



Spreading
Christmas Cheer
with
Buddy the Elf



Ready to *Celebrate Together*

When our Elf on the Shelf went to "help another family," once our kids got older, I was relieved. It was a lot of work. It was also a lot of fun. Some of our kids have graduated and moved, some are still in high school. These days I'm acutely aware of the time I have left with them in my house. I want to pack memories and lessons and time together in - just as much as possible. Therefore, I'm resurrecting the tradition with a twist - a little help from Buddy.

I'm being intentional and adding some fun to the stressful and very busy days leading up to and including Christmas Break. I'm going to try to do something with at least one of the kids each day to celebrate them - and the season.

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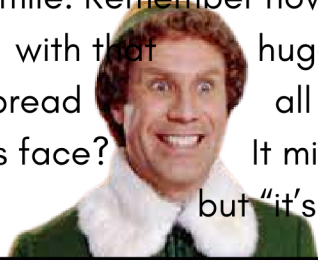


Lessons from *Buddy the Elf*

The big-hearted and child-like Buddy offers us many lessons that can serve us and our "big kids" well. Slide these credit card-sized notes into their car, backpack or wallet to encourage them.

"I just like to smile. Smiling's my favorite."

Smile. Remember how Buddy looked with that huge, goofy grin spread all the way across his face? It might be cliché, but "it's contagious."



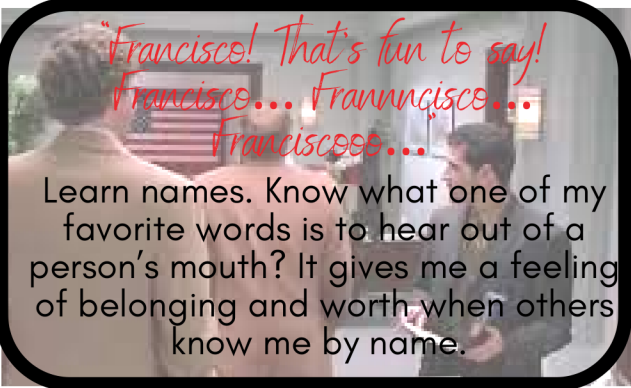
"So, good news - I saw a dog today."

Be easily enchanted. Soak in the little things about your day, and let them energize your week.



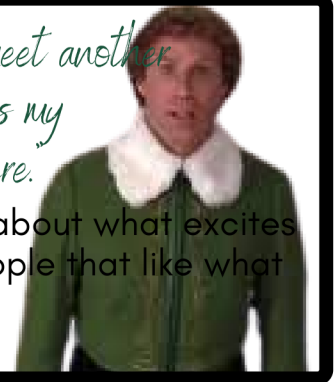
"Francisco! That's fun to say! Francisco... Frannciscoes... Franciscosses..."

Learn names. Know what one of my favorite words is to hear out of a person's mouth? It gives me a feeling of belonging and worth when others know me by name.



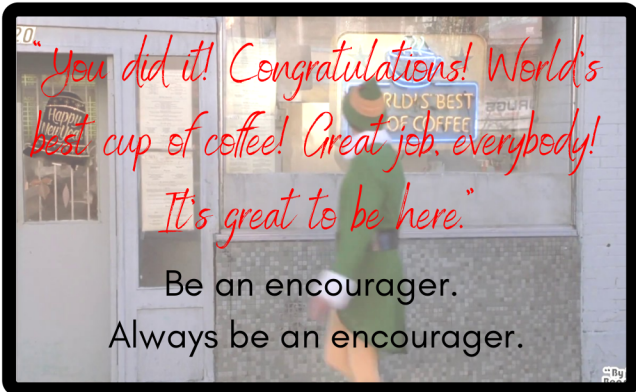
"It's just nice to meet another human that shares my affinity for elf culture."

Talk with others about what excites them. We like people that like what we like.



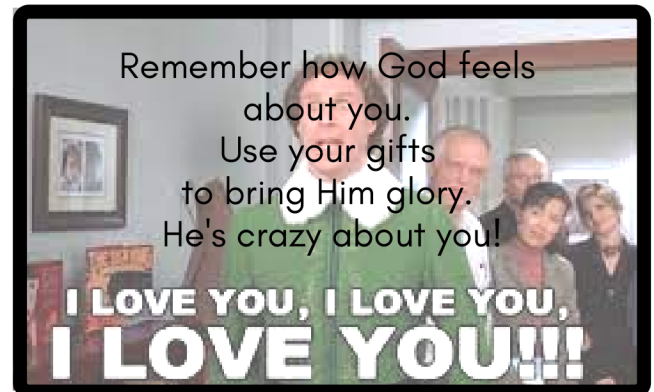
"You did it! Congratulations! World's best cup of coffee! Great job, everybody! It's great to be here."

