Learning during Christmas

Everyday learning with your child • Ages 3–5

Talk, prepare and celebrate together. Christmas moments can build big skills.



Celebrate and learn together

Include your child in simple preparations and family traditions. Talk about what Christmas means to your family and enjoy time together.

Use your home language. Families celebrate in different ways; choose ideas that fit yours. Simple, shared moments are enough.

Share stories and traditions

Read a Christmas story together. If part of your tradition, share the Nativity story about the birth of Jesus. Talk about characters and what happens.

“Who is in the story? What happened next?”

Count and help prepare

Count safe decorations or put out napkins together. Match one napkin to each person. Compare how many you have with how many you need.

“Five people are coming. Have we got a napkin for everyone?”

Make cards and patterns

Draw a card, make paper decorations or decorate reused paper. Repeat a pattern of colours or shapes. Let your child add marks, a name or a message.

“Star, circle, star, circle. What comes next?”

Sing, listen and take turns

Sing a favourite Christmas song or carol together. Clap its beat, notice rhyming words and take turns choosing a song. Quiet singing counts too.

“Can you clap along? Which song shall we sing next?”

Explore food and help safely

Talk about your family’s festive foods. Describe colours, smells and textures. Help with safe jobs such as washing fruit or stirring a cool mixture.

“What can you smell? What has changed as we mixed it?”

Practise kindness and remember

Make a card, help someone or share your time. Talk about giving and saying thank you. Retell a favourite moment using first, next and last.

“How could we make someone smile? What did you enjoy?”

Make it right for your child

Start simple: join in a song, count 1–3 decorations or draw a Christmas picture.
Add a challenge: extend a pattern, retell a story or explain a family tradition.

Make time for conversation, kindness and play. Learning need not cost anything.

Offer quiet breaks. Supervise cooking and crafts. Keep hot items, candles, button batteries and small or breakable decorations out of reach. Check food allergies and wash hands before preparing food.

St. Philip’s CE Primary Academy
Working Together