The gift factory: a meaningful Christmas

A Christmas mission to discover that giving also means thinking of others and sharing special moments.



Age: 2-6 years

Time: 20-30 minutes (can be split into short sessions)

You'll need: this activity sheet, colored pencils, paper and a few materials from around the house.



The Christmas factory needs our help!

In the Cleo & Cuquin episode ***"Christmas Day"***, Santa's factory breaks down and Cleo has an idea: they'll become elves to make the presents and save Christmas!

Now it's our turn. Let's discover that there are many ways to give and that not every present has to be bought.

1 What makes a present special?

We all love getting presents! But have you ever stopped to think about what makes one special?



Which present made you happiest? Why?



What do you think the giver had in mind?



What do you like more: opening lots of presents at once or playing a little with each one?

There's no right answer. Every present can bring a different kind of joy.

Draw a present you remember with lots of love.

2 Who do we want to surprise?

In our factory, we're going to make something for a special person.

Who will it be?

Draw that person or write their name with help from a grown-up.

3 What present can we make?

Think of something you could make for that person. You don't need to buy it: what matters is choosing it with them in mind.

You can make:



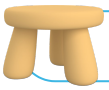
A drawing or a card.



Something you build.



An invitation to play together.



A surprise made with things from home.



Any other idea you come up with!

Draw your present.

4 What do we need to make it?

Let's get to work, little elves!

What materials do we need?

Who can help us?

What can we do on our own?

Time to make it! When it's finished, draw it here.

5 What if we give something that can't be wrapped?

We can also give our time and share experiences.

What would you like to do with that person?

- [ ] Read a story together.
- [ ] Make something yummy in the kitchen.
- [ ] Make up an adventure.
- [ ] Go for a walk or to the park.
- [ ] Play their favorite game.
- [ ] Give them a hug, if you both feel like it.

Write your own plan: _____

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Mission complete!



The gift factory has finished its work!

Today we discovered that we can give things, experiences and moments together. And that, besides the joy of getting something, there's also the joy of thinking of someone and making a little something just for them.

A question to share as a family: What present that couldn't be wrapped do you remember most fondly?

A note for grown-ups: support your child without expecting them to finish every activity or come up with a particular answer. If your child is very young, you can choose just one or two missions. They can join in by pointing, talking, drawing or choosing between options. What matters is talking about what excites them and helping them discover that a present can be valuable because of the thought that goes into it, not just because of its size, price or quantity.