Be an encourager. Always be an encourager.



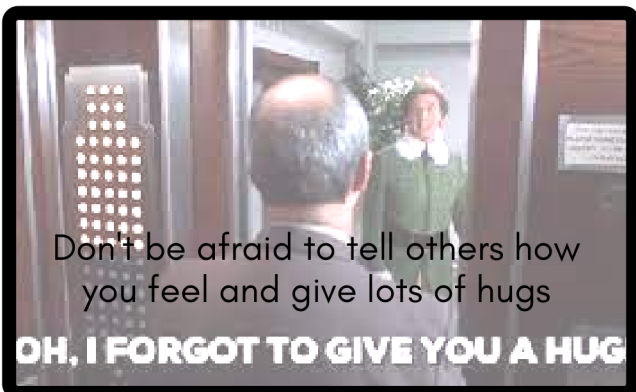
Remember how God feels about you. Use your gifts to bring Him glory. He's crazy about you!

I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU!!!



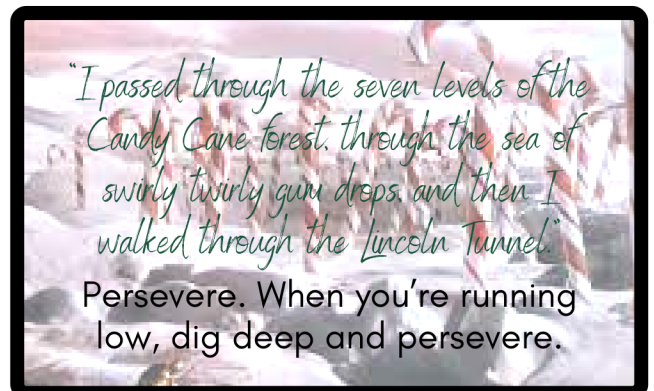
Don't be afraid to tell others how you feel and give lots of hugs

OH, I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU A HUG



"I passed through the seven levels of the Candy Cane forest, through the sea of swirly twirly gum drops, and then I walked through the Lincoln Tunnel."

Persevere. When you're running low, dig deep and persevere.



