

Christmas Drama Circle



Game Instructions:

- **Have your group assemble standing up in a large circle.**
- **Shuffle the cards and hand them all out - some players may have more than one card.**
- **When it is a player's turn, they should take two steps into the circle, and complete the instructions on the card. They should step back once the turn is over.**
- **Remind players to make their actions very dramatic.**
- **The player with the start card begins the game.**
- **The round continues until the last card is acted out.**



Hints:

- **After cards have been cut out, laminate them so they last a long time.**
- **The numbers are included on each card, so if a player gets confused, or the circle breaks down, restart the game with the next card.**
- **A blank card is included in case a card gets lost.**



1. (Start Card)
Start off by singing
a verse of
"Jingle Bells".



2. When you hear someone sing
"Jingle Bells", pretend to just wake
up and ask if Santa came last
night.



3. When you hear someone ask if
Santa came, pretend to tip toe down
the stairs, peek around the corner,
and shout, "Wooo hooo! Santa did
come!!!"



4. When you hear someone say that
Santa came, pretend to take down
your very, very, very heavy
stocking.



5. When you see someone take down a very, very heavy stocking, reach deep, deep, deep into the stocking and pull something out.



6. When you see someone pull something out from deep inside the stocking, look at the object, sigh, and say, "I just got coal in my stocking."



7. When you hear someone say that he or she got coal in their stocking, sit down and pretend to be very upset.



8. When you see someone sit down very upset, announce, "It's going to be OK - Santa left presents for everyone!" Then go around the circle, pretending to give everyone a present.



9. When you see someone give everyone a present, pretend to open yours and say, "Yay! My favourite Christmas book!"



10. When you see someone get a favourite Christmas book, pretend to read, "Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."



11. When you hear someone read "The Night Before Christmas", pretend to open your present and say, "I don't know about a mouse, but I got a hamster for Christmas."



12. When you see someone get a hamster for Christmas, pretend to open your present and say, "I got a pogo stick!" Then bounce around the circle on your new pogo stick.



13. When you see someone with a new pogo stick, pretend to open your present and say, "YAY! I got new skates for Christmas!" Lace up your skates and skate around the circle.



14. When you see someone get new skates, pretend to open your present and say, "Oooooo - new makeup." Pretend to put on your new lipstick.



15. When you see someone get new lipstick, pretend to open your present and say, "I got a new art kit!" Pretend to paint a masterpiece.



16. When you see someone paint a masterpiece, pretend to open your present and say, "I've always wanted this lego set!" Begin to build a really tall tower.



17. When you see someone build a tall lego tower, pretend to open your present and say, "Yes! New skis!" Put on your new skis, grab your poles, and ski around the circle.



18. When you see someone ski around the circle, pretend to open your present and say, "I LOVE my new jacket!" Put on your new jacket and zip it up.



19. When you see someone put on a new jacket, pretend to open your present and scream, "A new puppy!!! Sit boy. Good puppy!" Give him a BIG hug.



20. When you see someone hug a new puppy, pretend to crawl up under the Christmas tree, search around, and ask, "Is there anything left?"



21. When you hear someone ask if there are any presents left, point at the students who haven't opened their presents yet and say, "I see a few more."



22. When you hear someone say that there are more presents, pretend to open your present and say, "Yes! A new MP3 player!" Put on your headphones and dance around.



23. When you see someone open a new MP3 player, pretend to open your present and say, "Awwwww. All I got was new socks and underwear."



24. When you see someone open new socks and underwear, pretend to open your present and say, "Mmmmmmmm ... chocolates."

Eat a few ...
and then a
few more.



25. When you see someone eat some chocolates, pretend to open your present and say, "I LOVE puzzles!" Pretend to dump out the box and put a few pieces together.



26. When you see someone open a new puzzle, pretend to open your present and say, "This is the BEST guitar I have ever seen!" Pretend to test it out by playing the air guitar.



27. When you see someone play a new guitar, open your present and say, "We should start a band! I got a new keyboard!" Pretend to play chopsticks on your new keyboard.



28. When you see someone play a new keyboard, pretend to open your present and say, "Oh yeah - a new video game! Watch out zombies, I'm coming for you!"



29. When you see someone get a new video game, open your present and say, "A Barbie! Ken will be so excited - Barbie and Ken can finally get married!"



30. When you see someone get a new Barbie, open your present and say, "Yikes! A snake! Hey - where did that hamster go? Uh oh never mind."



31. When you see someone get a new snake, pretend to open your present and say, "Alright! A new soccer ball - watch this footwork!" Pretend to kick your soccer ball around the circle.



32. When you see someone get a new soccer ball, pretend to open your present and say, "Wow! A new camera!" Start taking pictures of EVERYTHING!



33. When you see someone get a new camera, open up your (very awkward) present and say, "Ummm ... a new hula hoop?!" Try out your new hula hoop.



34. When you see someone get a new hula hoop, pretend to open your present and say, "A dinosaur dig kit. Where's my hammer?" Start banging at your present with your fist.



35. When you see someone get a dinosaur dig kit, pretend to open your present and say, "I got a goldfish. Look! He can swim upside down!" Look worriedly at your goldfish and tap at the bowl.



36. When you see someone get a goldfish, open your very large present and say, "Sweet! A new bike!" Put on your helmet and take your bike for a ride around the circle.



37. When you see someone get a new bike, open your present and say, "A new board game - I've never played this one before. Who's up for a game?"



38. When you see someone get a new board game, give your present to the person next to you and say, "I don't need another present. I already have the best gift - all of you as my friends."



39. When you see someone give away a present, pretend to open your present and say, "It's time for the last gift. Get it? It's time ... I got a new watch." Pretend your joke was a real knee slapper.



40. (Last card)

When you see someone get a new watch, announce, "It's been a great day, and I have just one more thing to say ..." and then sing a verse of "We wish you a Merry Christmas".





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