

Christmas – Hints/Fun Facts/Brain Teasers

Use this information however you like to provide hints/information/ask questions and promote discussion and reminiscing among the residents while completing the Music Bingo.

I remind the residents that they may not know all of the songs but if they listen carefully, they can often pick the “hook line” (or most repeated word/phrase which is often the title of the song).

1. **Six White Boomers** – Rolf Harris 1960. Did you know the “6 white Boomers” are called: Jackaroo, Curly, Bluey, Two -Up, Desert-Head and Snow
2. **Jingle Bells** – 1850 USA inspired by one horse open-sleigh races in Salem and Pleasant Street Massachusetts
3. **We Wish You a Merry Christmas** -English Carol late 16th Century. It was sung by children on Christmas Eve as they went house to house singing the song and hoping for sweet treats in return.
4. **Santa Baby** – 1953 Song performed by Eartha Kit. Tongue in cheek look at a Christmas list addressed to Santa Claus by a woman who wants extravagant gifts such as fur coats, yachts and decorations from Tiffany’s.
5. **Silent Night** – 1816 German and translated into over 300 languages. During WW1 on Christmas eve during a truce on the battlefield it was sung simultaneously in German, English and French.
6. **Away In a Manger** (Two different versions of this song). This version German C.1500. The second version uses an English tune composed C.1840.
7. **Aussie Jingle Bells** – 1992 Australian Colin Buchanan using the tune to Jingle Bells. Lots of very Australian references.
8. **Joy to the World** – English 1719. Words inspired by Psalm 98:4.
9. **The First Noel** has roots in 15th Century but not published until 1823 in England. Noel is French for Christmas.
10. **Santa Claus is Coming to Town** – American 1934. Santa Claus=St. Nicholas.
11. **O Come All Ye Faithful** (originally written in Latin as Adeste Fideles) English 1751.
12. **Hark the Herald Angels Sing** - English 1739. Inspired by the bells of the churches ringing at Christmas time.

13. **Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer** – 1939 first appeared in a marketing campaign for a major retailer who were giving away colouring books at Christmas time to entice children and parents to attend their store. Rudolph later appeared in cartoons, songs, comics, animation and even a feature-length film.
14. **All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth** -1944 Written by an American music teacher who noticed, when asking his students what they wanted for Christmas, that 16 out of the 22 students were having trouble saying Christmas due to them missing their two front teeth. He then wrote the Novelty Christmas song.
15. **White Christmas** – Written by Irving Berlin for the Musical “Holiday Inn” but made very popular by Bing Crosby on 1942.
16. **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas** – Made popular by Judy Garland in 1944 musical “Meet Me in St Louis”. Frank Sinatra also had a very popular version.
17. **Good King Wenceslas** - tells the story of patron saint of Czech Republic (Duke of Bohemian – King Wenceslas C.930). His statue stands today in Wenceslas Square Prague. His feast day is celebrated 28th September. The Feast of Stephen mentioned in the song takes place on December 26th. The carol tells the story of travelling through a harsh winter bringing food and firewood to the poor.
18. **The Little Drummer Boy** - based on a Czech lullaby (Carol of the Drum) but made popular by Trapp Family singers in 1951. The modern-day version has been attributed to an American female composer and was made famous again by David Bowie and Bing Crosby in 1982/83.
19. **The 12 Days of Christmas** –Actually begins on Christmas Day (birth of Christ) and ends with the coming of the three wise men (January 6th) Dates back to 1780 but the modern day version was written as a memory song by an English composer in 1909.
20. **Deck the Halls** - Welsh melody (1700's) and Scottish words 1862. A “Hall” has come to symbolise a UK manor house or the biggest room/hall in a big house.

MUSIC BINGO - Christmas

- 1. Six White Boomers**
- 2. Jingle Bells**
- 3. We Wish You a Merry Christmas**
- 4. Santa Baby**
- 5. Silent Night**
- 6. Away in a Manger**
- 7. Aussie Jingle Bells**
- 8. Joy to the World**
- 9. The First Noel**
- 10. Santa Claus is Coming to Town**
- 11. O Come All Ye Faithful**
- 12. Hark The Herald Angels Sing**
- 13. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer**
- 14. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth**
- 15. White Christmas**
- 16. Have Yourself a merry Little Christmas**
- 17. Good King Wenceslas**
- 18. The Little Drummer Boy**
- 19. The 12 Days of Christmas**
- 20. Deck the Halls**

