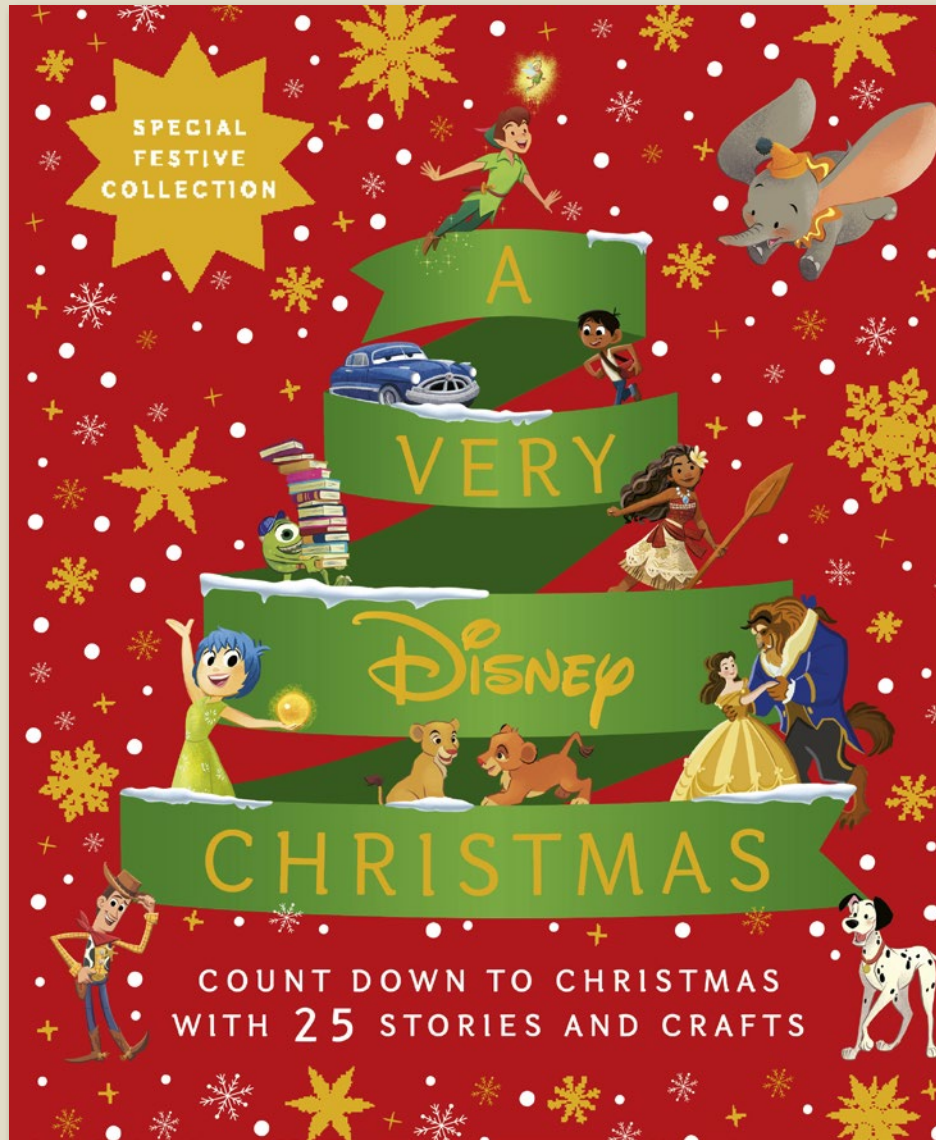


A Very Disney Christmas



Count down to Christmas with your favourite Disney and Pixar characters with a festive story and activity each day.

- A countdown to Christmas book that features a story and craft for each day in December - including Christmas Day. In the same vein as bestselling *How Winston Delivered Christmas*.
- Includes 25 festive stories from a range of Disney and Pixar properties to appeal to both boys and girls.
- 25 Christmassy crafts include designing Christmas cards, writing a letter to Father Christmas, making an Olaf-themed decoration, games to play, make Christmas tree decorations and more.

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The more you do, Sulley replied. 'It's just going to see if there's anything I can do to help.'

Sulley followed Mike into the basement of Monsters, Inc., where the laugh-wringers were hard at work. Everyone wanted to get the laugh tank filled as soon as possible and there was nothing out. The free-lighting ceremony was only a few hours away!

But the wringers couldn't agree on how to fix the problem.

Anything? I can do! Sulley cried.