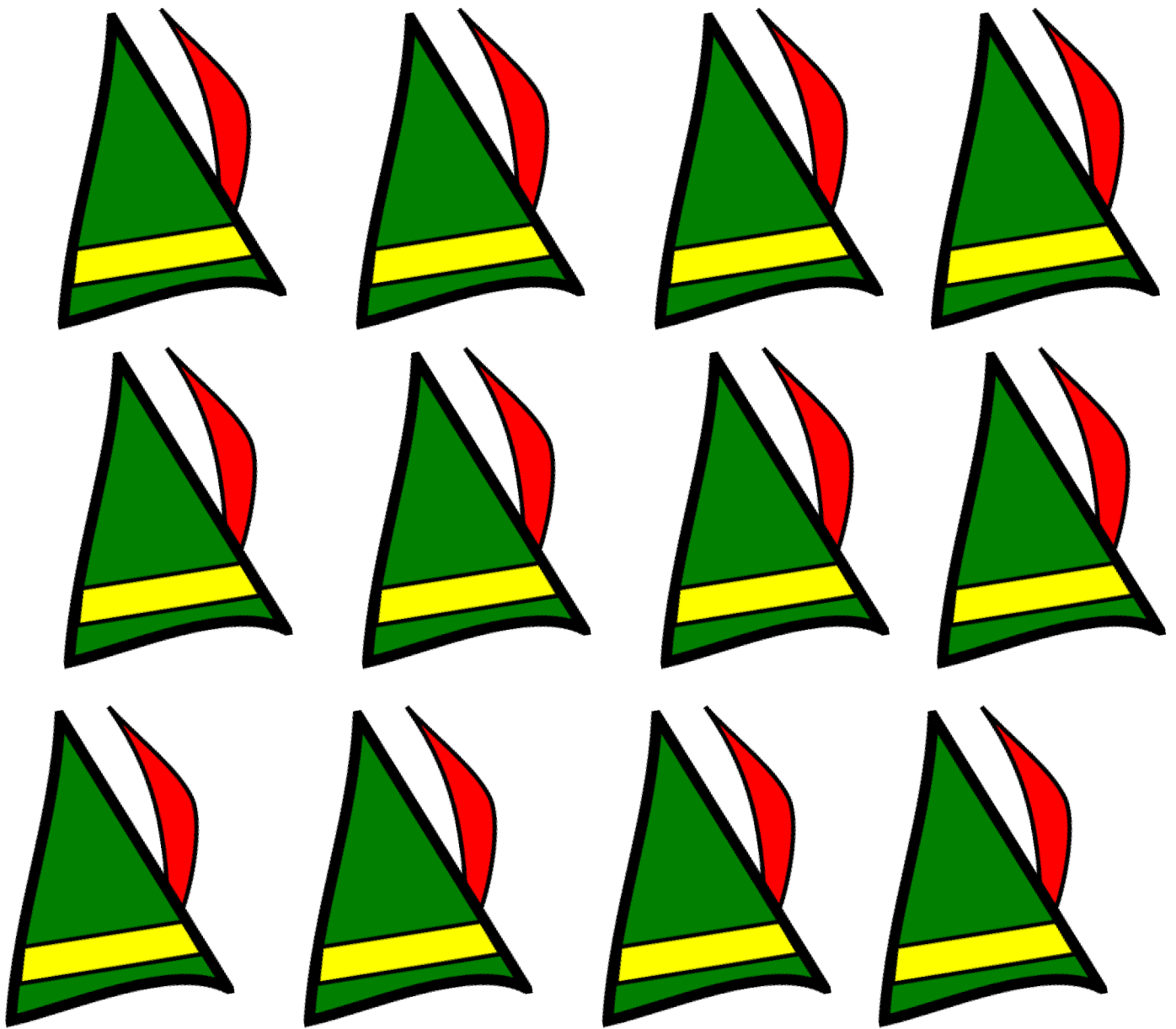
Christmas Cheer

a Schedule

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		<p>Start planning ideas</p>	<p>Write a note(s) on the snowflake</p>	<p>One Random of Act of Kindness</p>	<p>Leave the Elf Lesson Card(s) where they can find them</p>	<p>Watch Elf Together</p>
<p>Have syrup with breakfast</p>	<p>Leave the Elf hats taped to family photos</p>	<p>Make sure it's all decorated - like Buddy would like</p>	<p>One Random of Act of Kindness</p>	<p>Play Elf Trivia</p>	<p>Leave the Elf Lesson Card(s) where they can find them</p>	<p>Play pin the face on the Elf together</p>
<p>Spread some Christmas Cheer</p>	<p>Savnanger Hunt</p>	<p>One Random of Act of Kindness</p>	<p>Write Thank You Notes</p>	<p>Start writing your Elf Code</p>	<p>One Random of Act of Kindness</p>	<p>Leave the Elf Lesson Card(s) where they can find them</p>
<p>Talk about and plan your Elf Adventure</p>	<p>Have a "snowball" fight. Use paper or nerf guns</p>	<p>Sing Loud!</p>	<p>Make sure YOUR important poeple know you appreciate them</p>	<p>Read the Christmas Story Together</p>	<p>Celebrate</p>	<p>Have an Elf Adventure</p>

Don't be a *Cotton Headed* Ninny Muggins

These elf hats would be hilarious to print and pretend the elves put on pictures in your home.



Spread some *Christmas Cheer*

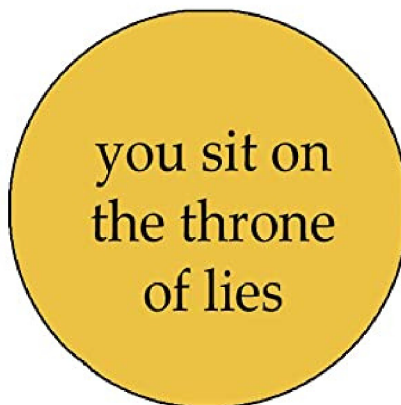
Instructions:

print this page on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and cut out.

help others to smile with a little joke here and there

Place the circles in random places for others to find

Location ideas: grocery store, vending machine, office phone, wear like a button



Pin the face on *Buddy the Elf*



Instructions:

print these 2 pages on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and cut out the buddy faces

just like pin the tail on the donkey. tape the "Pin the FAcE on Buddy the Elf image to the wall. Each player gets one Elf face to try to put as close to the center of the image as possible while blindfolded.



It's Santa. **I Know Him!**



Print and cut out the cards below and write a thank you note to individuals who make your holiday exciting. Let them know that you are glad to know them.

Thank You
for being you!

Thank You
for being you!

Buddy the Elf. Scavenger Hunt

Instructions:

print the cards on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and cut out.

