

JINGLE JAM 2025 HOST SCRIPT

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- SONG 2: JOY TO THE WORLD

3:00 // 5:00 // 7:00 // 10:00 // 12:00
- DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS

ON STAGE PROPS:

- Open box with fruitcake
- 9 Wrapped presents (game)
- 6 Oven Mitts (Game)
- Box(s) of Snowballs
- 4 Notecards for Christmas Carol Current Events Games

SCRIPT GUIDE:

YELLOW TEXT IS WHEN TO PLAY NEXT SLIDE/MEDIA ELEMENT

Black italicized text is props needed

Red italicized text is non-verbal signals/explanations

COUNTDOWN VIDEO
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PLAY COUNTDOWN VIDEO

Host welcomes kids as they come into Large Group. High five! Banter on the mic! Ask kid's questions! ENGAGE!

WELCOME + GAME #1: UNRWAP IT
(2:10 // 4:10 // 6:10 // 9:10 // 11:10)

JINGLE JAM SLIDE

Props:

- 6 large, Christmas-themed oven mitts
- 9 wrapped packages
- fruitcake

During this game, the Host will choose three volunteers—older kids and/or adults—to come up and unwrap three gifts each ... while wearing oversized oven mitts. The one to completely unwrap all three gifts first wins and gets a fruitcake as a prize.

HOST enters JUMPING on stage wearing loud Christmas sweater/outfit. With a loud voice say...

HOST: Hey, hey, hey! Meeeeeeeeerrry Christmas and WELCOME TO JINGLE JAM!

HOST: Who's excited to be at Jingle Jam today?! *Give a moment for screams, encourage to do it again louder if low participation.*

HOST: I'M excited to be here, and I'm also kind of wondering what's in this box... *sniffs box and winces*

HOST: You know what? I thought it was time to CELEBRATE with an early Christmas gift! That's right ... See, Christmas is all about the Good News. And while Jesus is the BEST Good News, Christmas brings lots of other good news, too. When I was a kid, it was pretty much the best day ever when I got home from school and discovered that Great Aunt Edna's gift had arrived in the mail ...

(Pulls out wrapped fruitcake in box)

HOST: Her world-famous fruitcake!

(Take a big sniff of it)

HOST: Ahhh. I love my Aunt Edna's fruit cake. Now, I can sense that some of you are not fans of fruitcake. But trust me ... unwrapping that package was pretty great. And the good news right now is that some of YOU are going to unwrap early Christmas presents, too!

HOST: I need three volunteers. Who's in?

HOST goes into audience and quickly chooses three volunteers, bringing them onstage.

HOST: Okay, each of you gets one stack of gifts to unwrap.

(HOST positions volunteers and gives each 3 gifts)

HOST: When I say "WRAP TO IT!" you'll tear off all the paper on each box as fast as you can. No clinging bits or pieces, okay? First one to unwrap all three gifts wins! Are you ready?

(Get a response)

HOST: *Get ready to say something, then close your mouth* Oh, wait. It's Christmastime. And that means it's time for holiday baking (hopefully Aunt Edna's fruitcake if you know what I mean). And look at it this way, with these mitts on, you'll be ready to take something delicious out of the oven.

HOST pulls out the three pairs of oven mitts.

HOST: Here's some mittens for each of you... You can each put on a pair and THEN we'll start.

Help each contestant put on a pair of oven mitts.

HOST: NOW we're ready! On your marks ... get set ... WRAP TO IT!

PLAY MUSIC LOOP DURING UNWRAPPING

Volunteers do their best to unwrap all three of their gifts. HOST comments, heckles, and helps as needed. When someone wins ...

JINGLE JAM SLIDE

HOST: Mitts down! We have a winner!

(Talk to winner) You have received the coveted prize: Great-Aunt Edna's fruitcake!

(Hand over the fruitcake)

HOST: Whether you want it or not! Now, let's give a big round of applause for all of our volunteers. You can go back to your seats now.

Send volunteers back to their seats. As HOST starts to exit ...

JINGLE JAM SLIDE WITH PHONE RINGING

HOST: Whoa.

