

# Christmas Worksheets For Santa's Little Helpers

You are your child's first and most important teacher. During this Christmas season, share a love of learning with your child.

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## Give your child the gift of learning

The holiday season is a special time each year. Children are on vacation from school and most parents have a few extra days off from work, making it a lovely time to spend with family and loved ones. This holiday season, consider helping the young children in your life learn new skills or hone existing skills with over 20 fun Christmas-themed worksheets.

I wish you all the best for a happy, healthy, and meaningful holiday with your loved ones.

### In this e-book:

#### **Make learning fun for your child**

Engaging Christmas illustrations get children excited to learn.

#### **Extra activities to enhance holiday learning**

Foster your child's love of learning and love of Christmas with fun and engaging activities at home.

### **Math is fun when Santa comes to town**

Santa and Rudolph make learning basic math concepts easy and exciting.

### **Extra math activities to try at home**

Simple items such as ornaments and a decorated Christmas tree can provide hours of math fun.

### **10 Christmas Worksheets**

Let Santa and Rudolph help your child develop a variety of important school readiness skills.

### **11 Christmas Math Worksheets**

Can your child count how many ornaments there are or graph the number of reindeer? Exciting Christmas-themed illustrations help bring math to life!

## About School Sparks

[www.schoolsparks.com](http://www.schoolsparks.com) is a free website with tips and resources to help your child start school prepared to succeed. There are hundreds of **kindergarten worksheets**, and new worksheets are added weekly. The website also offers information on the 8 developmental areas that are critical to success in school, including tips for helping your child develop necessary skills in each area. To assess your child's readiness to begin school, there is a **kindergarten readiness test**. At the conclusion of the assessment, you will receive customized feedback about your child's existing skills in each of the 8 developmental areas, plus activity suggestions to help your child accelerate skill development. Lastly, a weekly **blog** covers various topics related to early childhood education, like "Tips For Teaching Your Child The Proper Pencil Grip" and "Teaching Children To Count."

**Renee Abramovitz** retired from teaching in 2008 to become, as she likes to say, a "full-time grandma." Renee worked in preschool and kindergarten classrooms during her entire teaching career and is passionate about helping young children succeed in school. Although retired, she enjoys continuing to work with young children on school readiness activities and believes that when children start school with a solid foundation of skills, they are poised to begin a lasting cycle of academic success. Renee has three grown children and four young grandchildren. She and her husband recently celebrated 40 years of marriage and live in Columbus, Ohio.

## Make learning fun for your child

Each worksheet in this e-book features charming Christmas illustrations, including a jolly Santa, beautifully wrapped presents, an adorable child bundled up for the winter weather, a festive Christmas tree, and many more. In addition to being visually enticing, each worksheet is designed to help preschool- and kindergarten-aged children strengthen important school readiness skills.

Your child will enjoy adding important Christmas-related words to his sight word vocabulary and using this knowledge as he reads words on signs and cards during the holiday season. Your child will also be able to practice following directions, such as whether to paste an ornament to the left or right of a decorated Christmas tree. He will also strengthen his visual discrimination skills by observing which of the four Santas in a row is facing the wrong way, for example. The worksheets also provide important opportunities for your child to improve his handwriting and to practice identifying the first letter in common holiday words.

Children benefit from having strong  
visual discrimination and listening skills.

Holiday worksheets make this learning fun.

## Extra activities to enhance holiday learning

After your child has completed all 10 Christmas worksheets, let the learning continue! Using simple items such as the variety of holiday cards you have likely received, you can further challenge your child to hone his emerging skills.

For example, challenge your child to read at least one word on each holiday card. The words Christmas, merry, jolly, or Santa, for example, likely appear on many of the cards and are words he just learned with the Christmas sight word flashcards. You could also give your child a marker and challenge him to trace over some of the large words that appear on the cards, honing his handwriting skills in the process.

When children can properly **read and write** holiday words, the excitement over giving and receiving **holiday greetings** grows.

Then, challenge your child to put the cards in a particular order based on verbal instructions you provide. For example, you could ask him to put the card with the ornaments to the left of the card with the red present. The opportunities for learning are endless!

## Math is fun when Santa comes to town

A set of Christmas worksheets would not be complete without some Christmas math worksheets. For some children, math is an intimidating subject. However, it is hard to feel intimidated with jolly Santa and adorable Rudolph staring back at you from the page.

The math worksheets in this e-book will give your child an opportunity to practice important early math skills while celebrating the holiday. Counting, sorting, graphing, and pattern creation are particularly fun when Santa, Rudolph, holiday decorations, wreaths, and ornaments decorate the worksheet.

Curious about how many presents Santa brought  
or how many ornaments are on the tree?  
Math comes alive with exciting Christmas activities.

## Extra math activities to try at home

When your child has completed the Christmas math worksheets, you can continue his learning with fun math activities at home. For example, a decorated Christmas tree provides numerous opportunities to practice math skills. Start by challenging your child to count how many ornaments are on the tree. Depending on how large your tree is, this could require advanced counting well beyond the number 20!

Then, challenge your child to record his observations on a graph by recording how many red, green, silver, and gold ornaments there are, for example. Using a blank bar graph template, you can label each column according to the different types of decorations on your tree and give your child important practice creating a graph.

Fun opportunities to practice **basic math skills** are  
all around, even during the **holidays**.