Place the cards in order so that each clue leads to the next location. ie. don't put the hamper clue on the hamper. (its happened here)

Give the kids the first clue

follow along as they search the house

TV Remote



SINCE EVERYONE CAN BE ON THE NICE LIST. THATS' THE GOAL



FROM SHOW TO SHOW, YOU CAN SCROLL WHEN YOU HAVE THIS POWERFUL CONTROL



Hamper

LET'S KICK THIS SEASON OFF WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. SOON SANTA WILL ARRIVE IN HIS SLEIGH
IF I CLEAN YOU MUST PUT ME AWAY. IF IM DIRTY YOU MUST PUT ME HERE UNTIL LAUNDRY DAY



Wallet

I MISSED YOU ALL YEAR BUT I'M BACK TO PLAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY!

THIS HAS LOTS OF MONEY BUT DOES NOT PAY. WHEN IT'S FULL YOU YELL, HOORAY!




Toster

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS BE NICE. SANTA ALWAYS CHECKS HIS LIST TWICE.
WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY,
THROW IN A SLICE
WARM AND TOASTY IS THE OUTCOME OF THIS DEVICE



Backpack



IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRAVEL THROUGH
THE CANDY CANE FOREST OR GO TO
SCHOOL LIKE BUDDY'S BROTHER, MICHAEL
WHAT YOU STORE IN ME CAN KEEP YOU
FROM BEING A FOOL. CARRY ME WHEN
YOU'RE OFF TO SCHOOL

Toothbrush



AFTER ENJOYING ALL THE THINGS FROM THE
4 FOOD GROUPS...

I LOVE TO KEEP THINGS NICE AND WHITE,
YOU'LL WANT TO SCRUB WITH ME MORNING
NOON, AND NIGHT

Google Home

SOON SANTA WILL BE HERE WITH A SLEIGH
FULL OF GIFTS LED BY HIS REINDEER
TURN ME UP SO YOU CAN HEAR AND
DANCE TO THE MUSIC WITH NO FEAR



Dryer

RUMBLING AND GRUMBLING DOWN
THE HALL YOU WILL HEAR WHEN
YOU OPEN ME WARM CLOTHES
APPEAR



Write Your Own

Write Your Own



Elf Trivia

Game 1

Instructions: Play against each other and use the Bonus Round questions to break a tie or several rounds

1. WHAT'S BUDDY THE ELF'S FULL NAME?
2. WHAT WAS BUDDY'S JOB AT THE NORTH POLE?
3. HOW DID BUDDY GET FROM THE NORTH POLE TO NEW YORK CITY?
4. WHICH CHRISTMAS SONG DID BUDDY HEAR JOVIE SINGING IN THE SHOWER?
5. WHAT ARE THE ELVES' FOUR MAIN FOOD GROUPS?
6. WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER?
7. WHAT DOES BUDDY SAY THE DEPARTMENT STORE SANTA CLAUS SMELLS LIKE?
8. WHERE DOES SANTA'S SLEIGH BREAK DOWN ON CHRISTMAS EVE?
9. WHAT DOES WALT'S SECRETARY THINK BUDDY IS WHEN HE ARRIVES AT HIS OFFICE?
10. WHO RAISED BUDDY AT THE NORTH POLE?

POINT TOTAL:



Elf Trivia

Game 2

1. WHAT DOES BUDDY DRINK AT DINNER THAT MAKES HIM BURP?
2. WHICH TOY IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP SCARES BUDDY WHILE HE'S WORKING AS A TOY TESTER?
3. WHAT DOES BUDDY BUILD OUT OF LEGOS TO CELEBRATE SANTA'S ARRIVAL?
4. WHAT SHOCKING THING DOES SANTA REVEAL ABOUT BUDDY'S DAD?
5. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF BUDDY'S MOTHER?
6. WHAT DOES BUDDY CALL HIMSELF WHEN HE FAILS MAKING HIS DAILY QUOTA OF ETCH-A-SKETCHES?
7. WHAT SONG DOES JOVIE START SINGING IN THE PARK TO HELP SANTA'S SLEIGH FLY? WHAT BUILDING DOES BUDDY'S DAD WORK IN?
8. WHAT IS BUDDY'S FAVORITE?
9. WHERE DOES BUDDY'S DAD SEND HIM TO WORK TO GET HIM OUT OF HIS OFFICE?
10. WHAT DOES SANTA TELL BUDDY TO DO IF HE SEES GUM ON THE STREET?