Instructions for Music Bingo

1. Each pack contains Dementia friendly 20 Music Bingo cards, Song List and Fun Fact/Hints/Brain Teasers list.
2. Locate specific Music Bingo on Spotify (Kurrajonglodge).
3. Connect to portable speaker.
4. Hand out music Bingo sheet and Bingo tokens.
5. Each card contains 8 songs although 20 songs will be played.
6. Each game should take approximately ½ hour.
7. Play 10-20 seconds of the song (or until the chorus has been sung as this usually contains the key word/s or phrase). Often the song will be recognised long before 10 seconds has been played.
8. Explain to the residents that they may not recognise the song but if they listen carefully, they should be able to pick up the title/keyword of the song. (If they don't recognise the song one of the other residents will know the song or you can tell them after hints etc).
9. You can give HINTS, FUN FACTS AND BRAIN TEASER'S (see folder) to entertain, add stimulation or assist to recognise the song. Sometimes this will provoke a discussion/reminiscing about the song so just go with the flow. Occasionally you might end up singing a verse or chorus.
10. When Bingo is reached ask the residents to choose one of their favourite songs from the card that they would like to hear all the way through. Play the song then redistribute the sheets and begin a new game.
IF YOU REPEAT A GAME PLAY THROUGH THE SONGS IN REVERSE.
11. At the end of the session wipe down all the cards with Clinell, spray bingo tokens with Glen 20 and return cards/fact sheets and song list to Bingo folder.
12. Return Music Bingo, tokens and portable speaker.

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Card 1

Jingle Bells		We Wish You a Merry Christmas		
	Silent Night		Santa Claus is Coming to Town	
		O Come All Ye Faithful		Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas			Deck the Halls	

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Card 2

Six White Boomers		Santa Baby		
	Aussie Jingle Bells		Joy to the World	
		All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth		Hark The Herald Angels Sing
The Little Drummer Boy			The 12 Days of Christmas	

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Card 3

Jingle Bells		Away in a Manger		
	Joy to the World		The First Noel	
		Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer		White Christmas
Good King Wenceslas			Deck the Halls	

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Card 4

We Wish You a Merry Christmas		Santa Baby		
	Away in a Manger		Hark The Herald Angels Sing	
		The First Noel		All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas			The Little Drummer Boy	

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Card 5

Santa Baby		Aussie Jingle Bells		
	Joy to the World		Santa Claus is Coming to Town	
		O Come All Ye Faithful		Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas			Deck the Halls	

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Card 6

Jingle Bells		Silent Night		
	Aussie Jingle Bells		The First Noel	
		O Come All Ye Faithful	White Christmas	
Good King Wenceslas			The Little Drummer Boy	

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Card 7

Six White Boomers		We Wish You a Merry Christmas		
	Silent Night		Joy to the World	
		O Come All Ye Faithful		All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
Good King Wenceslas			Deck the Halls	

Jingle Bells		Silent Night		
	The First Noel		Santa Claus is Coming to Town	
		Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer		Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
The 12 Days of Christmas			Deck the Halls	

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Card 9

We Wish You a Merry Christmas		Santa Baby		
	Santa Claus is Coming to Town		Hark The Herald Angels Sing	
		White Christmas		Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Good King Wenceslas			Deck the Halls	

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Card 10

Six White Boomers		Jingle Bells		
	O Come All Ye Faithful		Hark The Herald Angels Sing	
		Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer		All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
The Little Drummer Boy			The 12 Days of Christmas	

Jingle Bells		Santa Baby		
	Silent Night		O Come All Ye Faithful	
		Santa Claus is Coming to Town		Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
The Little Drummer Boy			The 12 Days of Christmas	

<p>Six White Boomers</p>		<p>Silent Night</p>		
	<p>Joy to the World</p>		<p>O Come All Ye Faithful</p>	
		<p>All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth</p>		<p>Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas</p>
<p>Good King Wenceslas</p>			<p>The Little Drummer Boy</p>	

Jingle Bells		Santa Baby		
	Aussie Jingle Bells		The First Noel	
		Hark The Herald Angels Sing		Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
White Christmas			Good King Wenceslas	

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Card 14

<p>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</p>		<p>Aussie Jingle Bells</p>		
	<p>Santa Claus is Coming to Town</p>		<p>Hark The Herald Angels Sing</p>	
		<p>All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth</p>		<p>Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer</p>
<p>Deck the Halls</p>			<p>Good King Wenceslas</p>	

Six White Boomers		Jingle Bells		
	Joy to the World		The First Noel	
		All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth		Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
The Little Drummer Boy			The 12 Days of Christmas	

<p>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</p>		<p>Silent Night</p>		
	<p>Aussie Jingle Bells</p>		<p>The First Noel</p>	
		<p>Hark The Herald Angels Sing</p>		<p>All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth</p>
<p>The Little Drummer Boy</p>			<p>Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas</p>	

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Card 17

We Wish You a Merry Christmas		Away in a Manger		
	Santa Claus is Coming to Town		O Come All Ye Faithful	
		White Christmas		Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
The Little Drummer Boy			Good King Wenceslas	

Santa Baby		Away in a Manger		
	Aussie Jingle Bells		Santa Claus is Coming to Town	
		O Come All Ye Faithful		All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
White Christmas			Deck the Halls	

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Card 19

Santa Baby		Joy to the World			
	Hark The Herald Angels Sing		Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer		
		Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas		Good King Wenceslas	
The Little Drummer Boy			Deck the Halls		

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Card 20

Santa Baby		Silent Night		
	Away in a Manger		O Come All Ye Faithful	
		All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth		Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Good King Wenceslas			The 12 Days of Christmas	