When it is time to take your tree down after the holiday, you can challenge your child to sort the ornaments into different groups. He can place breakable ornaments in one pile and non-breakable ornaments in a different pile. Or, he can sort by color, shape, or size. The opportunities for learning are endless and using fun, Christmas-themed items makes learning exciting.



# HOLIDAY THEMES

**Learning Christmas words:** Direct your child to look at each picture and then practice writing the correct word by tracing the letters. Ask him to hold the pencil firmly between his thumb and index finger, resting it on his middle finger.



Christmas

Santa Santa



mitten mitten

winter winter



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**Tip for parents:** Give your child a piece of holiday gift wrap and ask him to trace the outlines of the designs using a dark marker or pencil.

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reindeer



ornament



snow snow



present

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**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to find favorite holiday words on store advertisements or fliers. He can trace over the words with a colored marker or pencil.

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**Identifying identical pictures:** In each row, circle the picture that is different from the other pictures. Encourage your child to pay careful attention to small details in the pictures, such as color, shape, or orientation.



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**Tip for parents:** Let your child pick the wrapping for holiday gifts. Ask him to think about the design on the paper and who the gift is for. A whimsical paper would be more appropriate for a child's gift, for example.

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**Christmas sight words:** Cut between the lines to make eight separate flashcards for your child. Consider printing this page on cardstock to increase the durability of the flashcards.

Christmas

CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus

CHRISTMAS

Rudolph

CHRISTMAS

December

CHRISTMAS

family

CHRISTMAS

merry

CHRISTMAS

holiday

CHRISTMAS

jolly

CHRISTMAS



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present

CHRISTMAS

stocking

CHRISTMAS

ornament

CHRISTMAS

snowflake

CHRISTMAS

vacation

CHRISTMAS

winter

CHRISTMAS

North Pole

CHRISTMAS

elf

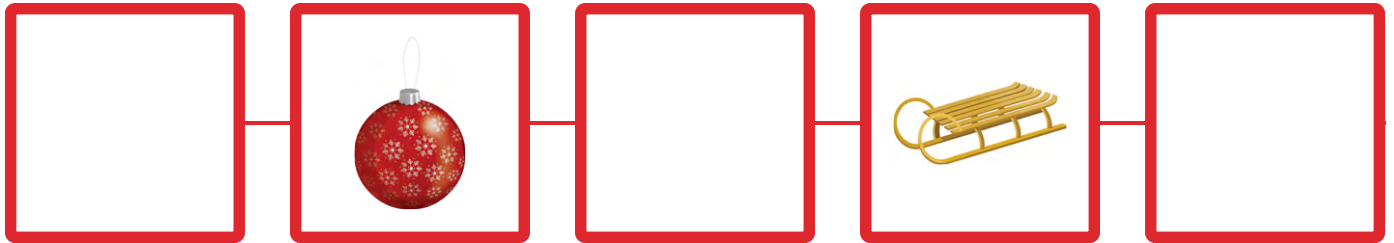
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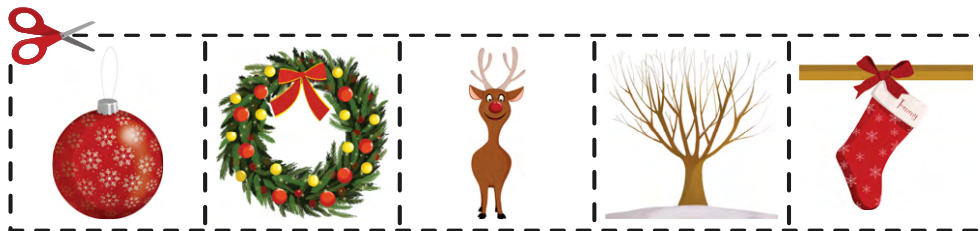
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**Understanding directional words:** Cut apart the pictures at the bottom of the page. Then read aloud the directions and ask your child to paste each picture in the correct space.

- 1 Paste the wreath between the ornament and the sled.
- 2 Paste Rudolph to the right of the sled.



- 1 Paste the stocking to the right of Santa.
- 2 Paste the tree to the left of the icicle.



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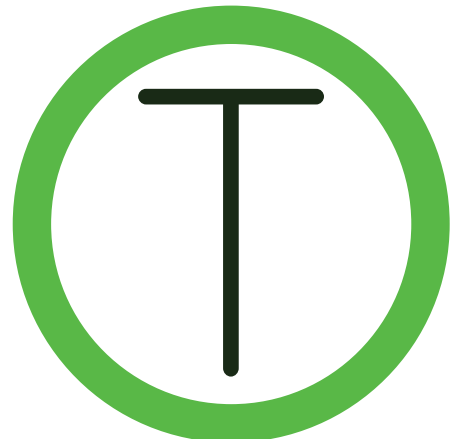
**Tip for parents:** Read a holiday story to your child and ask him questions about details in the story. For example, which elf made which present or which house did Santa visit first?

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**Matching beginning sounds:** Have your child say aloud the name of each picture and then draw a line connecting the picture to the letter whose sound matches the beginning sound of that picture.



**Tip for parents:** Have your child sing a favorite song, clapping each time he hears a word that begins with a certain sound. Such as clapping on Rudolph, red, and reindeer while singing "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer."

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**Tip for parents:** Say a word aloud to your child and challenge him to say a holiday-themed word that begins with the same sound. For example, you could say "egg" and your child would say "elf."









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**Identifying syllables:** Say aloud the name of each picture. Then repeat the name of each picture, clapping once on each syllable. Circle the corresponding number of clapping hands.