POINT TOTAL:



Elf Trivia

Game 3

1. WHAT FAMOUS PAINTING DID BUDDY RECREATE ON HIS ETCH-A-SKETCH?
2. WHAT DID BUDDY APOLOGIZE FOR IN THE LETTER HE LEAVES THE HOBBS FAMILY?
3. WHERE DID BUDDY AND MICHAEL GET THE FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FROM?
4. WHAT DID BUDDY AND JOVIE DRINK ON THEIR FIRST DATE?
5. WHAT WORD DOES BUDDY USE TO DESCRIBE THE TOILETS IN NEW YORK CITY?
6. WHAT DID THE NEWSCASTER WANT FOR CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO SANTA'S LIST?
7. HOW DOES BUDDY ANSWER THE PHONE AT HIS FATHER'S OFFICE?
8. WHAT DOES SANTA'S SLEIGH NEED ON TO MAKE IT FLY ON CHRISTMAS EVE?
9. WHAT DOES BUDDY SHOUT TO THE DEPARTMENT STORE SANTA WHEN HE REALIZES THE SANTA IS A FAKE?
10. WHAT DOES BUDDY BUILD OUT OF THE WOODEN FURNITURE IN THE HOBBS' APARTMENT?

POINT TOTAL:



Elf Trivia

Bonus Round

1. WHAT FLAVOR POP-TARTS DOES BUDDY PUT ON HIS SPAGHETTI?
2. WHAT WAS SANTA DOING WHEN BABY BUDDY CRAWLS INTO HIS BAG AT THE ORPHANAGE?
3. WHY DOES BABY BUDDY CRAWL INTO SANTA'S BAG?
4. WHAT DID THE GIRL AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE TELL BUDDY SHE WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS?
5. WHAT TYPE OF SPRAY DOES BUDDY TRY TO EAT AS HE'S WALKING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT STORE?
6. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CHILDREN'S AUTHOR WALTER CONSULTS WITH TO HELP HIS COMPANY MEET THEIR DEADLINE?

POINT TOTAL:



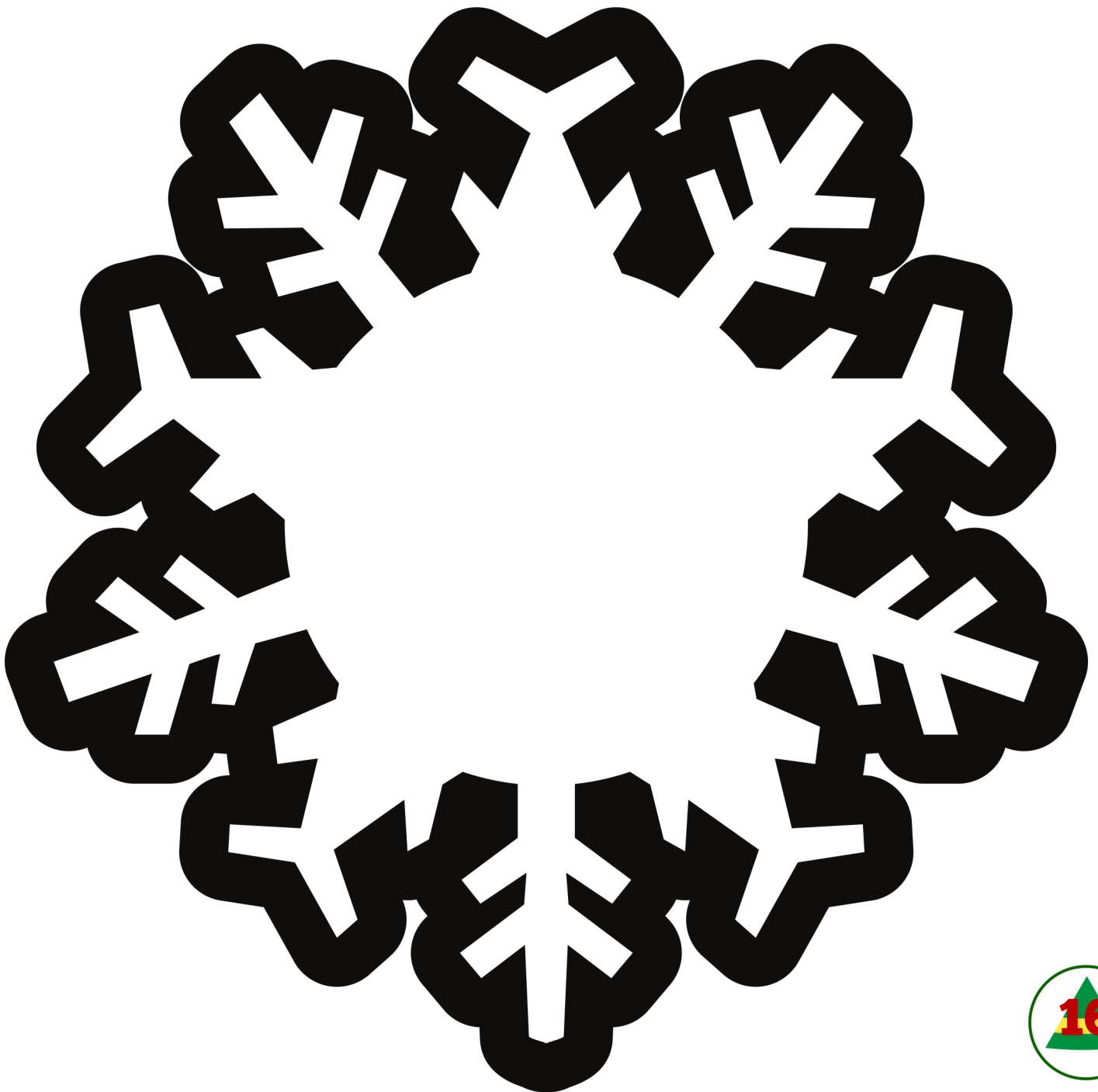
Elf Trivia Answers

1. What's Buddy the Elf's full name? Buddy Hobbs
2. What was Buddy's job at the North Pole? Toy tester
3. How did Buddy get from the North Pole to New York City? By walking through the six levels of the Candy Cane Forest
4. Which Christmas song did Buddy hear Jovie singing in the shower? Baby, It's Cold Outside
5. What are the elves' four main food groups? Candy, candy corn, syrup, and lots of sugar
6. What is the best way to spread Christmas cheer? Singing loud for all to hear
7. What does Buddy say the department store Santa Claus smells like? Beef and Cheese
8. Where does Santa's sleigh break down on Christmas Eve? Central Park
9. What does Walt's secretary think Buddy is when he arrives at his office? A Christmasgram
10. Who raised Buddy at the North Pole? Papa Elf
11. In addition to being the director, Jon Favreau also had a role in the movie. Who was he? Dr. Leonardo
12. What's the first rule in the Code of The Elves? Treat Every Day Like Christmas
13. Where did Buddy get his name? From his diaper
14. What toy was Buddy working on when he failed to meet his quota? Etch-a-Sketch
15. What store does Buddy get a job at when he arrives in New York? Gimbel's
16. What does Buddy eat during his visit to the doctor's office? Cotton balls
17. What did Buddy give to his dad as a gift when he visits him at his office? Lingerie
18. What is written on the tag attached to the gift that Buddy gives his dad? For that special someone
19. What animal attacks Buddy in the park when he tries to give it a hug? A raccoon
20. What does Buddy drink at dinner that makes him burp? An entire bottle of Coca-Cola
21. Which toy in Santa's Workshop scares Buddy while he's working as a toy tester? Jack-in-the-Box
22. What does Buddy build out of LEGOs to celebrate Santa's arrival? New York City
23. What shocking thing does Santa reveal about Buddy's dad? He's on the naughty list
24. What was the name of Buddy's mother? Susan Wells
25. What does Buddy call himself when he fails making his daily quota of Etch-a-Sketches? A cotton-headed ninnymuggins
26. What song does Jovie start singing in the park to help Santa's sleigh fly? Santa Claus is Comin' to Town
27. What building does Buddy's dad work in? Empire State Building
28. What is Buddy's favorite? Smiling
29. Where does Buddy's dad send him to work to get him out of his office? The mail room
30. What does Santa tell Buddy to do if he sees gum on the street? Leave it there
31. What famous painting did Buddy recreate on his etch-a-sketch? The Mona Lisa
32. What did Buddy apologize for in the letter he leaves the Hobbs family? For ruining their lives and cramming 11 cookies into the VCR
33. Where did Buddy and Michael get the family's Christmas tree from? Central Park
34. What did Buddy and Jovie drink on their first date? The World's Best Cup of Coffee
35. What word does Buddy use to describe the toilets in New York City? Ginormous
36. What did the newscaster want for Christmas according to Santa's list? A Tiffany engagement ring and for her boyfriend to stop dragging his feet and commit already
37. How does Buddy answer the phone at his father's office? Buddy the Elf, what's your favorite color?
38. What does Santa's sleigh need on to make it fly on Christmas Eve? Christmas spirit
39. What does Buddy shout to the department store Santa when he realizes the Santa is a fake? You sit on a throne of lies.
40. What does Buddy build out of the wooden furniture in the Hobbs' apartment? A rocking horse
41. What flavor Pop-tarts does Buddy put on his spaghetti? Strawberry
42. What was Santa doing when baby Buddy crawls into his bag at the orphanage? Eating a cookie
43. Why does baby Buddy crawl into Santa's bag? He saw a teddy bear
44. What did the girl at the doctor's office tell Buddy she wants for Christmas? Susie Talks a Lot
45. What type of spray does Buddy try to eat as he's walking through the department store? Passion fruit spray
46. What is the name of the children's author Walter consults with to help his company meet their deadline? Miles Finch

