

THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE

A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

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Christmas Activity Pack for KS1/Lower KS2

Suitable for ages 5+

ABOUT THE BOOK

Explore the much-loved Magic Faraway Tree at the most special time of the year. This brand-new story by superstar author Jacqueline Wilson is set in the original world created by Enid Blyton.

Milo, Mia and Birdy are excited to return to the cottage beside the Enchanted Wood for Christmas. They can't wait to visit their magical friends Silky the fairy and Moonface again. Which amazing worlds will arrive at the top of the Faraway Tree at this time of year? The children are hoping for a trip to the Land of Presents or perhaps the Land of Snow. But before they can celebrate, there is a chilling visit to the Land of the Frozen North . . .

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton was Jacqueline Wilson's own favourite book as a young child. Now Britain's favourite contemporary children's author, creator of *Hetty Feather* and *Tracy Beaker*, is revisiting it in her second wonderful book about this magical world.



GAMES FOR A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE PARTY

Here are some fun ideas for a Christmas party

SILKY SAYS

How to play: A variation on the ‘Simon Says’ game. The supervisor stands in front of the group of children and gives them an instruction. The children must do as they are told, but only if the supervisor says “Silky says...” first. If the supervisor doesn’t say “Silky says” before the instruction, the children must not do anything at all. Anyone who does what they are told without the words “Silky says” is out. The last child left is the winner.

Suggestions: Jump, sit down, clap your hands, touch your toes/knees/nose, twirl around

MOONFACE’S MEMORY GAME

How to play: A variation on the ‘Packed My Suitcase’ game. Get the children to stand in a circle. The supervisor then says “On Moonface’s holiday to The Land of Sunshine, he packed his toffee shocks”. The supervisor then asks the child next to them to repeat the sentence, this time adding another item. The next child in the circle must repeat the sentence again, including the previous items and adding another. Continue until the whole room has added an item to Moonface’s suitcase and he’s ready for his holiday!

Suggestions: Silky’s special ice cream, Christmas pudding, Santa’s hat, lingonberries



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MR WATZISNAME WHISPERS

How to play: A variation on the 'Chinese Whispers' game. Sit all the children in a circle and pick one to start the Mr Watzisname Whisper. They will whisper to the child next to them until it has gone all the way around the circle. When it has reached the last child they must say out loud what they heard.

Suggestions: Moonface, The Magic Faraway Tree, The Land of Sunshine, The Land of Christmas, The Land of Toys, The Land of Frozen North

PIPPIN'S PICTONARY GAME

How to play: On a whiteboard or large piece of paper, take it in turns to draw Pippin's animal friends or some fun Christmas items. Set a timer of 1 minute for each turn. The other children must guess what is being drawn before the timer runs out. The first child to guess is up next.

Suggestions: An arctic fox, a snowy wolf, a big bear, a robin, a Christmas tree



A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE WORDSEARCH

How many words can you find?

Z	K	D	S	A	N	T	A	J	V	R	J	V	H
F	H	K	Q	R	Y	O	W	S	G	G	Q	Z	Q
S	A	U	C	E	P	A	N	M	A	N	I	P	Q
Y	X	R	J	Z	Z	Q	H	G	M	Q	K	Y	A
D	Q	M	A	R	P	B	T	E	O	B	P	I	D
S	C	U	S	W	Z	V	E	F	O	I	X	I	M
W	H	F	T	F	A	L	J	Q	N	K	O	I	V
P	R	C	V	R	T	Y	R	Y	F	D	J	F	E
I	I	N	L	S	E	H	D	L	A	Z	H	H	X
P	S	U	M	I	I	E	P	D	C	A	X	A	L
P	T	L	A	A	V	L	C	N	E	V	W	C	K
I	M	M	G	T	L	V	K	N	B	I	R	D	Y
N	A	P	I	B	G	M	F	Y	L	U	A	J	M
B	S	F	C	S	X	J	I	O	C	G	Q	X	X

Silky Moonface Christmas Saucepan Man Pippin

Birdy Magic Faraway Tree Santa



MAGICAL LANDS

Create your own magical festive land found at the top of the Faraway Tree. Think about what it will look like. How will it feel? What or who will live there? Draw and write about your magical land below.

My magical land is called:

There you will find:



MY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

What would you like for Christmas? Write up your wish list to Santa and take it home with you to send to The Land of Christmas.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like . . .

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