



The download for the *M&M Christmas Story* follows. A great read for little ones—Enjoy.

M & M Christmas Story

As you hold these candies in your hand and turn them, you will see...

The **M** becomes a **W**, an **E**, and then a **3**. They tell the Christmas Story. One I am sure you know. It took place in a stable a long, long time ago.

E The E is for the EAST where the star shone oh so bright.

M The M is for the *manger* where the baby Jesus slept that night.

3 The 3 is for the *Wise men* bearing gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

W The W is for *Worship*. Praise to His name.

So, as you eat these M & M candies or share them with a friend, remember the Spirit of Christ and never let it end.

1. How can Santa deliver presents during a thunderstorm?
2. What kind of Christmas music do elves like?
3. What do snowmen call their offspring?
4. What did the peanut butter say to the grape on Christmas?
5. Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?



If you woke up as a 100 foot Christmas tree, what would you see?

If you gave all the gifts listed in the Twelve Days of Christmas, it would equal 364 gifts.

What was the silliest thing you saw today?



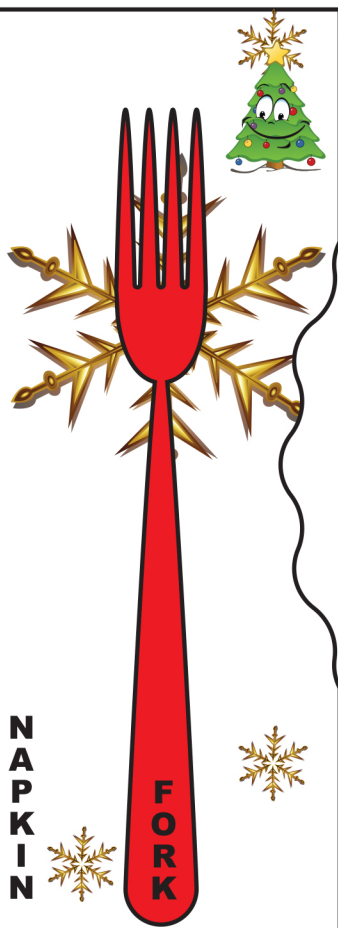
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The Montgomery Ward department store created Rudolph the Reindeer as a marketing gimmick to encourage children to buy their Christmas coloring books.

DECORATE THE TREES



The Statue of Liberty was gifted to the US by the French on Christmas day in 1886. It weighs 225 tons and thus you could consider it as the biggest Christmas gift in the world.



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THIS WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR DAY



PLATE

How many snowflakes do you see?

Santa's address:
123 Elf Road,
North Pole, 88888



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1: His sleigh is flown by reindeer
2: "Wrap" music
3: "Chill-dren
4: "Tis the season to be jolly!"
5: Because they're Santa's star bucks!

The oldest artificial Christmas trees date back to the late 1800s and were made of green raffia (think grass hula skirts) or dyed goose feathers. Next the Addis Brush Company used their machinery that wove toilet brushes to create pine-like branches for artificial Christmas trees that were less flammable and could hold heavier decorations.

In 1962 – the US issued the first Christmas postage stamp.



A useful way to recycle your Christmas tree? Some zoos take donated Christmas trees and use them as food for the animals.

Coca-Cola was the first company that used Santa Claus during the winter season promotion.



A dreidel is a spinning top, with four sides, each marked with a different Hebrew letter (nun, gimel, hay and shin). The custom of playing dreidel on Hanukkah is based on a legend that, during the time of the Maccabees, when Jewish children were forbidden from studying Torah, they would defy the decree and study anyway. When a Greek official would come close they would put away their books and take out spinning tops, claiming they were just playing games.

The First Blessing

חלמ וניהולא, יי התא חורב.
ויתווצמב ונשדיק רשא, מלוצה
הכונח לש רנ קילדהל ונוויצו

5. Why do you put candles on top of the menorah?

SAY THE BLESSINGS AS YOU COLOR THE FLAMES

If you woke up as small as a Dreidel, what would you see?

What was the silliest thing you saw today?

Explain how to play Dreidel

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COLOR THE CANDLES AND FLAMES



The menorah was originally kindled outside the home, but it was brought inside in ancient times to guard against offending neighbours.

1. Which hand is best to light the menorah with?
2. What's the best Hanukkah gift for the person who has everything?
3. What do you call a speck that falls into the latke pan?
4. What's the best thing to put into the sufganiyot?

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Count the Hanukkah gelt

PLATE

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SPOON

Tell a story you remember about Hanukkah



The traditional foods during Hanukkah all have to do with oil: potato latkes, (grated potatoes and onions that are fried in oil) and sufganiyot (jelly donuts).

6. Why did the dreidel go to the doctor?
7. What did the older Hanukkah candle say to the younger one?

The eight-day Jewish celebration known as Hanukkah or Chanukah commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt. Hanukkah, which means "dedication" in Hebrew, begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar and usually falls in November or December. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.

The tradition of eating black-eyed peas and greens has roots back to the Civil War era. Black-eyed peas represent prosperity, and the greens signify wealth. Enjoy the tradition!

Black-Eyed-Pea Salad

Ingredients

¼ C canola oil

2 T red wine vinegar

1 T Dijon mustard

½ tsp salt

½ tsp ground black pepper

2 (15-ounce) cans black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained

1 C chopped red onion

1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

½ cup chopped fresh parsley

2 T chopped fresh oregano

In a small bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard, salt, and pepper. In a large bowl, combine peas, onion, bell pepper, garlic, parsley, and oregano. Add prepared dressing and toss to coat.

Good Luck New Year's Black-eyed Peas

Ingredients

2 cans 15.5 oz. Trappey's Jalapeno Black-eyed peas – do not drain

1 med onion chopped

1 med green bell pepper chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

2/3 C Bloody Mary mix

1 10-oz pkg frozen, cooked, salad shrimp

4 T olive oil

Put olive oil in pot. Add chopped onion, bell pepper, and garlic.

Cook until tender.

Add peas and Bloody Mary mix.

Cook to a boil on medium heat.

Cover pot. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

Add shrimp and cook on low for 10 more minutes, uncovered.

Serve over rice—your preference: mixture of wild, brown, or white rice.

Really good!