Snowflake

Our kids help decorate our lives and make our days special, just like buddy tried to do when Santa was coming to the department store. Write your child a note to tell them they're special

Instructions: Print the page out and cut the half with the snowflake off. Write a note to your child telling them about the things that you love about them, what makes them unique, and what you love about spending the holidays with them.



Elf Code



instructions: With older kids, it's easy to forget they will soon be out of our care. Use this time to talk about what their code is. It's something they can refer back to when making decisions. identify your personal beliefs and personal values.

- What rules will they live by?
- Create a code of (insert your last name)
- What are some traits and non-negotiables for your family?

Some code of ethics examples include integrity, selflessness, honesty, loyalty, equality, fairness, empathy, respect, and self-respect

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Personal *Code*



Random Acts of *Christmas Kindness*

RANDOM ACTS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS IDEAS

- PAY FOR SOMEONE'S LAYAWAY.
- PAY FOR SOMEONE'S GROCERIES BEHIND YOU IN LINE.
- TAKE FLOWERS TO THE NURSE'S STATION AT YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL THE NURSES WILL KNOW WHO NEEDS THEM MOST.
- PAY FOR THE LUNCH OF PEOPLE BEHIND YOU AT A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT OR BEHIND YOU IN THE DRIVE-THRU.
- TAKE LUNCH, COOKIES, OR CUPCAKES TO YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND/OR POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- LEAVE EXTRA TIME IN THE PARKING METER OR FILL AN EXPIRED OR ABOUT-TO-EXPIRE PARKING METER.
- PUT CHANGE IN A ROW OF VENDING MACHINES.
- BUY EXTRA GROCERIES FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK.
- PICK UP THE TAB WHEN DINING OUT. APPROACH THE WAITER AND PAY WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING.
- LEAVE A NICE WAITER OR WAITRESS A GENEROUS TIP.
- BUY DESSERT FOR SOMEONE EATING OUT ALONE.
- PICK UP THE TAB FOR A RANDOM TABLE AT A RESTAURANT.
- TAPE CASH OR A GIFT CARD ON A RANDOM GAS PUMP.
- PAY THE TOLL FOR THE PERSON BEHIND YOU.
- TAPE A PLASTIC BAG OF QUARTERS TO A WASHER OR DRYER AT THE LAUNDROMAT.
- PURCHASE SOME EXTRA DOG OR CAT FOOD AND DROP IT OFF AT AN ANIMAL SHELTER.
- LEAVE A \$5 TAPED TO THE ENTRANCE OF A CAR WASH OR TAPE A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A FREE CAR WASH TO A STRANGER'S CAR.
- HAND OUT GLOVES AND MITTENS TO THE HOMELESS, OR LEAVE THEM ON PARK BENCHES.
- BRING COFFEE TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, POLICE ON DETAIL, OR ANYONE WORKING OUTSIDE.
- PAY FOR THE COFFEE, THE TOLL, OR THE BUS FARE FOR THE PERSON BEHIND YOU.
- HIDE A FEW DOLLAR BILLS AROUND THE DOLLAR STORE.
- PAID PAST DUE LIBRARY FEES FOR 5 PEOPLE AND WHILE THERE, PUT DOLLAR BILLS IN SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS.
- DROP OFF A TOY OR GAME AT A HOSPITAL OR A HOMELESS SHELTER.
- DONATE COLORING BOOKS AND BOXES OF NEW CRAYONS TO THE PEDIATRIC WING OF A HOSPITAL.
- LEAVE A BIG BOTTLE OF HOMEMADE LAUNDRY DETERGENT AT A LAUNDROMAT.
- GIVE A HOT DRINK TO THE PERSON RINGING THE SALVATION ARMY BELL.
- LEAVE CANDY CANES ON THE WINDSHIELDS OF RANDOM CARS.



