

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.

Sing

Father Christmas had a sleigh

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And on that sleigh there were some gifts

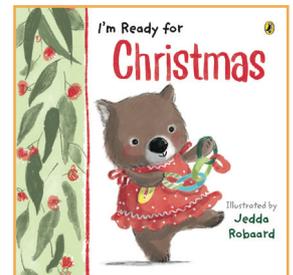
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Big gifts, small gifts, lots of very special gifts

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Sing your favourite Christmas songs or make up your own!



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