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**Tip for parents:** After your child completes this worksheet, review the number of syllables in each word by asking your child to march in place, stepping down with one foot for each word part (syllable) he hears.

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**Tip for parents:** Have your child march around the Christmas tree naming the items he sees such as ornaments, stars, candy canes, and tinsel. As he marches, have him clap once on each syllable as he names the items.

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**Christmas counting:** Count the items on each row and circle the corresponding number. Ask your child to use one-to-one correspondence, touching each picture while counting.



7 8 9



4 5 6



1 2 3



7 8 9

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**Tip for parents:** When going tree shopping, challenge your child to estimate how many trees are in a certain area. Then ask him to count the trees to see if he was correct.

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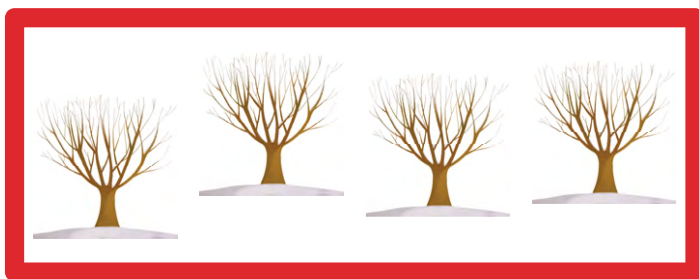
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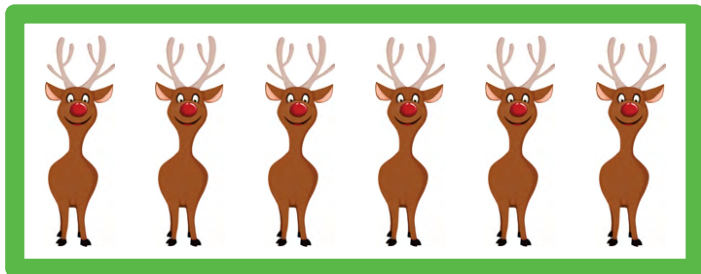
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7 8 9



3 4 5



4 5 6



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**Tip for parents:** When driving down a street ask your child to count the number of houses he sees that are decorated with holiday lights.

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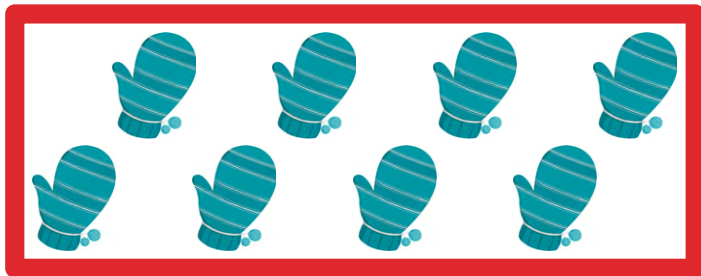
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5      6      7



3      4      5



7      8      9



7      8      9

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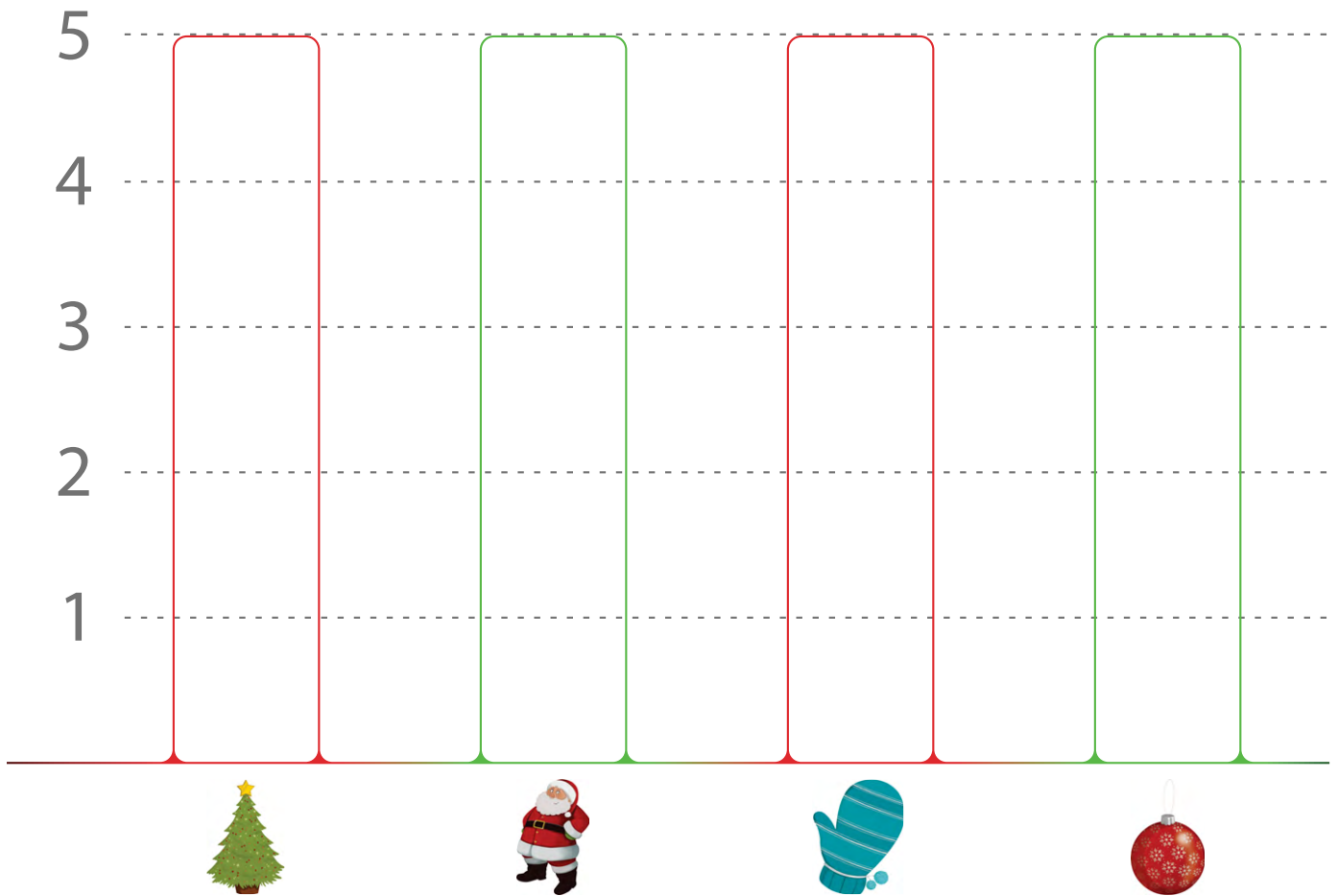
**Tip for parents:** If you are having company for a meal, ask your child to count the number of plates or forks or knives to tell you how many people will be at the holiday dinner.

