

Snowflake Bentley
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(Reading level: 4-9)

Additional Suggested Reading: *It's Snowing!* By Gail Gibbons

Things to talk about:

What does evaporate mean?

How cold does it have to be for snowflakes to form?

How many sides does a snowflake almost always have?

What are large piles of snow are called?

What is a heavy snowstorm called?

Who was the first person to take pictures of snowflakes?

Tickle the funny bone time:

What do Snowmen call their offspring?

Chill-dren.

How does a Snowman get to work?

By icicle.

What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle

What is a snowman's favorite food?

burr-itos

What two letters of the alphabet do snowmen prefer?

I C

Where do snowmen keep their money?

In a snowbank

What did the snowman's scarf say to his hat?

You hang around here and I'll go on ahead

Play the following snowflake games:

Have a snowball fight:

Materials needed: recycled Paper or Newspaper, Clear Tape, and Painter's Tape

Wrinkle up sheets of paper, flatten it out, and then wrinkle it up again into a ball shape. Tape the paper so it doesn't come apart.

Divide room in half by placing painter's tape down the center of the room.

Divide the "snowballs" in half and place half on each side of the room.

Before the game divide the kids up into two teams and place them on either side of the room. On the word go the teams throw the snowballs at the other team's side. After about one minute stop the play and see which team has the least number of snowballs on their side of the room. That team is the winner.

(<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/winter-party-outrreach-ideas.html>)



Drop the Snowflake Game

Place a large bowl on the ground in front of a chair. Stand on the chair and carefully drop a small snowflake into the bowl. The child who gets the most snowflakes in the bowl wins.

Snowflake Race

Give each child a small snowflake and a straw. Mark off a starting line and a finishing line. Each player uses the straw to blow their snowflake. First snowflake over the finishing line wins.

(Copy the snowflakes on the following page and roughly cut around to make small snowflakes.)

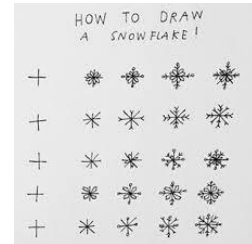


Bible verse suggestion: Have children write the verse on paper and decorate with their own snowflakes.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

(search *How to Draw Snowflakes*)



Enjoy eating snowballs while reading from the suggested books:

Snack: Snowballs (powdered sugar donut holes)

Suggested Reading:

Snow by Cynthia Rylant

Snow by Uri Shulevitz

The Tiny Snowflake by Arthur Ginolfi

Snip, Snow! by Nancy Poydar



Optional Activity:

Cut out Snowflakes (search for *Cutting Snowflakes*)

