



WELCOME TO OUR WINTER 2020 YOUNG MARVELS NEWSLETTER

We're sorry we couldn't welcome you to the Museum in person this year, but we hope you've enjoyed some of our online activities instead. If you haven't seen them, visit the [Young Marvels](#) page on our website for some great ideas to keep you busy during the school holidays!

In this newsletter, *Elginia* has created some special festive activities for all you Young Marvels. Find out what the Victorians did for fun at Christmas, challenge yourself with some puzzles, or try some Christmas colouring. Which will be your favourite?

There is also a new [Elgin Museum Makes](#) video on our YouTube channel. Learn how to make your own replica carved stone ball – and maybe decorate it to hang on the Christmas tree!

We hope that Elgin Museum will be able to open to visitors in 2021, and *Elginia* is looking forward to being to welcome you all back for more fun events!

<https://elginmuseum.org.uk/young-marvels/>



<https://twitter.com/ElginMuseum>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqVYIHX1wwQUPOcJdVIjb7g>



<https://www.instagram.com/elginmuseum/>



<https://www.facebook.com/ElginMuseumMoray/>

Victorian Christmas Traditions

Lots of the Christmas traditions we have today were started in the Victorian era (1837-1901) when people really began to celebrate Christmas.

Simple decorations were made at home, using paper:

Paper Chains

Cut strips of coloured paper about 25cm long, 2cm wide.

Make circles of paper and link together

Start by sticking the two ends of one strip together in a loop or circle shape. Make a chain by feeding each strip through the previous loop before sticking together.

Make the chain as long and as colourful as you like!



The Victorians also enjoyed playing games, called “Parlour Games” (the parlour was the best room of the house). Here are some try to at home:

Laughing Game

Try not to laugh!

1. All players sit in a circle
2. Each player takes it in turns to say "Ha", "Ho" or "Hee".
3. The first player to start laughing loses and is out of the game.
4. Continue until everyone is out of the game.
5. The person who manages not to laugh for the longest is the winner.

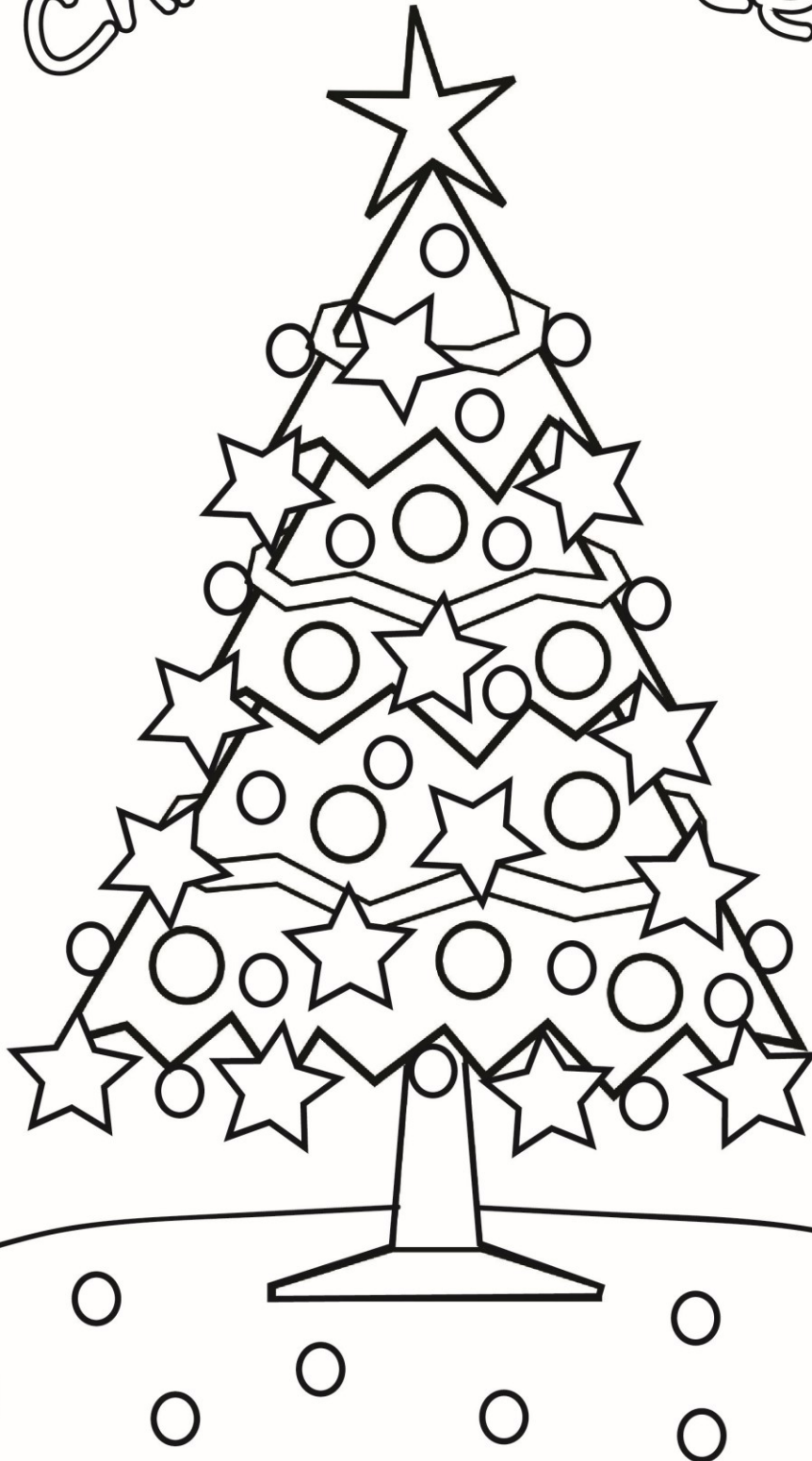


The Sculptor

1. Choose one player to be The Sculptor.
2. All other players stand in a still position.
3. The Sculptor must then move the other players into strange poses that are difficult to hold.
4. The other players must not laugh, break pose or move.
5. The Sculptor can distract the other players and encourage them to laugh, but they must not touch them.
6. The first player to move or laugh, loses and becomes The Sculptor.

