PRINTABLE ESCAPE ROOM • AGES 6–11 • 30–45 MIN

Save Santa's Sleigh!

A Christmas Eve escape room for kids

Dear Christmas Helpers,

Oh no! Twinkle the elf has locked Santa's sleigh with a magic padlock — and it's Christmas Eve! The padlock needs a 3-digit CODE and a secret PASSWORD. Solve the four puzzles to find them, then write them on the Sleigh Lock page before midnight. The whole North Pole is counting on you!

— Santa (and a very sorry Twinkle)

Grown-up Setup (10 minutes)

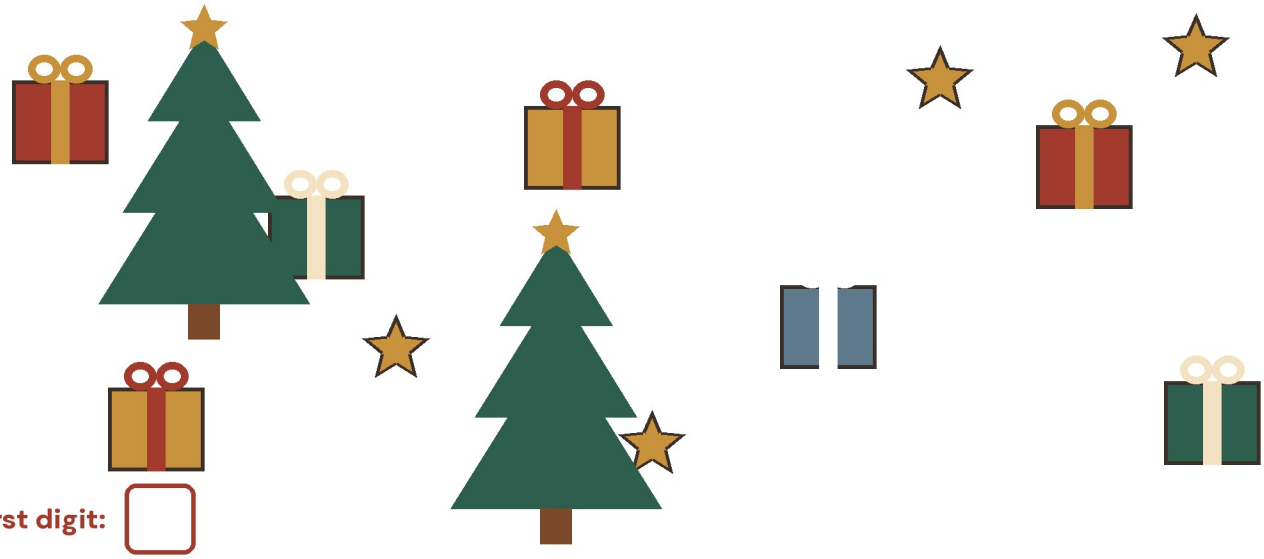
1. Print pages 2–4 for each team (cardstock not needed). Keep page 5 (answer key) hidden.
2. Cut out the hint cards; hand one over when a team is stuck for 5 minutes.
3. Set a 30–45 minute timer. Teams of 2–4 work best; little ones can pair with a big kid.
4. When the Sleigh Lock is solved, award the certificates on page 6!

PUZZLES 1 & 2

WORKSHOP PUZZLES

PUZZLE 1 — COUNT THE PRESENTS

Twinkle hid presents all over the workshop. Count ONLY the presents (not the stars or trees). That number is the FIRST digit of the code.



First digit: ☐

PUZZLE 2 — THE ELF NUMBER CODE

Each number stands for a letter: A = 1, B = 2, C = 3 … Z = 26. Decode Twinkle's message. The number it names is the SECOND digit.

A=1	B=2	C=3	D=4	E=5	F=6	G=7	H=8	I=9	J=10	K=11	L=12	M=13
N=14	O=15	P=16	Q=17	R=18	S=19	T=20	U=21	V=22	W=23	X=24	Y=25	Z=26

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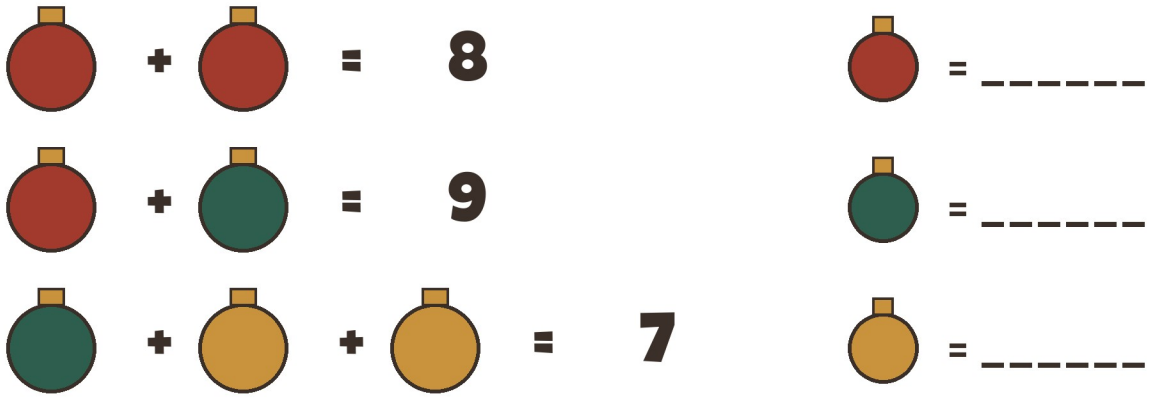
Second digit: ☐

PUZZLES 3 & 4

Tree & Toy Puzzles

Puzzle 3 — Ornament Maths

Each ornament colour has a secret value. Work out the RED ornament — it is the THIRD digit.