One of the pipes that leads into the laugh tank has burst, explained Sulley. 'We need to fix it off first, some of our tanks are strong enough to turn the pipe.' Then, said Sulley, scratching his head. 'Then Mike had a great idea. Why not attach you to it off? Since Sulley was so strong, he could hold that pipe right into a pipe that's off.'

Sulley was willing to give it a try. Mike stood by his side and watched him. It worked! The pipe stopped leaking!

Mike and Sulley looked up to the Laugh Floor. All the monsters congratulated Sulley!

Mike wondered why no one was thanking him. It had been his idea, after all. But there was no time to think about that now. 'We've back up and running!' Mike announced. 'Let's make some laughs!'

All the monsters got to work. They knew they had to work extra hard to make up for all of the lost laughs.

Sulley decided to jump in and help. They were only going a couple of hours before the time to fix the tank.

Still dressed as Santa, Sulley went through a child's wardrobe door. When he came back into the Laugh Floor, he looked up at the Laugh Meter on the wall. It was increasing, but slowly.


'We've got to make it,' Sulley whispered to Mike.

Finally, the Laugh Meter was back up to the level it had reached before the tank burst leaked at the time on the wall and increased. It was only thirty minutes until the free-lighting ceremony.

Suddenly, Sulley had an idea. 'The only way we're going to make our laugh quota to get some really over the top laughs.'

MAKE AN ADVENT CALENDAR

Get creative and make your own activity advent calendar!



YOU WILL NEED

- coloured card or wrapping paper
- coloured pens or pencils
- scissors
- coloured ribbon
- string



ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Make a hot chocolate with marshmallows
- Watch a Christmas film
- Decorate the Christmas tree
- Make a gingerbread house
- Put on a festive play!

ASK AN ADULT FOR HELP!

- Cut out 24 shapes from the coloured card or wrapping paper. This could be Christmas trees, snowflakes, presents, snowmen, stockings or baubles.
- On the front, write a number from 1 to 24. On the back, write an activity to do every day leading up to Christmas Day.
- Add extra decoration to each card - try adding glitter, stickers or even bauble hangers!
- Ask an adult to hang up the ribbon - you could hang it on a wall or along a banister.
- Make a small hole in the corner of each card and thread through string. Hang up the cards, in order, ready to open each day!

2 DECEMBER THE BEST PRESENT EVER

Yes! Lightning, look at me! 'Woooooow!' Mater cheered and pointed his best buddy, Lightning McQueen. It was winter in Radiator Springs. Christmas was just a few days away and fresh snow blanketed the ground. The two friends were taking turns sliding down a snow-covered hill using Mater's one of a kind jangly sledge.

'It's really you, this has the best sledge in Radiator Springs!' Mater exclaimed. 'I know, you have told me,' Lightning laughed. 'Several times. It has its own headlights, super fast gliders...'

And built in bumper tyres! The friends said together.

'Well, hold your horses!' said Mater. 'Because it's going to snow faster when we take it sliding off Kersploush Mountain!'

Kersploush Mountain was a water park near Radiator Springs. For just one day a year, on Christmas, the waterfalls were frozen over so that cars could go sliding down the slide.

Uh, Mater, there's something I need to tell you. Lightning looked worried. 'Remember that Russian Ice Racers Cup I told you I'm competing in?'

'Well, sure,' said Mater. 'The one in a few weeks.'

'That's just it, Lightning said. 'They moved it up to this week. I'm not going to be here for Christmas after all.'

Mater dropped dead in his tracks. 'You're what?'

Lightning shook his head. 'It's really sorry, buddy. I know I'll miss Christmas at Kersploush Mountain, but maybe we can do something else when I get back?'

'You... you... thing, Mater said.

Later that afternoon, Mater pulled into Flo's V8 Cafe.

'Hey there, Mater!' Flo called. 'Want to try a cup of my new eggnog? It's guaranteed to fit you up with Christmas cheer.'

'I could get some,' said Mater. 'I'm planning on Christmas cheer. Something that you down, Flo?'

Mater sighed. Lightning won't be home for Christmas. It's in some Russian V8 Cup.

'That's too bad,' Flo said. 'I guess you'll have to celebrate the holiday early.'

'Well, celebrate early? That's a good idea!' said Mater. 'Then he thought for a moment. Oh, about... forget about presents. Two gifts get Lightning something! But what?'

His husband thoughtful. 'Mmm. Well, you're going to miss him while he's away, right?'

'Yeah, Mater nodded eagerly.

'So how about getting him something for the race, so he knows you'll be thinking of him like the one he's not?'

Mater smiled. 'Oh, sure! You're! That's a great idea. Flo, I know just where to get what that Mater needed off.'

