
- Tape
- Scissors

Begin by reading the story of the wise men from the Bible and talk about the gifts they brought to Jesus. Talk about why it is important to give gifts or to help those who are in need. Explain that the gifts they brought will be donated to girls and boys who need them. Tell the children that first they will make their own wrapping paper and then wrap the gifts.

Have the children trace the cookie cutters onto the newsprint. Then they can color the inside of the stars or leave some of the stars uncolored. Encourage them to fill up the paper with stars. Once they have decorated the paper, have them use it to wrap the gifts that will be donated.



## ACTIVITY

# 3

# Follow the Star Obstacle Course

15  
MINUTES

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Stars, cutouts or stickers
- Objects to create an obstacle course (boxes, cones, chairs, hula hoops, jump ropes)
- Christmas treats, one per child

## WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Set up the obstacle course. Place stars throughout the course to guide the children to the end of the course.

Explain or model the obstacle course to the Sunbeams. Tell them to follow the star to the end of the course.



You're almost done!