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**Christmas bar graph:** Have your child count each set of items in the box and complete the bar graph by coloring in that number of squares. Ask him to use the words "more" and "less" to compare.



There are \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas trees than mittens.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ mittens than Santas.  
The number of ornaments is \_\_\_\_\_ the number of mittens.

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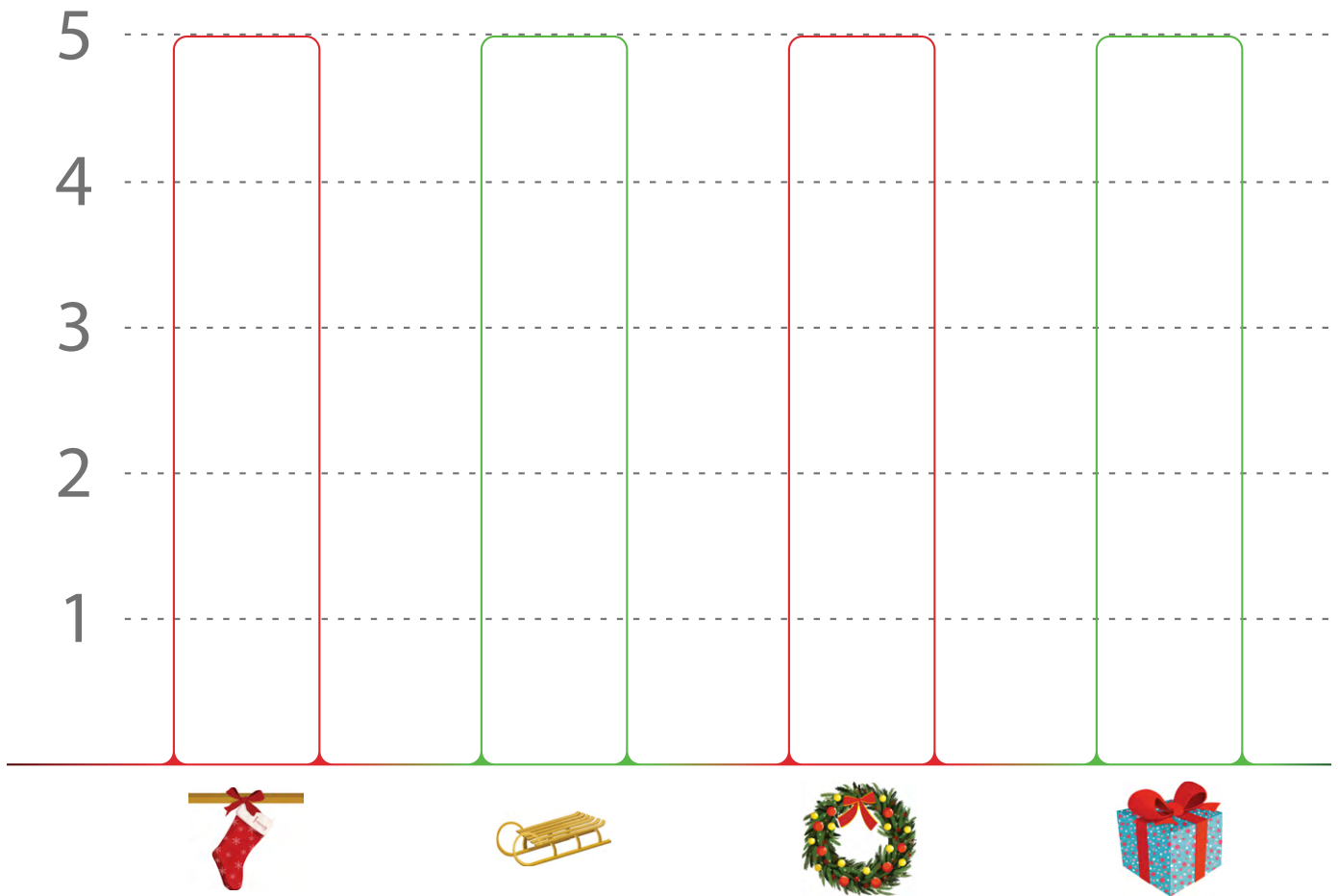
**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to use a blank graphing sheet to make a graph of people's favorite holiday songs. He can graph two, three, or four song choices.