Light! Mater yelled as he skidded up to Casa Della Tires. 'I need your help!'

'Long time! For you, Mater, anything!'

'These ones, yes,' said Mater. 'The ones that used to be in your best wheelie. Where'd they go? I need to buy them for Lightning for his Russian Ice Cup!'

Light! Mater yelled. 'Oh... I can do anything but that. I'm afraid someone's already bought them. They just left a moment ago.'

'So sorry, Mater. A big truck was driving away from the shop.'

Mater read after the truck. 'Really catching up with him at the intersection. Mater explained the situation (that jangly with the truck. 'I need those tires for my best buddy's Christmas gift. I'll give you anything.'

'The truck's right, Mater. But I've been dreaming of speeding through the snow with those super fast tires.'

Mater raised an eyebrow. 'Fast, huh? What if I told you I had something that goes even faster than those tires?'



Curious, the truck agreed to meet Mater at the edge of town. Meanwhile, Mater raced to his junkyard to grab his sledge.

'All right,' Mater said when the two trucks met again. 'I'll bet my sledge is faster going down that hill than you in those tyres. If I'm right, we'll trade. Deal?'

The truck agreed and soon they were zipping down the snowy slope. Mater zoomed past the truck - and won!

The truck happily traded the tyres for Mater's sledge. Meanwhile, Lightning was helping Sally decorate the Cozy Cone Motel.

'I feel awful,' he said. 'Mater looked so sad when I told him.'

'Well,' said Sally. 'Do you need to do the race?'

'Huh?' asked Lightning.

'It's not part of your normal circuit,' Sally pointed out. 'I'm sure they understand if you didn't go.'

Lightning's eyes lit up. 'You're right, Mater is my best friend. And a trophy is just another trophy. I'm going to withdraw from the race and stay here for Christmas!'

Lightning raced home to call Vitaly Petrov, who was hosting the Russian Ice Racers Cup. Vitaly told Lightning not to worry, he could reschedule the race for after the holiday.

'That works out great. Thanks, Vitaly!' said Lightning.

He couldn't wait to tell Mater the good news. On his way to see his best buddy, Lightning drove past a big sign for Kersploush Mountain. He suddenly had an idea for the perfect gift...

The next day, Lightning and Mater exchanged gifts.

'Open yours, open yours, open yours!' Mater cried.

'Okay,' said Lightning. 'But, Mater, I have some good news that...' Lightning trailed off as he unwrapped the tyres.

'You got these for me?' he asked, looking up at his friend.

'Yeah!' Mater grinned from mirror to mirror. 'If my best buddy can't be here for Christmas, then he'd sure as heck better win his Blushin' Mice Cup! Do you like 'em?'

Lightning was touched. 'Mater, I love them. But...'

Mater was already ripping open his gift. When he saw the two tickets to Kersploush Mountain, his eyes grew wide.

Lightning shrugged. 'My race was delayed, so now I can spend Christmas with you, buddy.'

'No way!' Mater exclaimed. 'This is awesome! I can't believe we're going to Kersploush Mountain on Christmas Day! Now we can take my sledge and... uh oh.'

'Hey, where is your sledge?' Lightning asked, looking around. Mater shuffled nervously. 'Uh, I may have kind of, sort of, traded it to get you them three snow tyres.'

The two friends stared at each other. Then they started laughing. 'Can you believe this?' Lightning exclaimed. 'We thought we were getting each other the perfect Christmas presents but we ended up getting stuff we can't use!'

Mater nodded. 'Yeah, but I'll tell you one thing, buddy, spending Christmas together is still the best present ever.'

Lightning smiled. 'Same here, pal. I wouldn't change a thing.'

Mater looked at the gifts. 'Well, shoot. What are we going to do with four tyres and no race and two tickets with no sledge?'


A twinkle came to Lightning's eye. 'Well, we may not have a junkyard sledge but we do have a junkyard. Mater, didn't your old sledge have bumper tyres?'

Mater bounced up and down. 'Oh, oh! I see where you're going.' He started racing around his junkyard, collecting scraps. 'Dad gum, this is gonna be so cool!'

On Christmas Day, Mater and Lightning sat at the top of Kersploush Mountain. Beneath them was a new junkyard sledge. Except this one was extra special - it had two seats, flashing Christmas lights, double gliders and extra-large bumper tyres.

'It's Mater's Junkyard Sledge 2.0, with double the sledding fun!' cried Mater. 'You ready for this?' Lightning asked as they teetered on the top of the slide.

'You bet,' said Mater. 'As long as I've got my good buddy with me, I'm as ready as I'll ever beeeeeeeeeee!'



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