I SAW SANTA

SANTA FINDING EVENT GUIDE

I SAW SANTA IN OHIO

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Ring in the holidays with an *I Saw Santa* party!

Invite your customers, students, or patrons for some fun, food, and crafts as they make their very own Santa searcher!

DECORATE

CRAFT: Tissue Paper Santa!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Lots of white tissue paper, a paper plate, scissors, glue, paint, a pencil, and a ribbon.

Paint the top quarter of the paper plate red for Santa's hat, and paint Santa's eyes and nose below the hat in the center of the plate. Cut the white tissue paper into lots of 2-inch squares. Put a straight line of glue along the bottom of Santa's hat. Using the pencil, wrap a square of tissue paper around the eraser and stick it to the glue. Continue doing this until the bottom of Santa's hat is fluffy and white. Repeat this process on the bottom half of the plate and halfway up the sides to create Santa's beard. Use the ribbon to hang it!

COLOR: Have your partygoers help you decorate! Attached, you will find a page full of reindeer to cut out and color. Surround Santa with his reindeer and hang them up nearby with tape.

FOOD & DRINK

REINDEER COOKIES: You'll need cookies (any kind will work!), red M&M's, pretzels, chocolate chips, and icing. Use the icing to affix the pretzel to the top of the cookie as the reindeer's antlers, two chocolate chips near the middle as the reindeer's eyes, and the red M&M below the eyes as the reindeer's nose.

PEPPERMINT WHITE-CHOCOLATE POPCORN: You'll need 8 cups of popped popcorn, 1 teaspoon of sea salt, 8 candy canes, and 16 ounces of white chocolate. Start with 8 cups of popped popcorn and sprinkle with sea salt. Grind or crush the candy canes into small chunks or dust. Melt the white chocolate, stirring to make sure there are no lumps. While the chocolate is still warm, pour it over the popcorn and stir until the popcorn is evenly coated. Sprinkle with a quarter cup of candy cane dust and stir. Enjoy!

HOT CHOCOLATE: Make a big batch of hot chocolate for everyone to enjoy. Have marshmallows, cinnamon, whipped cream, and candy canes ready to add!

HOT CARAMEL APPLE CIDER: To make one serving, you'll need 1½ cups of apple cider, 1 tablespoon of caramel topping, and whipped cream. Heat the cider on the stovetop just before boiling. Pour into a heatproof cup and stir in a teaspoon of caramel. Top the cider with whipped cream, drizzle more caramel on top, and enjoy!

You're Invited!

Join us for a special event featuring snacks, crafts, and a special reading of *I Saw Santa*, where you'll get to make your very own Santa searcher!

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From your friend, _____

Build your own Santa searcher!

SANTA SEARCHER BINOCULARS

YOU'LL NEED:

- Paper towel rolls or two toilet paper rolls
- Duct tape or 2 rubber bands
- Glue stick
- Markers, wrapping paper, stickers, or glitter for decoration

If you are using a paper towel roll, cut it in half to create two equal-size rolls, or use two toilet paper rolls. Use a glue stick to secure the two rolls together, side by side. Then wrap duct tape or two rubber bands around them to form the binoculars. Decorate the exterior of your Santa searcher binoculars with wrapping paper, markers, stickers, or glitter, and get ready to search for Santa!

SANTA SEARCHER PERISCOPE (ADVANCED)

YOU'LL NEED:

- Large cereal box
- 2 mirrors, 2"x2" (5 cm x 5 cm)
- Glue stick or glue
- Masking tape
- Scissors
- Paint, wrapping paper, stickers, or glitter for decoration
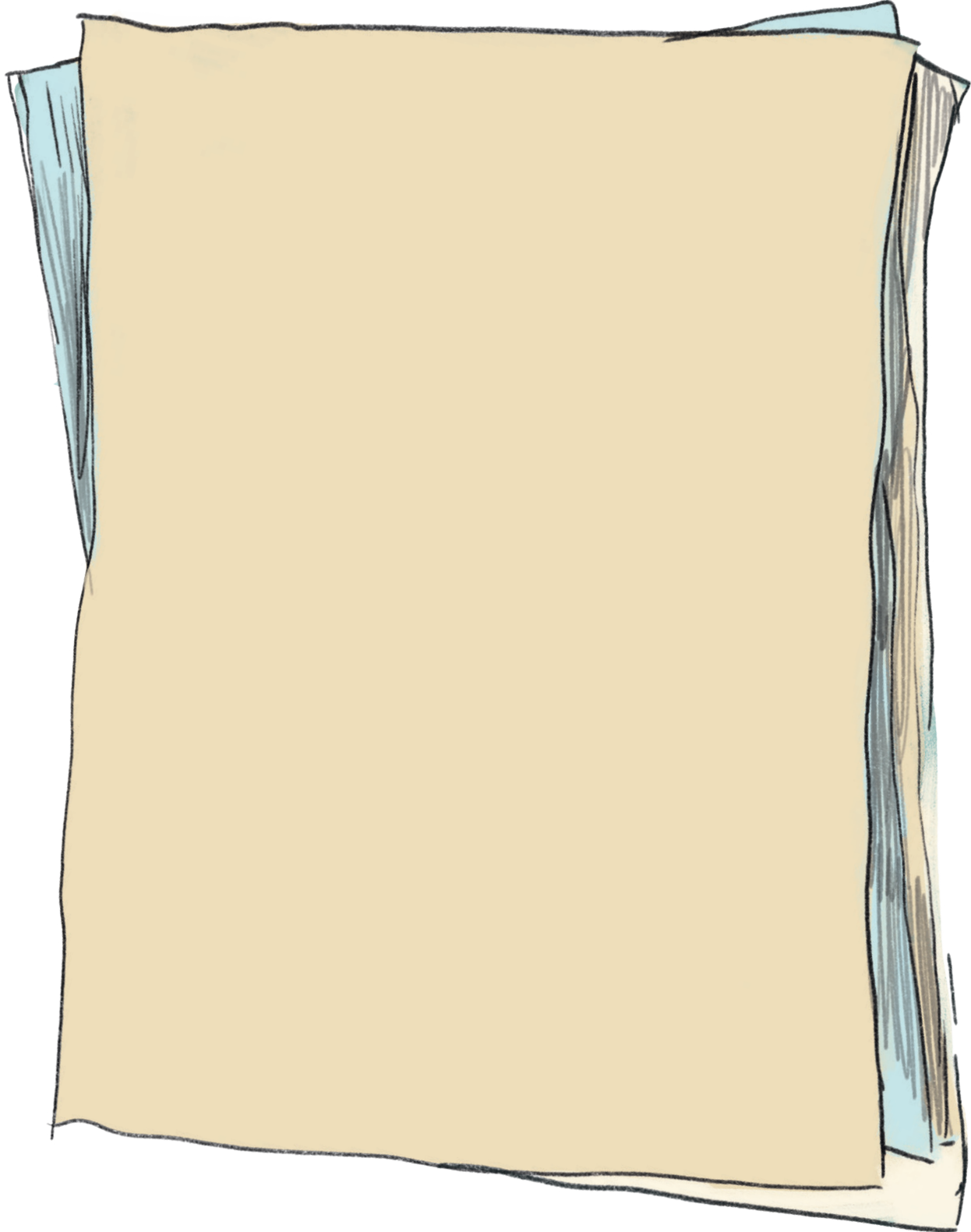- Periscope template: www.webinnate.co.uk/science/docs/periscope_pattern.pdf

Print off the periscope template and glue it onto the cardboard. Once the glue is dry, carefully cut out the template along the solid lines. Make sure not to cut off the end flaps! Fold inward along all the dotted lines. (Tip: Fold over a ruler to keep the lines straight!) Fold the periscope over to make a tube, glue, and secure with masking tape if needed. Glue a mirror into each opening of the periscope. Decorate the outside of the Santa searcher periscope with paint, wrapping paper, stickers, or glitter for decoration. Use the periscope to sneakily look for Santa over and around walls, corners, or other obstacles.

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Draw Santa visiting YOUR favorite place in your hometown or your neighborhood!

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