

CITY Winter Palooza - January 6-7, 2024

Pre-Show: Spotify Playlist "Winterpalooza"

VIDEO: 3 Minute Countdown (start 3 minutes before Service Time)

LG Supplies Needed: Plush Snowballs (one per 2 kids)

Opening

What's up Parkview Kids?!?! Welcome to Winter Palooza 2024! Are you guys as excited for Winter Palooza as I am? Great! Well, my name is (your name), and I can't wait to kick off the year 2024 with some fun and excitement; Winter Palooza style! Who wants to play a game? Awesome! Well, for this game, you actually get to throw snowballs inside. Yes, inside! Here's how to play..."

- **How to Play Snowball Toss:** *Children will find a partner and stand about one foot away from one another, facing each other, in 2 separate lines. The object of the game is to catch the snowball when your partner throws it to you. Every time the snowball is caught, the teams take one step back. Play until one (or a few teams) remain.*

SLIDE: Winter Palooza

AUDIO: Frozen

Today we are celebrating our very first week in the New Year. And when a new year rolls around, a lot of people have these things called "New Year's Resolutions". They're basically like goals that people hope to accomplish in the new year. Some people want to lose weight, eat healthier, stop doing something bad, get a new job, write a book, get married, watch less TV, etc. Most of the time though, these goals last for about...well...a week or less. While it's not a bad thing to set goals, sometimes it can be hard to accomplish them, and we want to give up. Take a look at this video about starting a brand New Year...

VIDEO: A Very Special Beginning (Runtime: 3:30)

No matter what your New Year's goals are, just remember that you have a friend in Jesus, who gives you all that you need, and you can do all things by His power and strength. Sometimes there are things in our life that we need to change, or things we want to do better. Who can help us with that? Yep! It's like the verse says....

SLIDE: Philippians 4:13

What things can God give me the strength to do? ALL things! If you have something in your life that is hard for you, something that you want to change or do better at...give it to God in this New Year. Ask Him to give you the strength to help you and He will. That's such good news!

Now, before we dismiss to all the FUN of Winter Palooza, let's take a minute to pray.

"Jesus, thank You for new beginnings. Thank You for a New Year. I pray that we would all have the best 2024 possible, and that we would remember that you love us and that that we can do all things with Your strength. Amen."

**Dismiss to activities by dividing children into 4 groups – send groups to a station to rotate.*

10 Minutes Per Station

OPTIONAL VIDEO: 10 Minute Countdown Video (to be played as a timer for each rotation)

CLOSING

**At Communion Call*

Did you all have a blast at Winter Palooza? Me too! And guess what? We have WinterPalooza treat bags for everyone! *(Campus coordinator will decide how these are passed out.)* Happy New Year!

AND, the fun isn't over just yet. We have one more game...take a look at the screen.

VIDEO: *Snowflake Fake Out*

We hope you have a great time and that we will see everyone back next week!

Extra Time: *Winter Palooza Dance Party Playlist on Spotify*



STATION 1: Snowflake Pop-It Showdown

Supplies: *Snowflake Pop-Its (2-3 per campus), Foam Dice (3 per Campus), Disk Cones (1 stack per Campus)*

Set Up: Using the Cones, line up your group in 2-3 different Lines/Teams. Place one middle section of your Pop-It Snowflake at the other end of your playing area, and parallel to each team.

Instructions: Give each member of each team 1 colored section of the Pop-It Snowflake (Blue, Green, Orange, etc.). 6 Total Sections per Snowflake, per Team.

On your “GO!” Kids will race down to the other end of your area, place their snowflake section on the middle piece, “pop” each bubble on their section, and race back to tag the next person in line on their team. First team to complete their snowflakes wins! Play as many rounds as time allows!

**Variation: Add some extra competition by having each competitor roll a foam dice, whatever number they roll is how many bubbles they can push down on their snowflake. They can continuously roll the dice until they roll enough to complete their section, or you can have them roll once then return to tag the next person in line (relay style one at a time).*

NOTE: If you have more sections than kids, feel free to give multiple sections out.

STATION 2: Starburst Curling and Cup Stacking

Supplies: 2 Long Tables, 2 containers of Starbursts, 2 “Starburst Curling Targets”, 50 Plastic Cups (per Campus), Dry Erase Board and Marker (to keep score), Packing Tape

Set Up: Using tape, attach curling targets firmly to the tables. Have containers of Starburst candies ready to pass out.

Instructions: Split your group up into 2 teams and have each team line up at one end of their tables. In this activity the children will work together relay race style. One at a time, children will navigate Starburst candies from one end of the table to the target area on the other end, by gliding their candies across the surface of the table. Do not hand out the Starburst ahead of time. Hand the Starburst to the child whose turn it is in line. Award each child’s team with any number of points indicated on the target. Play to 10, 25, 50, etc.

Extra Time: Split your group into 2-4 teams and challenge them to compete against one another in a Cup Stacking Competition. Play as many rounds as time allows...

STATION 3: Marshmallow Snowman Treat



Supplies: Large marshmallows (6 per kid), long stick (two per kid), edible markers, baggie (one per kid), disposable kitchen gloves

Set Up: Set the sticks and markers out onto the table. Keep the marshmallows in bags until it's time to pass them out. **Please wear gloves to pass the marshmallows out.*

Instructions: Kids can make 2 snowmen. Give each child 6 marshmallows. Have them grab a stick and put 3 marshmallows on the stick like the picture above. Use the edible markers to decorate the snowman. Let the marker dry and give each child a baggie to take them home.

Extra Time: Snowman Activity Page

**Supplies: Activity page and markers*

STATION 4: Winter Bingo

Supplies: *Winter Bingo Cards (1 per kid), Bingo chips (1 container per Campus), Call Cards (1 set per Campus), Snowflake Stickers for prizes (1 set per Campus)*

What to Do: Hand each child a Bingo Card and place Bingo chips in the center of your group. Shuffle your call cards and call them out one at a time.

If any child gets a “Bingo!” let them pick a snowflake sticker.