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There are \_\_\_\_\_ sleds than presents.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ wreaths than stockings.  
The number of stockings is \_\_\_\_\_ the number of sleds.

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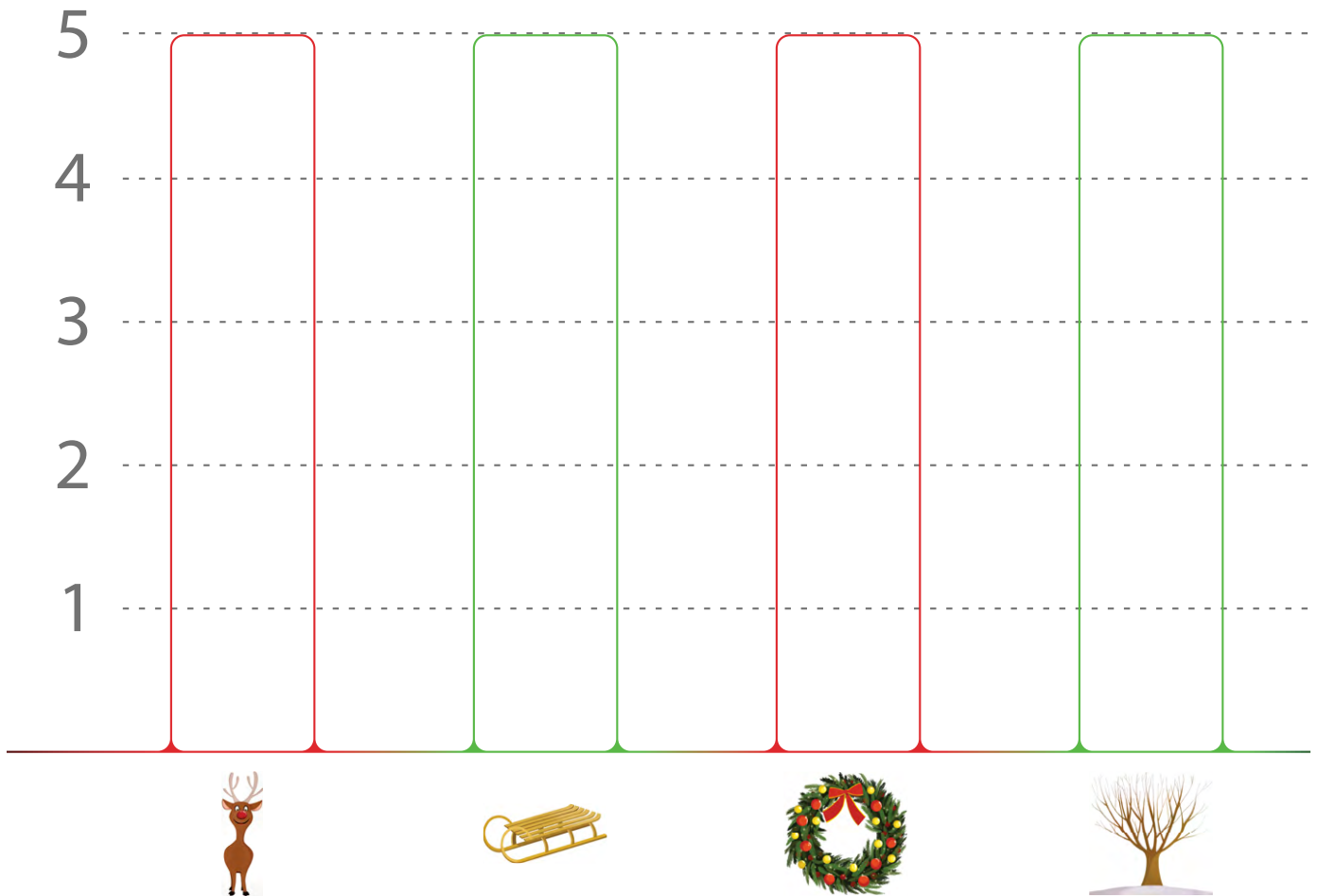
**Tip for parents:** After decorating your Christmas tree, have your child create a graph of the the different decorations. You could have one column for ornaments, one column for tinsel, and one column for candy canes.

