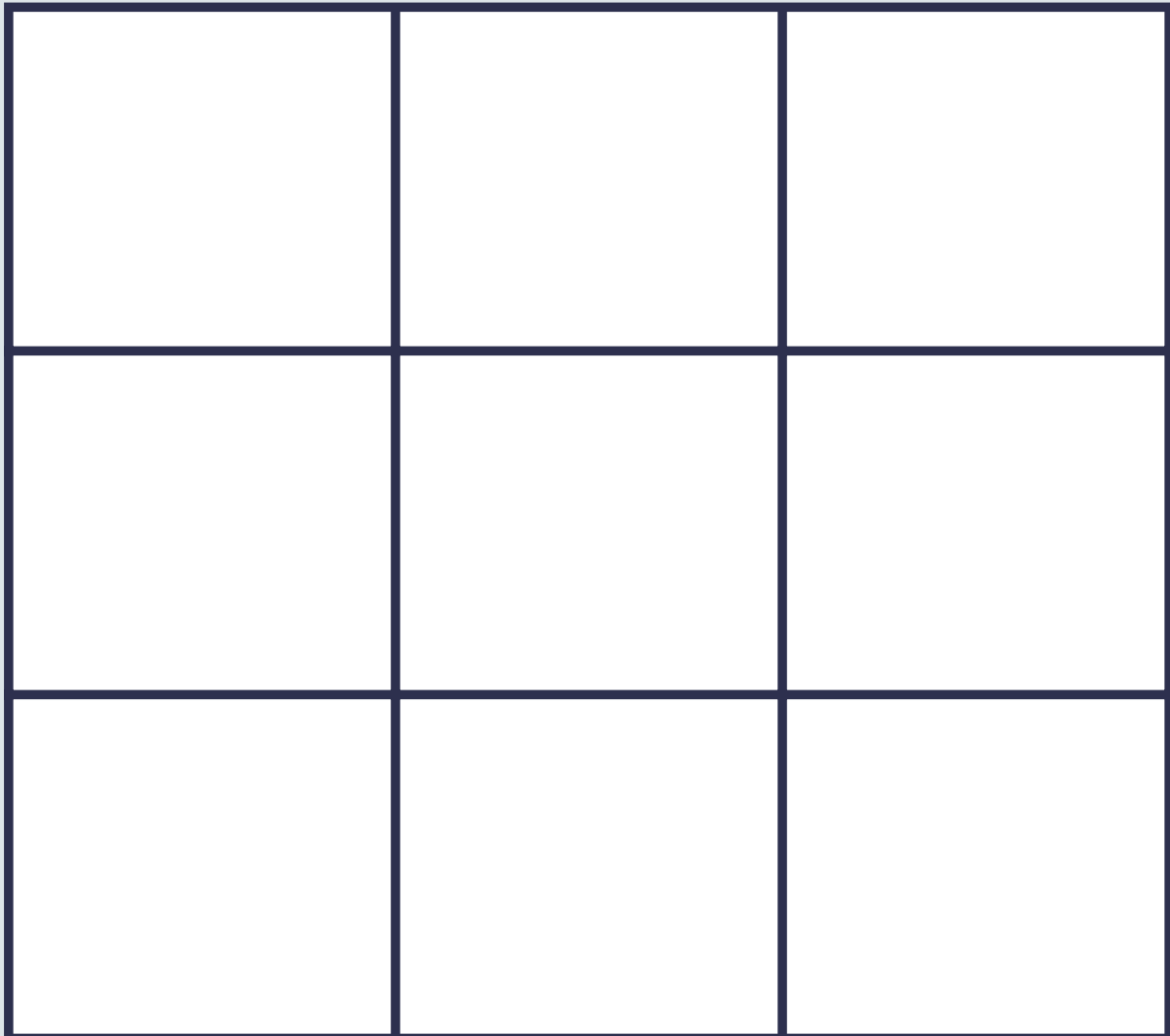


WINTER TIME TIC-TAC-TOE

HAVE FUN WHILE YOU LEARN!

- 1 Design a Tic-Tac-Toe game that encourages families to share Christmas activities or test their knowledge about the Christmas story.
- 2 Choose 9 questions about the Christmas story and fill the Tic-Tac-Toe board. As an alternative, choose 9 Christmas-centered activities to do with your child(ren). Play with your child(ren) doing the activity in the middle and choosing two more activities in a row (vertically, horizontally or diagonally).



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- 1 Below is an example template of questions you could ask your children regarding the Christmas story.
- 2 One player is X, and the other, O. Players take turns putting their marks in unmarked squares. Before placing their mark, they must first correctly answer the question in that square. The first player to get three of their marks in a row (up, down, across, or diagonally) is the winner.

Where was Jesus born?	Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?	What did the angel tell Mary?
What gifts did the wise men bring baby Jesus?	What kind of animals do you think were around when baby Jesus was born?	Why is the star important in this story?
Who was Mary and why was she important in this story?	Why were the shepherds excited to visit baby Jesus?	How many wise men were there?

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1 Below is an example template of activities you could do with your children around the Christmas season.

2 Choose 9 activities you could do with your children around the Holiday season. As you complete an activity, have your child(ren) mark it off trying to form a row of three marks (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally).

If you have more than one child, encourage each of your children to choose three activities they would enjoy.

Go Skating	Donate money, food, or toys to a local charity	Build a snowman
Sing your favorite Christmas carols or go caroling	DIY Christmas cards for friends and family	Bake your favorite holiday treat
Drive around your city looking at Christmas lights	Play Christmas charades using different characters involved in the Christmas story	Go sledding

Answer Key

- **Where was Jesus born?** In Bethlehem in a manger
- **Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?** To register for the census
- **What did the angel tell Mary?** That she would have a son and name him Jesus
- **What gifts did the wise men bring baby Jesus?** Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh
- **Why were the shepherds excited to visit baby Jesus?** An angel told them that the Messiah has been born.
- **Why is the star important in this story?** To point others to where baby Jesus was born.
- **How many wise men were there?** We do not know. The Bible does not say.
- **Who was Mary and why was she important in this story?** She was the mother of Jesus
- **What kind of animals do you think were around when baby Jesus was born?** Multiple answers (sheep, donkey, etc).

Additional Questions:

- **How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they couldn't find a place to stay?**
- **What do you think it was like for the shepherds to see the angels?**
- **Why do you think Jesus was born in such a humble place, rather than a palace?**
- **If you could give baby Jesus a present, what would you give Him?**
- **How would you have reacted if you saw the star shining in the sky?**
- **Why do we celebrate Christmas?**
- **What does the birth of Jesus teach us about God's love?**
- **How can we share God's love with others during Christmas?**