PAGE 1 · STAR YOUR FAVORITES

Elf Idea Menu (Toddler Edition)

Star 10 ideas for December. Most take under 2 minutes. Ages 1–4.

- ○ **Shelf swap** ~30 sec
- ○ **Cocoa buddy** ~1 min
- ○ **Book friend** ~1 min
- ○ **Toothbrush team** ~1 min
- ○ **Sock helper** ~1 min
- ○ **Crayon invite** ~2 min
- ○ **Fort guest** ~3 min
- ○ **Sticker surprise** ~2 min
- ○ **Fridge letters** ~2 min
- ○ **Kindness card** ~2 min
- ○ **Laundry sled** ~1 min
- ○ **Goodnight wave** ~1 min
- ○ **Cereal peek** ~1 min
- ○ **Lost-and-found** ~2 min
- ○ **Day-off note** ~1 min
- ○ **Advent pointer** ~1 min
- ○ **Shoe lineup** ~1 min
- ○ **Puzzle buddy** ~2 min
- ○ **Music dance** ~2 min
- ○ **Quiet corner** ~1 min

Free printable from colorjoy.online · Elf on the Shelf ideas for toddlers · free for personal & classroom use

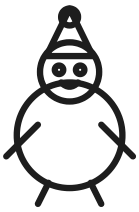
PAGE 2 · CUT · CHOOSE

Morning Hunt & Choice Cards

Cut out the cards. Let your toddler pick one after finding the elf.

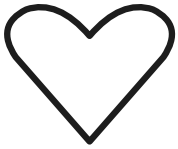
Find the elf!

Look on a shelf



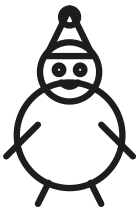
Cocoa time

Sit with mugs



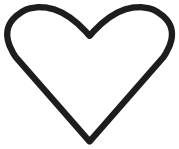
Color with me

Get crayons



Kindness job

Help set table



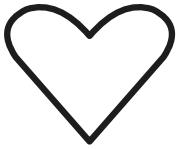
Dance party

One song



Book buddy

Pick a story



Elf Kindness Checklist

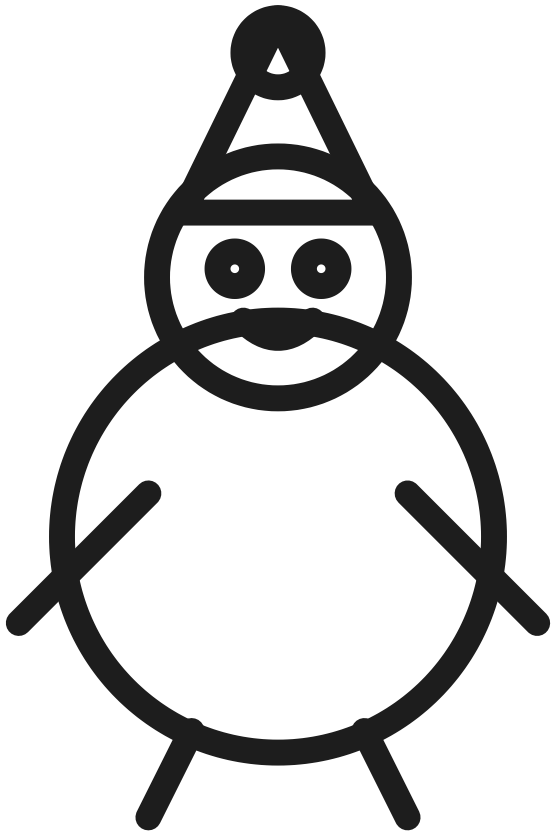
Check off tiny kindnesses — no scores, no pressure.

- ◯ Give a hug
- ◯ Say thank you
- ◯ Help set the table
- ◯ Share a toy
- ◯ Put shoes away
- ◯ Draw a picture for someone
- ◯ Help feed a pet
- ◯ Pick up 5 toys
- ◯ Blow a kiss on a call
- ◯ Choose kindness over perfect

PAGE 4 · COLOR

Elf & Cocoa Coloring

Color the elf and the cocoa mug. Hang near the shelf for quiet mornings.





Grown-Up Survival Notes

Backup stories

- “I needed a cocoa break!”
- “I got stuck in the laundry basket.”
- “I was practicing flying and landed late.”
- “I wrote you a note instead of moving.”

Toddler-safe rules

- Skip scary “watching you” talk if it causes fear.
- Keep elf off pillows and out of cribs.
- Two-minute moves beat midnight crafts.
- Protect bedtime first.

Tonight’s 2-minute plan