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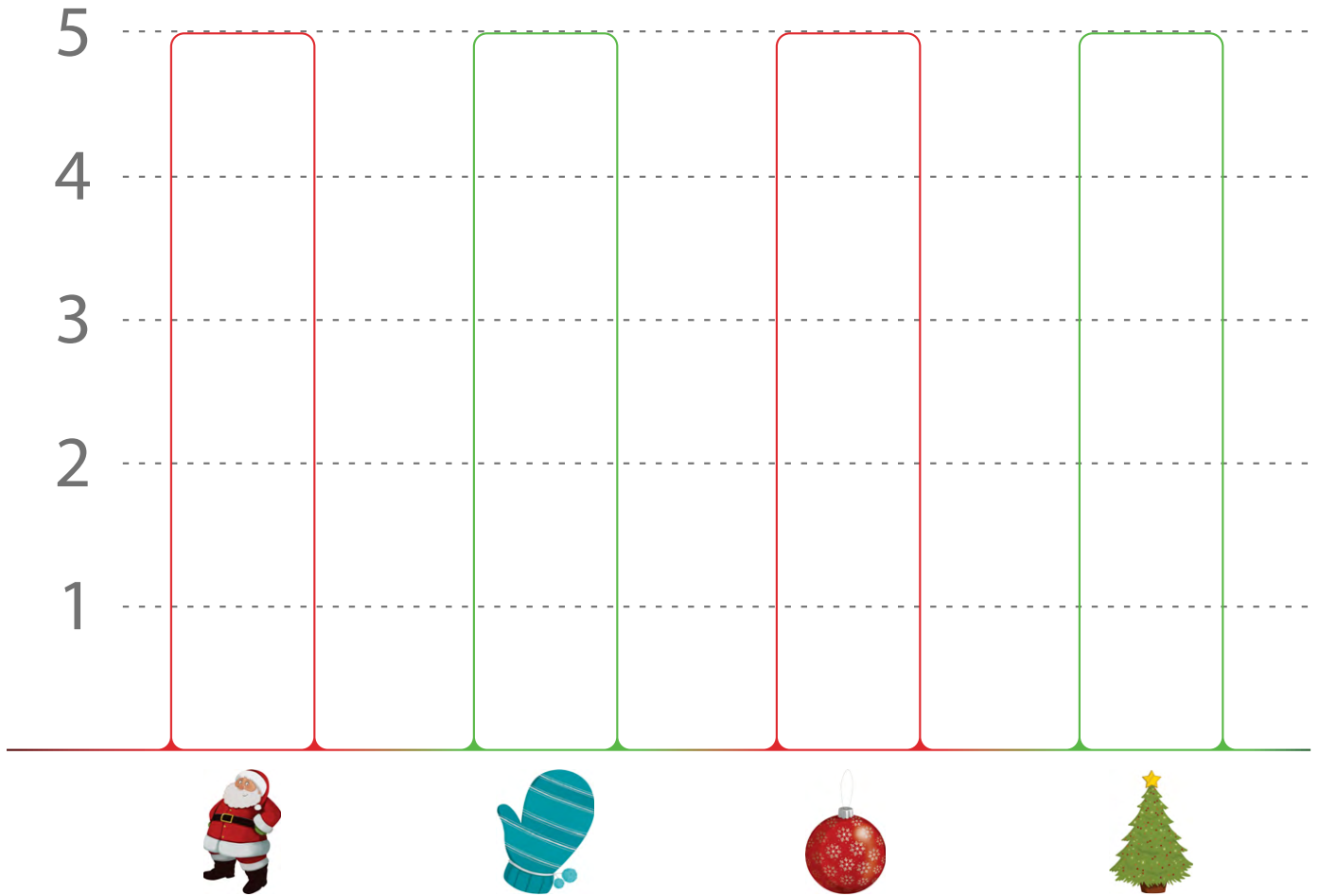
There are \_\_\_\_\_ reindeer than wreaths.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ trees than sleds.





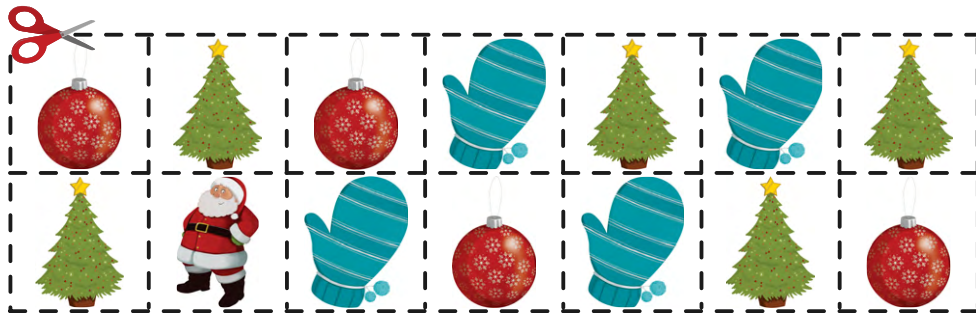
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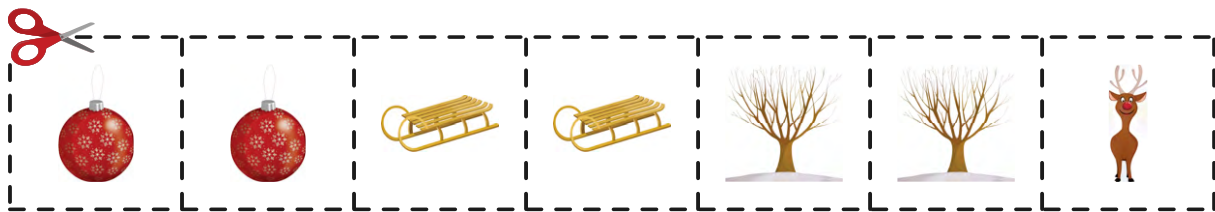
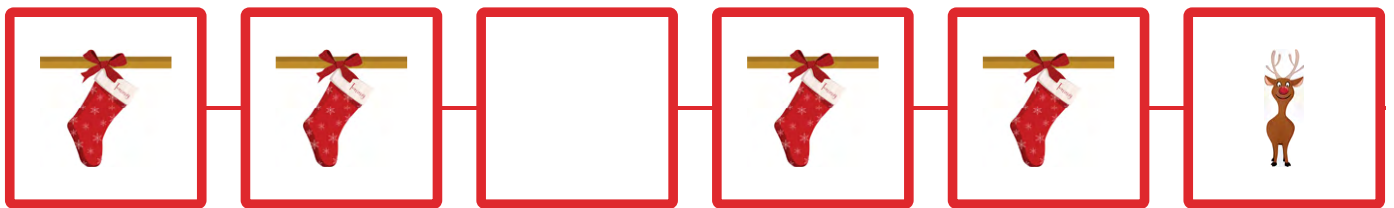
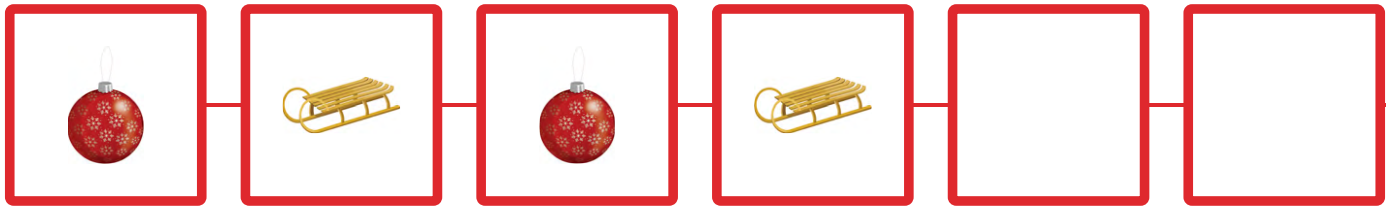
**Tip for parents:** On Christmas morning after opening the presents, have your child take a small piece of each different wrapping paper and create a pictograph of the different colored wrapping papers used.

