

It's almost the year 2020! Make some silly New Year's Eve party hats with your family.

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Roll the paper bag down a few inches to create a brim.
2. Cut out long strips of newspaper and construction paper.
3. Roll the strips around a pencil to make them curly and bouncy. Tape or glue the ends of the strips to the top of the bag hat.
4. Cut out pictures and comic characters from the newspaper and paste them on the hat.
5. Cut out words and letters from the newspaper and paste them on the hat to create phrases such as:
 - Happy New Year!
 - Welcome 2020!
 - Peace on Earth
6. Wear your zany New Year's Eve hat proudly!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PERSONAL**

The adjective **personal** means relating to or belonging to a person.

Sophie added her own **personal** touches to the cookie recipe.

Try to use the word **personal** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

No Money for Holiday Gifts? No Problem!



Giving gifts doesn't have to cost money. What really touches people's hearts is when you take the time to think about them and come up with an idea that is personal and from the heart. That's priceless!

Helping Hands



1. Trace your hand on a piece of paper. Construction paper works great because it is a little bit sturdier and colorful.



3. On the hand shape, write something you could do to help the person that you are giving the hand.



2. Carefully cut out the hand tracing and decorate it using stickers, crayons, markers, sequins and glitter.



4. Get more paper and make more helping hands. Make one for everyone in your family!

Helping Hands Ideas:

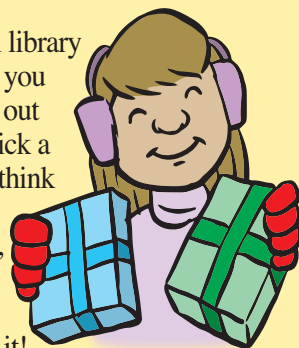
- ☐ take out the trash
- ☐ wash the dishes
- ☐ sweep the porch
- ☐ walk the dog
- ☐ scrub the tub
- ☐ carry the groceries
- ☐ read a story
- ☐ play a game
- ☐ take a walk together
- ☐ vacuum the living room
- ☐ make breakfast
- ☐ help fold laundry

Don't Throw Out the Newspaper!

Newspaper (especially the colorful comics pages) makes great gift wrapping paper! Remember to recycle it after the gifts have been opened.

FREE BOOKS!

Your local library has books you can check out for free. Pick a book you think someone will enjoy, check it out and then wrap it!



Remember: They have to return it! You could help them by returning the books. This solves the problem of wondering what to do with books when you are done reading them!

Snowman Bookmarks

Carefully paint and decorate a wooden clothespin or popsicle stick to create a great present the readers on your list will use again and again!

Find the bookmark that's different from all the others.



Extra! Extra! Caring People

Look through the newspaper for pictures and stories about people doing kind things for others. Write a letter to the editor about someone you know who shows kindness in your community.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Give the Gift of Art

Use your markers, crayons or paint. Create a work of art for family members to treasure. Maybe do a family portrait, or a drawing of something you like to do together. Or it could be something delightfully imaginary. Families LOVE artwork from their children.

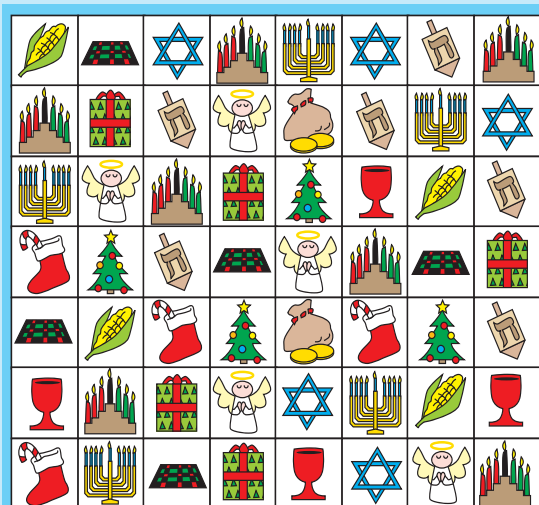
You can make a colorful frame for your artwork with popsicle sticks, paint and glue.

How many differences can you find between these two drawings?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Match each group of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa symbols on the right with the same four symbols, in the exact same position, on the large grid below.



Standards Link: Visual Arts: Know how symbols are used to communicate meaning.

Double Double Word Search

DECORATE
BOOKMARK
PERSONAL
ARTWORK
FAMILY
CREATE
WRITE
TRACE
HEART
COLOR
PAPER
MONEY
GIFT
PLAY
READ

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

The Holidays in the News

Cut out words and pictures from the newspaper that show what the holidays mean to you. Use these words and pictures to write a story explaining how they show the meaning of the holidays.

Standards Link: Social Science: Compare customs between cultures.



What is red, white and blue at Christmas?

ANSWER: A sad candy cane!

Write On! Holiday Laughs

Make a list of your favorite holiday jokes and riddles. Read them aloud to your friends!



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