



Christmas survival guide tips

Here at SNAP we have researched and compiled a selection of Makaton, Braille and BSL resources, tips and ideas that you may find useful over the Christmas holidays.

Makaton

Christmas signs and symbols

Makaton has produced a free Christmas Vocabulary resource for families to download directly off the website. The document includes a selection of key Christmas vocabulary, and they have also provided links to other useful Makaton resource books as well. To download your free copy, go to the web address below.

<https://www.makaton.org/shop/shopping/freeDownloadDetails/Christmas-vocabulary/>

Christmas carols

If you are looking for Christmas Carol resources, Makaton has produced a selection of books and information sheets that contain both words and drawings of signs. The carols featured include Away in a Manger, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and more. There is a charge for both the books and information sheets. For details on costs and how to order, go to:

<https://www.makaton.org/shop/shopping/browseStore/Christmas-carols>.

Makaton: A first Christmas story book

Makaton has produced a Christmas Story printable resource, which includes all the signs and symbols required to help talk to your child about the Christmas Nativity Story. There is a small charge to download the resource. For more details visit: <https://www.makaton.org/shop/shopping/stockDetails/TheFirstChristmasStory>.



If you are looking for free, printable Christmas activities to complete with your child over the school holidays, Makaton has produced a selection of templates for you to try including: Make Your Own Christmas Cards, Decorate the Christmas Tree, and The Christmas Memory Game. To download your copies, go to: <https://www.makaton.org/shop/shopping/browseStore/Free-Christmas-resources>.





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British Sign Language

Christmas books

Deaf Books has produced a selection of Christmas books that include British Sign Language within them. The different books they can provide include: BSL Christmas Signs Flashcards, BSL Christmas Songs with Signs, and a selection of specific Christmas songs. Head to the link below for more details. <http://www.deafbooks.co.uk/searchresults.aspx?searchterm=Christmas>

BSL Christmas resources and activities

The company Twinkl provide a variety of British Sign Language Christmas resources, which can be looked at online. In order to download the

resources, there is a subscription fee required. Resources include BSL Christmas Songs, BSL Christmas Card Activities, BSL Christmas Signs, and more. If you would like to learn more about the products Twinkl produce, go to: <http://www.twinkl.co.uk/search> and type in BSL Christmas.

Signed stories app

Available on the itunes Store for Apple devices, the Signed Stories app has best-selling children's books performed in British Sign Language including several Christmas themed books. The app is free to download and there is a charge for the books.

Braille

Letters from Santa

Santa has contacted his friends at the Royal National Institute for the Blind to help him reply to blind or partially-sighted children in braille, audio or large print. See the website for more details. <http://www.rnib.org.uk/information-everyday-living/family-friends-and-carers/resources-parents-blind-or-partially-sighted/letter-santa>.

If you are struggling to find suitable gifts for a child or young person who is blind or partially sighted, Braille Works has produced a gift guide according to age range that you may find helpful. <https://brailleworks.com/christmas-gifts-for-children-with-blindness/>