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**Completing Christmas patterns:** Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Then direct your child to complete each pattern by pasting the correct picture in each blank space.



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**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to arrange some ornaments according to a pattern. For example, circular ornament, star ornament, angel ornament, circular ornament, star ornament, angel ornament.

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**Sorting into groups and classifying:** Ask your child to sort the pictures into two groups and classify each group. He may sort by color, shape, or other theme and need not use all pictures.



All of these pictures \_\_\_\_\_.

All of these pictures \_\_\_\_\_.



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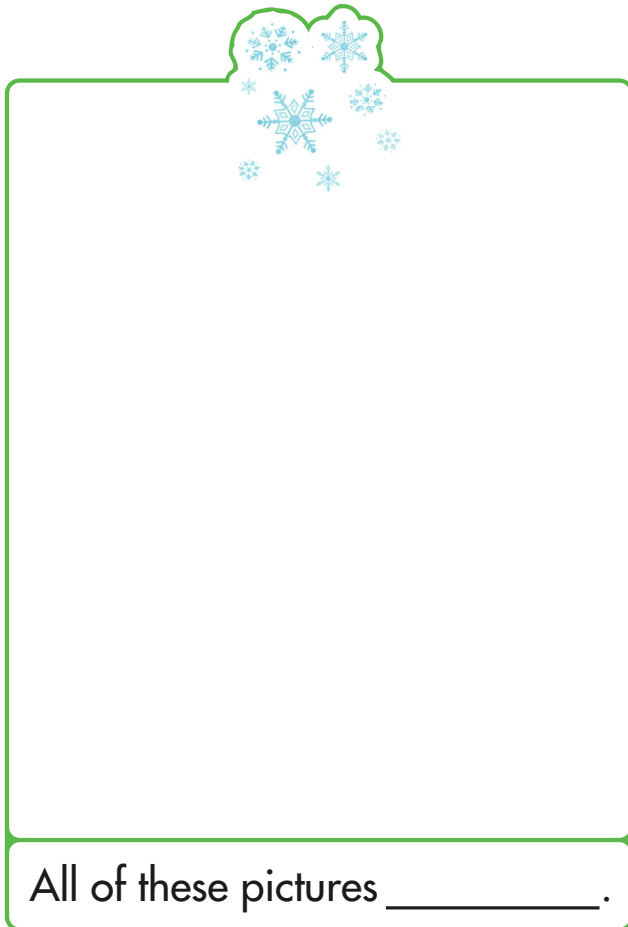
**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to sort the wrapped presents he sees into several groups. He can sort by size or color of wrapping paper or by weight. Ask him to tell you how he sorted the boxes.

