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Montessori Advent Calendar

5 free Christmas activities • Ages 1–3



Day 1

Ages 2–3



Pine Cone Transfer

Move pine cones from basket to basket.

You'll need

- 6–8 small pine cones
- Two baskets
- Wooden kitchen tongs

How

- Slowly move one cone with the tongs
- Invite your child to try
- Step back and watch

Why it helps

- Hand strength
- Focus
- Hand-eye coordination

Day 2

Ages 1½–3



Felt Christmas Tree

Decorate a soft tree again and again.

You'll need

- A felt tree on the wall
- Colorful felt ornaments
- A small basket

How

- Press ornaments on
- Take them off again
- Later, sort by color

Why it helps

- Fine motor skills
- Colors
- Independence

Day 3

Ages 1½–3



Gingerbread Playdough Tray

Roll, cut and smell spicy dough.

You'll need

- Cinnamon playdough
- Small cookie cutters
- A rolling pin
- A tray

How

- Roll the dough flat
- Cut out shapes
- Stay close, use taste-safe dough

Why it helps

- Hand strength
- Creativity
- Sense of smell

Day 4

Ages 1–3



Unwrapping Gift Boxes

Open box after box to find a surprise.

You'll need

- 3 nesting boxes
- Tissue paper
- A favorite toy

How

- Wrap each box loosely
- Let your child open box after box
- Celebrate the surprise

Why it helps

- Problem solving
- Object permanence
- The joy of discovery

Day 5

Ages 1–3



Winter Sensory Basket

Smell, touch and listen to winter treasures.

You'll need

- A shallow basket
- Cinnamon, pine sprigs
- Bells and a wooden star

How

- Smell and touch each treasure
- Shake the bells and listen
- Big items only, stay close

Why it helps

- Senses
- New words
- Calm focus



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