

ACTIVITY TIME

I'm Ready for Christmas

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I'm getting ready for my favourite day of the year! This delightful story for preschoolers captures the magic of the festive season and summer holidays in Australia.

Christmas wrapping paper

You will need:

- Water based paint – red or green
- Roll of blank paper or large sheets of paper
- Small flat tray for the paint (eg, plate or an ice cream lid)
- Glitter (optional).

What to do:

1. Spread out sheets of paper
2. Squirt paint into the tray/plate
3. Gently press child's hand into the paint
4. Gently press your child's hand onto the paper to make a handprint and repeat.
Try not to put too much paint in one place as the paper may tear
5. Try using feet prints too but beware of falls as it can be quite slippery
6. Optional: while paint is still wet sprinkle the glitter on
7. Allow to dry before using as wrapping paper.

Other ideas

Cut the printed paper into smaller gift tags, tree ornaments or Christmas cards and help your child to decorate or write a 'message' to someone special.

Use found natural objects from the garden or park (leaves, flowers, sticks) and try 'printing' them onto the paper, to see the patterns and shapes.

STEM Focus

Young children need real, meaningful experiences to learn. Preparing for special celebrations together is a great way to grow their curiosity by introducing and exploring new ideas and opportunities. When children are regularly part of these activities then it begins to build a strong foundation for future learning.

Songs to sing

Jingle Bells or *Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer*.

Key message:

Children learn language by listening to it and using it.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.