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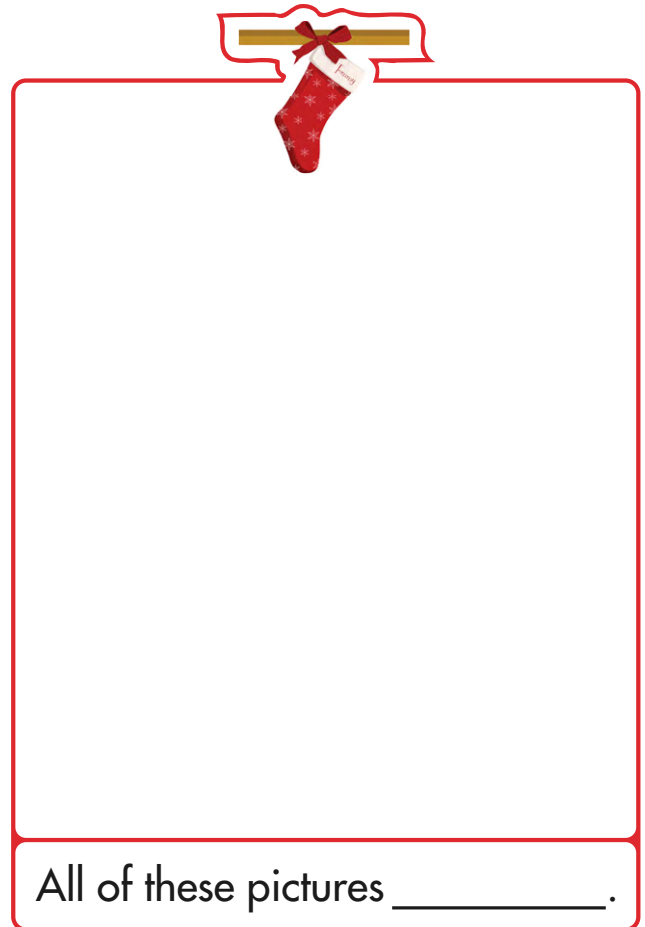
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**Tip for parents:** Before opening gifts on Christmas morning, have your child sort all the presents. He could make a pile for each person or sort by wrapping paper color or size of the present.

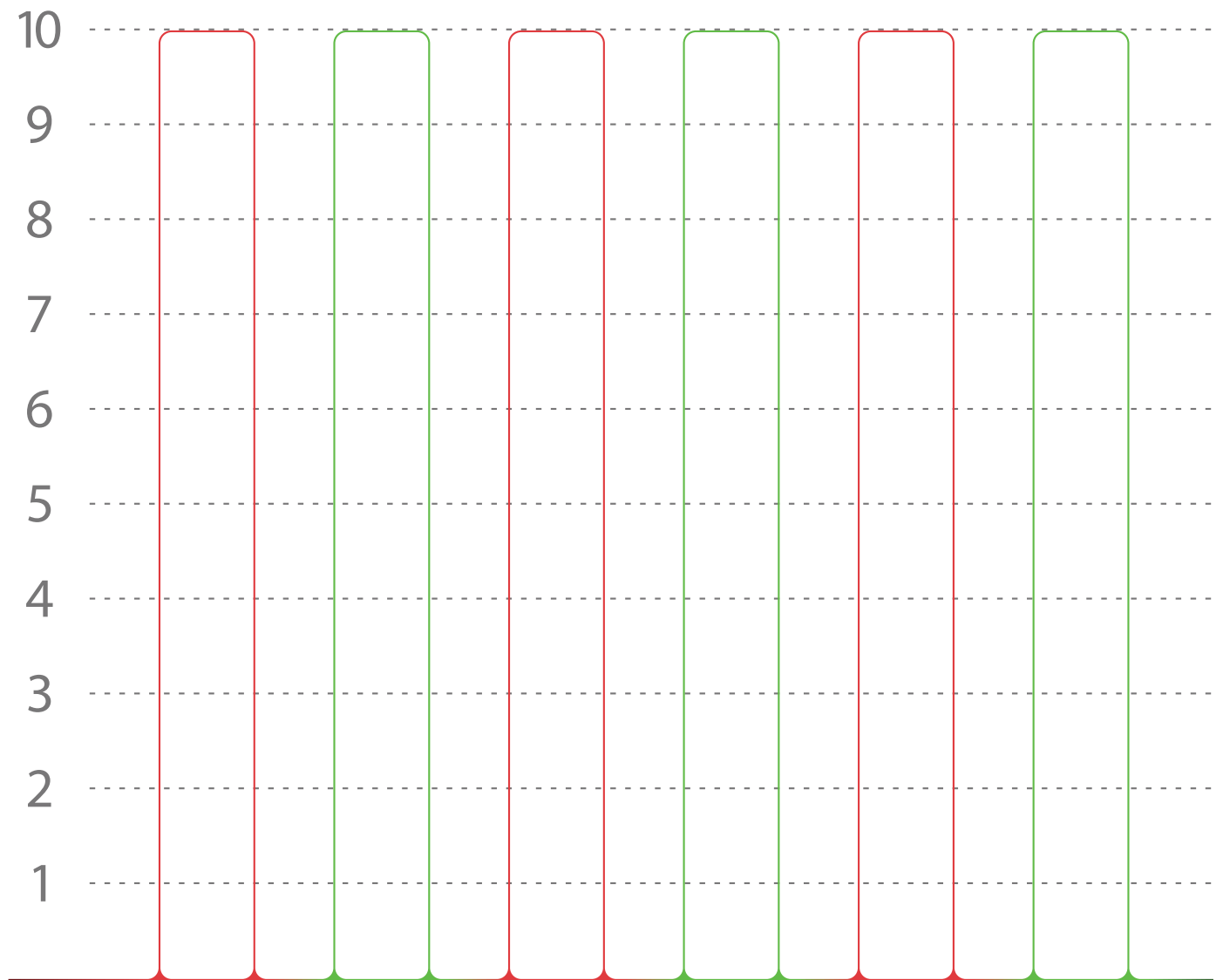
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**Blank bar graph template:** Encourage your child to create a bar graph by taking a poll or by counting Christmas-related items found around the home. Direct him to think of a question and possible answers.

Christmas question: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Tip for parents:** A decorated Christmas tree provides endless graphing opportunities. Challenge your child to graph the number of red ornaments, green ornaments, angels, and candy canes decorating your tree.

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