



Grown-up guide

Hunt 1 • Home riddle trail • 20 min

Cut out the 13 cards. Hide clue 1 in the stocking, clue 2 under the tree and so on, following the host key; the treasure card goes under the sofa cushion with the prize. Hand the start card to the hunters. Missing a place (no wreath, no coat hooks)? Skip that clue and move its card to the next place on the list; the rhymes still work in any order.

Hunt 2 • Yard nature hunt • 30 min

One checklist per child or pair, a pencil, warm boots. Items are spotted and ticked, not collected, apart from a pine cone or a feather for the nature bag if you like. The six riddle cards are for older children: they decide what counts and explain why.

Hunt 3 • Christmas lights hunt • 45 min, on foot or by car

One scored checklist per team: easy decorations score 1 point, rarer ones 2 and 3. Add the bingo cards for the back seat and the best-house ballot for the end. Walkers stay on the sidewalk, cross at crossings and admire from the street; drivers keep the hunting to passengers.

Prizes that need no shopping

- Home trail: the hunters find a treat, a new book or "you pick tonight's film" written on the treasure card.
- Yard: everyone who finds 15 gets a champion badge.
- Town: highest points chooses the cocoa toppings.

Printing

- Clue cards and badges: plain paper or light cardstock, cut on the dashed lines.
- Checklists and bingo: one per child or team.
- Print at 100%, not "fit to page". Letter and A4 files are in the ZIP.

Hunt 3 • Christmas lights hunt • scored checklist



Common sights score 1 point, rarer ones 2, the hard-to-find 3. A decoration counts once per team.

Team: _____

☐ An inflatable snowman	1 pt	☐ Lights that change colour	2 pt
☐ Reindeer on a roof	2 pt	☐ Santa climbing a ladder	3 pt
☐ A house with only blue lights	2 pt	☐ A sleigh with reindeer	2 pt
☐ Candy-cane lights along a path	1 pt	☐ Icicle lights along a roof	1 pt
☐ A wreath on a front door	1 pt	☐ An inflatable penguin or polar bear	2 pt
☐ A star on a rooftop	2 pt	☐ Lights that spell a word	3 pt
☐ A lit tree in a window	1 pt	☐ A dog in a sweater	3 pt
☐ A nativity scene	2 pt	☐ A train or carousel display	3 pt
☐ A projector sprinkling lights on a wall	1 pt	☐ Paper snowflakes in a window	1 pt
☐ A lit palm tree or cactus	3 pt	☐ A door wrapped like a gift	3 pt
☐ One bulb that has gone out	3 pt	☐ A tree so tall you must look up	2 pt
☐ A snowman family of three or more	2 pt	☐ A house with no decorations at all	1 pt

Score

1-point finds ____ × 1 = ____

2-point finds ____ × 2 = ____

3-point finds ____ × 3 = ____

Total _____

Best house ballot

Brightest: _____

Funniest: _____

Most elegant: _____

Our favourite street: _____