FREE Random Acts of *Christmas Kindness*

- PUT STICKY NOTES WITH POSITIVE MESSAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES.
- SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS, PLAY BOARD GAMES, OR JUST VISIT WITH SENIOR CITIZENS AT A NURSING HOME.
- BE UNDERSTANDING OF TRAVELING PARENTS WITH GRUMPY OR NOISY KIDS.
- SING AN EMPLOYEE'S PRAISES TO A MANAGER OR ON A COMMENT CARD A LITTLE RECOGNITION GOES A LONG WAY.
- HELP SOMEONE LOAD THEIR GROCERIES.
- OFFER TO RETURN SOMEONE'S SHOPPING CART TO THE STORE.
- LET SOMEONE GO AHEAD OF YOU IN THE CHECKOUT LINE.
- LEAVE A FAVORITE BOOK IN A PUBLIC PLACE WITH A NOTE THAT IT'S FREE FOR THE TAKING.
- VOLUNTEER AN AFTERNOON AT A SOUP KITCHEN.
- PUT A COMMENT ON SOMEONE'S WEBPAGE THAT YOU REALLY LIKE. . LET THEM KNOW YOU ENJOY IT. :-)
- LEAVE NICE COMMENTS ON TWITTER, AND FACEBOOK.
- INVITE SOMEONE YOU SUSPECT WILL BE ALONE TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY WITH YOU.



WHAT OTHER IDEAS DO YOU HAVE?

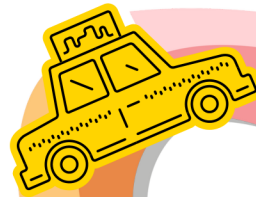
Buddy the Elf's Adventure to NYC



North Pole



Start



NEW YORK



Candy Cane Forest



Swirly Twirly
Gum Drops



Lincoln
Tunnel



Finish



Buddy the Elf's Adventure to NYC

instructions: Use the full-page map as fun art. Make a transfer and add it to a shirt.

Use this page to create an adventure of your own. Map out how you will spend the school break with your child exploring, learning new things, and having adventures. Strike out on a quest together.

North Pole

"I passed through the seven levels of the candy cane forest, through the sea of swirly-twirly gum drops, and then I walked through the Lincoln Tunnel."



start

NEW YORK

Candy Cane Forest

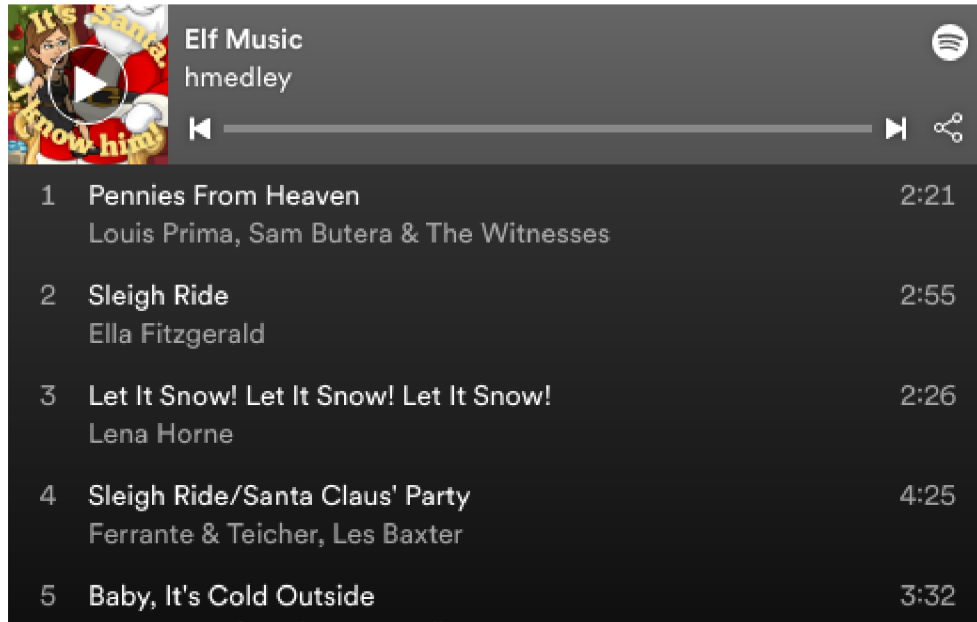
Swirly Twirly Gum Drops

Lincoln Tunnel

Finish

Enjoy the *Music*

Here's a little playlist of songs that appear in the movie.
Scan the Code and enjoy!



Elf Music
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1 Pennies From Heaven 2:21
Louis Prima, Sam Butera & The Witnesses

2 Sleigh Ride 2:55
Ella Fitzgerald

3 Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! 2:26
Lena Horne

4 Sleigh Ride/Santa Claus' Party 4:25
Ferrante & Teicher, Les Baxter

5 Baby, It's Cold Outside 3:32