Third digit (red): ☐

Puzzle 4 — Elf Word Scramble

Unscramble each Christmas word. Write the FIRST letter of each answer in the gold box to spell the PASSWORD.

MNOWSAN ☐ _ _ _ _ _ _

LENTIS ☐ _ _ _ _ _

GLANE ☐ _ _ _ _

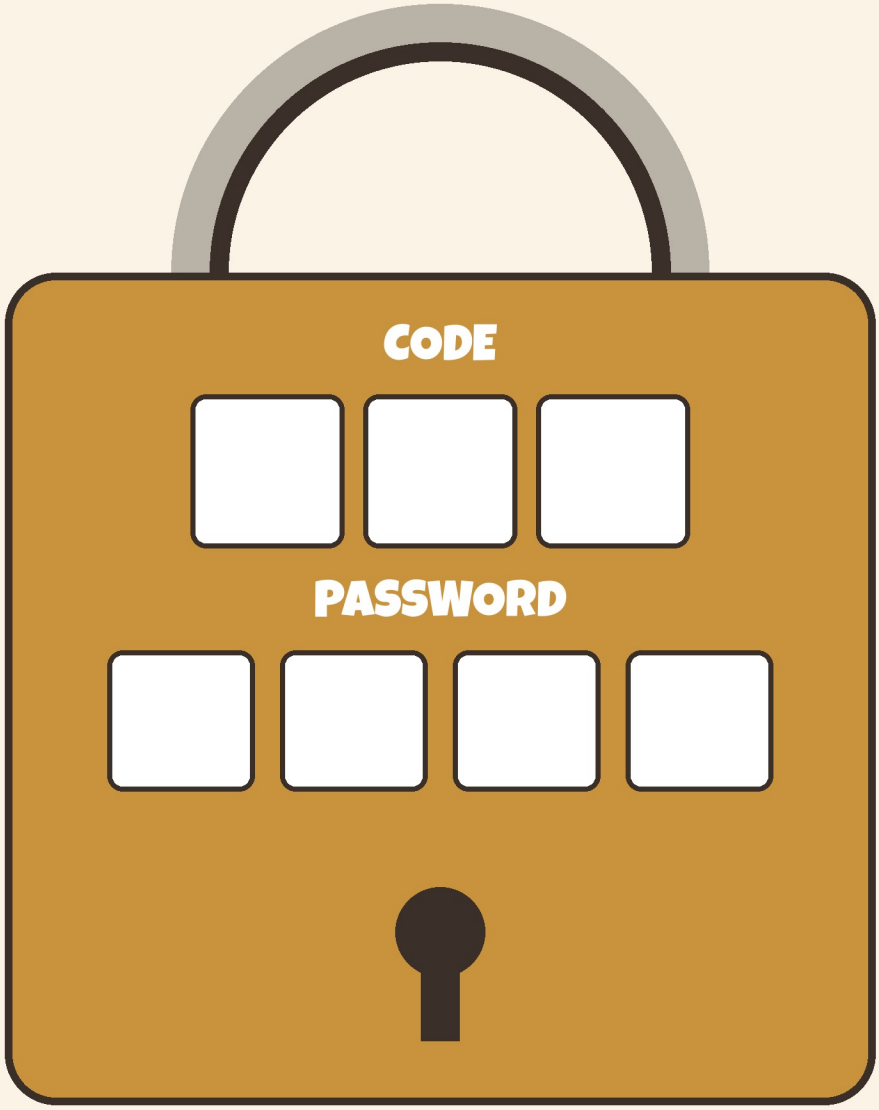
DREEIRNE ☐ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Password: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

THE FINAL LOCK

UNLOCK SANTA'S SLEIGH

Write the 3-digit code and the 4-letter password



Show your answers to the grown-up in charge. If they're right, Santa's sleigh is FREE — shout "Ho ho ho!" and collect your certificate!

GROWN-UPS ONLY

HINT CARDS & ANSWER KEY

Cut out the hint cards; fold the answer key out of sight

HINT 1

P1: Only count boxes with a ribbon and bow.

HINT 2

P1: Check corners — one present is hiding low on the left.

HINT 3

P2: Write the letter under each number first.

HINT 4

P2: The last word is a number between 1 and 10.

HINT 5

P3: Two reds make 8 — so what is one red?

HINT 6

P3: Use the red value in the second line to find green.

HINT 7

P4: The first word melts in the sun.

HINT 8

P4: The last word pulls Santa's sleigh.

ANSWER KEY

Puzzle 1 — 7 presents → first digit 7

Puzzle 2 — THE ELVES SAY NINE → second digit 9

Puzzle 3 — red = 4, green = 5, gold = 1 → third digit 4

Puzzle 4 — SNOWMAN, TINSEL, ANGEL, REINDEER → STAR

Final lock — CODE 7 9 4 • PASSWORD S T A R

OFFICIAL

Christmas Saver

This certifies that

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unlocked Santa's sleigh and saved Christmas Eve!

Santa Claus

Dec 24, 2026

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