(Pulls out phone from pocket)

HOST: I wonder who it's for. Do you think I should answer?

(Get a response)

HOST: Are you SURE?!

(Get a response)

HOST: Okay, okay. Here goes...

*HOST lifts the receiver and **SHOWS JINGLE JAM SLIDE** so Phone stops ringing. Listen for a few seconds.*

HOST: OH, I almost forgot! I was having so much fun I forgot the **WHOLE REASON WE'RE HERE!** To **CELEBRATE** the birth of Jesus! So, to kick off the celebration, let's stand and sing together!

SONG #1: NOEL
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PLAY NOEL SONG

INTRO + WELCOME
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As song ends, HOST enters on stage.

JINGLE JAM SLIDE

HOST: Thanks for worshipping with us you guys! I love hearing your voices. As you head back to your seats, I want to say ONE MORE TIME... WELCOME to Jingle Jam! I'm [name] and if this is your first time to Jingle Jam, well, you're in for a treat. We've got an amazing Christmas celebration planned for today. See, Jingle Jam is all about Christmas and the good news it brings. The best news. And we want everyone to hear about it...

GAME #2: TELEPHONE
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HOST: Now... these days, we hear most of our news through our phones right? Which reminds me of a really fun game I used to play...

HOST: Has anyone ever played... TELEPHONE?!

HOST: We are going to play TELEPHONE! Christmas edition. But FIRST I'm going to need 5 volunteers!

SHOW TELEPHONE GAME THEME SLIDE

HOST picks 5 volunteers and bring them on stage.

HOST: Alright, here's how we play. YOU are all one giant Christmas telephone! I'm going to whisper a VERY important Christmas message to the person at this end...

(point to first person)

HOST: ...and they will whisper it down the line one person at a time until it reaches the person at the very end!

HOST: When the message reaches you, run up here and tell me what you heard!

HOST: Oh! And teams—turn away from the screen. That way our audience can see the REAL message and cheer you on. Audience, are we ready to play?!

Give time for response

SHOW TELEPHONE SLIDE #1

*HOST whispers a phrase to the volunteer at the start of each line: **Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see.***

HOST helps/heckles as the phrase makes it down the line to the end, and the end volunteers come over to the middle of the stage.

HOST: All right. The message has been delivered. Let's see what you heard! Tell us loud and clear.

Offer the mic to the contestant. React to whatever came through.

HOST: Well, that was clear as... hot chocolate. Let's take a look at the message we ACTUALLY sent!

Turn teams attention to the screen.

HOST: Hrm. I think somebody needs to check the telephone lines. BUT it was still fun! Everyone give a round of applause to our contestants!

Lead applause and dismiss volunteers back to their seats.

JINGLE JAM SLIDE

GAME #3: SNOWBALL FIGHT (2:35 // 4:35 // 6:35 // 9:35 // 11:35)

Props:

-fake snowballs IN BOXES on stage (ideally one per audience member)

During this quick, all-play game, the whole audience will participate in a 60-second snowball fight. If you have capability, you can rig a fake snowball drop from the ceiling. If not, simply have stage hands or ministry staff/volunteers run out with big bags of fake snowballs and toss them into the audience. At the end of the game, all snowballs will be tossed at Credible Host on the stage so that they are not left in the audience as a

distraction.

HOST: I have a super, jingle-jamming AWESOME idea...

I think it's time... for a SNOWBALL FIGHT!!!

Host throws snowballs into the audience.

HOST: LET THE SNOWBALLS LOOSE!
60-second snowball fight starts... NOW!

PLAY 60-SECOND SNOWBALL COUNTDOWN.

Host may run into the audience tossing snowballs, then returns to stage.

HOST: That was SO fun. Now, everyone carefully return your snowballs...

HOST: BY THROWING THEM ALL AT ME!!!

Host leads the charge. After getting hit, host collects self and prepares for next segment.

