



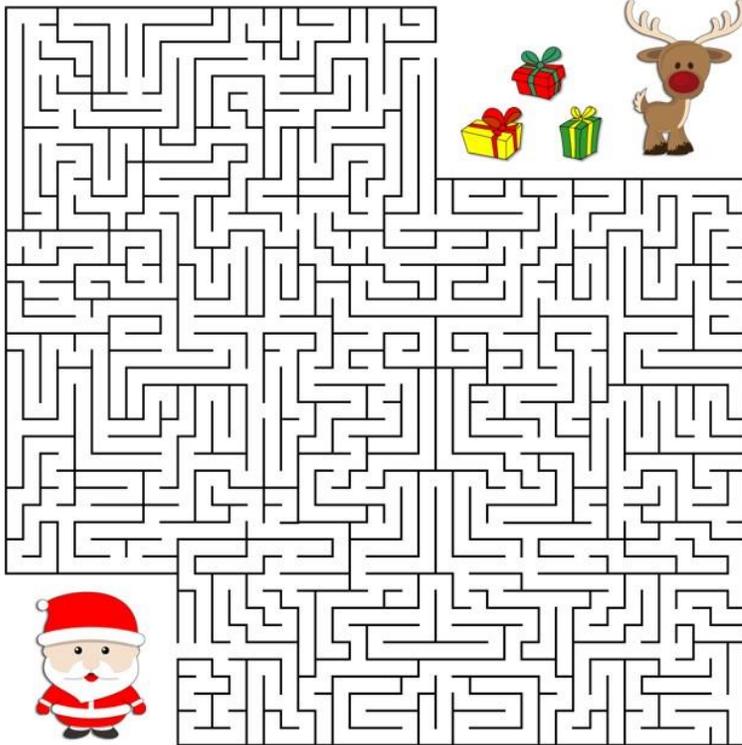
December



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**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!!**



December Birthdays

- 1 Ann Hinckley
- 7 Delores Runningbear
- 12 Paul Sawyer
- 25 Carol Ferris
- 25 Bertha Hoover

Grab a pencil and piece of paper. How many words can you make using the letters in "Merry Christmas"? We found **71!!**



First Christmas

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HIRTB	<input type="checkbox"/>								
GERMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>								
SUJSE	<input type="checkbox"/>								
MYAR	<input type="checkbox"/>								
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Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.





CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

S	A	V	I	O	R	N	E	J	M	N	S	R	T
T	H	G	I	N	T	N	E	L	I	S	E	E	C
E	M	Y	L	H	E	S	E	M	E	G	A	E	H
P	Y	S	H	E	U	H	P	E	S	O	J	S	R
O	R	P	I	S	M	T	S	A	A	R	E	E	I
H	R	A	P	E	V	A	S	S	B	F	M	N	S
Y	H	G	H	C	L	N	C	T	E	A	A	A	T
H	E	L	O	A	T	E	A	E	T	I	N	T	M
L	E	K	E	L	Y	N	H	R	H	T	G	I	A
G	M	T	N	G	D	L	K	N	L	H	E	V	S
M	R	L	E	O	N	H	G	S	E	J	R	I	E
A	A	O	H	H	D	A	R	T	H	A	L	T	L

- JESUS
- GOLD
- EASTERN STAR
- CAMEL
- JOY
- DONKEY
- BETHLEHEM
- CHRISTMAS
- MYRRH
- MARY
- SAVIOR
- HAY
- WISE MEN
- FAITH
- MANGER
- HOPE
- ANGEL
- JOSEPH
- NATIVITY
- SILENT NIGHT

The prophet Isaiah wrote of the coming Messiah 700 years before the birth of Jesus: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Early Christians selected December 25th for the Nativity feast to replace the pagan festival natalis solis invicti, the birth of the sun god Mithras, at winter solstice. They proclaimed that Jesus Christ was the real Light of the World, the true "Sun of Righteousness," as well as the Messiah foretold in Jewish faith. As Jesus declared, he had not come to destroy the law and the prophets of Judaism, but to fulfill them, and so he also fulfilled the deepest human longings expressed in other traditional celebrations.

Our American Christmas heritage derives from the mingled Christmas traditions of immigrants from many lands, with differing religious beliefs and customs of worship and celebration. Our name for this holiday, itself a word derived from "Holy Day," arises from the old English Cristes Maesse, or Christ's Mass.

Christmas was first observed in Early America among the Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Moravians who settled predominantly in the Middle Atlantic colonies and the South.

Influenced by Puritanism and Calvinism, the New England Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists looked askance at a celebration they deemed based on "heathenistic traditions." New England colonial authorities outlawed Christmas from 1649 until 1658. The General Court of Massachusetts in 1659 set a fine of five shillings per offense, punishing the observance "of any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forebearing of labour, feasting, or any such way." Contemporaneously, the Assembly of Connecticut forbade the reading of the Book of Common Prayer, the keeping of Christmas and saints days, the making of mince pies, the playing of cards, or performing on any musical instruments.

The first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday was Massachusetts in 1856.



It's Still the Most Wonderful Time of the Year



Merry Christmas

Free Masks

Lavelle Ford and Barbara Spencer are still making masks. Masks are free to all members and to all TMRC resident and staff.

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Some Christmas Links:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christmas_novels
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christmas_films
- <https://www.timeout.com/new-york-kids/things-to-do/the-20-best-christmas-movies-for-kids>