Christmas Colouring!

Christmas Tree



Twelve Days of Christmas

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3



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CALLING BIRDS
CHRISTMAS
DAYS
DRUMMERS
DRUMMING
FRENCH HENS
GEESE

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GOLDEN RINGS
LAYING
LEAPING
LORDS
MAIDS
MILKING
PARTRIDGE

PEAR TREE
PIPERS
PIPING
SWANS
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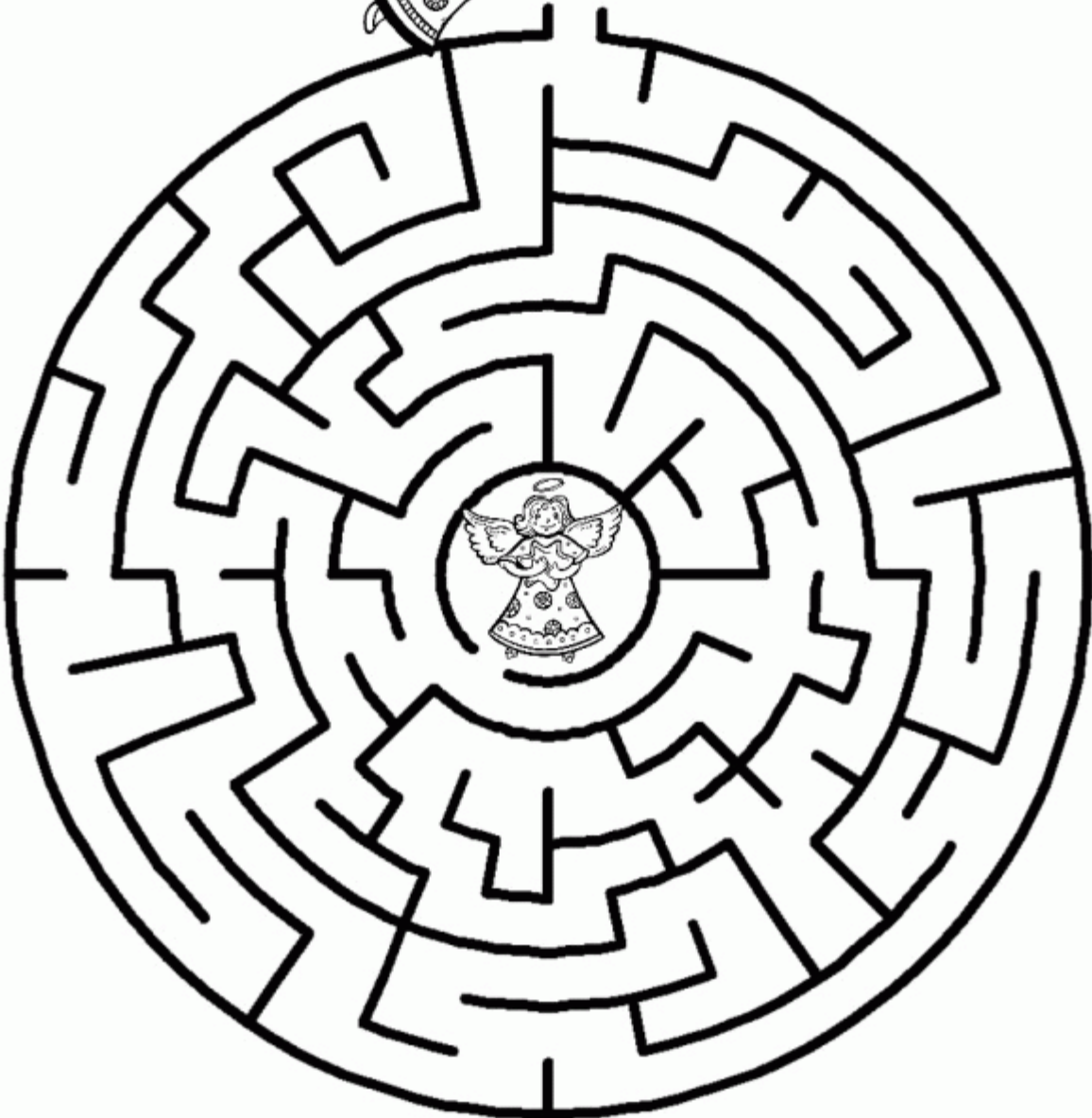
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Christmas Angel Maze

Help the Angel find her Angel friend by following through the snowball path.



Christmas Colouring!



Elginia Jigsaw

A simple jigsaw for you to print and cut out to make at home – you could glue the picture to a piece of thin cardboard to make the jigsaw a little bit stronger.