JINGLE JAM SLIDE

GAME #4: CHRISTMAS CAROL CURRENT EVENTS (2:37 // 4:37 // 6:37 // 9:37 // 11:37)

Props:

- *Individual card for each breaking news item (see script below)*

During this game, HOST will be a "news anchor." They will read "breaking news items" that refer to specific Christmas carols. Volunteers will have a chance to properly name each Christmas carol. You may bring four volunteers onstage, or HOST can go into the audience and select volunteers one at a time.

HOST stands on stage looking very serious as they hold their news cards.

SHOW CHRISTMAS CAROL CURRENT EVENTS SLIDE

HOST: Ladies and gentlemen! Welcome to Christmas Carol Current Events! I have breaking news and I need four volunteers to help me... BREAK THE NEWS.

HOSR quickly pulls five volunteers from the audience and brings them up on stage, placing them in a line.

(holding up cards)

HOST: ALRIGHT. Each of these news items refers to a Christmas song. And our current-events savvy volunteers will each get a chance to guess the inspiration for a Christmas Carol Current Event news item ... starting with you!

Point to first volunteer in line.

Breaking News #1

HOST: *Reading off card* This just in! Creature made entirely out of packed snow comes to life through the placement of a magical hat. Creature has gone rogue and is currently frolicking through town, displaying button eyes and a corn cob nose. Last seen threatening a crowd of children that it will return again someday. Please report all sightings to 1-888-THUMPETY.

Each round, allow the first contestant to guess the correct song, if they can't get it, go to the next contestant. Once someone gets it, move on to the next story and repeat the process for the following news items.

(Answer: "Frosty the Snowman.")

Breaking News #2

HOST: *Reading off card* Breaking news: A six-year-old eating peanut brittle has lost two teeth. Though the child has been compensated for the loss with a bribe hidden under her pillow, she is placing all hope in the coming holiday. She told our reporter that her dearest wish is to receive replacement teeth during this festive time of year.

(Answer: "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth")

Breaking News #3

HOST: *Reading off card* In today's meteorological report, the weather outside is frightful. We suggest that you light a delightful fire, turn the lights down low, and get yourself some corn for popping. It would be best if you have no place to go—and then we can all say, "Allow the frozen precipitation to precipitate."

(Answer: "Let It Snow")

Breaking News #4

HOST: *Reading off card* In zoological news, a young deer has been born with an unusual proboscis, which appears to call on the body's ability to conduct an electrical current, lighting up his nose. This ability has not, unfortunately, been accepted by his peers, who refuse to allow him to participate in their frolics. Now, a deep fog has settled on their region, causing all travel to cease. Please await updates.

(Answer: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer")

HOST: THANK YOU to our contestants for playing! Everyone give them a round of applause!

HOST helps contestants exit to be seated.

CHRISTMAS STORY

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HOST: Wow, I have had an absolute blast playing all these games with you. But good news... we're about to hear the BEST news ever shared. Let's hear about THIS news together...

SHOW BIBLE STORY

WRAP UP

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HOST: Wow. Now THAT is the greatest news ever. Jesus, the Son of GOD, came down as a little baby to be with US. When Jesus grew up, He showed us perfectly how to love God and love others. And THEN Jesus gave up His life ... for YOU. Jesus defeated the power of sin and death so we could be with God forever. It's incredible news and the best gift we could ever receive.

So when we get presents, watch movies, and sing songs, let's not forget WHY we celebrate Christmas! Because of the best news we ever received, That God loves us so much He sent Jesus to live with us and rescue us.

Speaking of singing songs, let's sing one that reminds us of this GREAT news! Let's all stand and give our best voices to God!

SONG #2: JOY TO THE WORLD
(2:55 // 4:55 // 6:55 // 9:55 // 11:55)

Show: Joy to the World

Use the mic to engage kids! Say things like “let me hear your voice!” or “put your hands up and clap” when clapping.

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS
(3:00 // 5:00 // 7:00 // 10:00 // 12:00)

Show: Jingle Jam Slide

HOST: WOW. Great job you guys – hey THANK YOU for coming to JINGLE JAM! I loved having you here, and I hope you had as much fun as I did. Have a VERY Merry Christmas and let’s head back to our small groups!