

# Activity Idea

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| <b>Activity</b>   | Sorting Presents for Father Christmas |
| <b>Main Focus</b> | Shape                                 |

## Activity Plan

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| <b>Resources</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of different sized boxes/presents</li> <li>• A variety of wrapping paper in different colours/patterns</li> <li>• Christmas sacks</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Activity</b> | <p>Wrap the boxes in wrapping paper before introducing them to the children. Talk to the children about the presents and what they can see. What shapes can they see? What patterns? What do they think is inside? Do they make a noise?</p> <p>Ask the children to sort them into different groups. Encourage the children to decide how to sort them without your input. This could be by size, shape, pattern, colour etc. Ask them what they are doing and why they have decided to sort them that way.</p> <p>Once the boxes have been sorted ask the children if they can count how many are in their sack. Who has the most? Can they sort them in a different way so that they more or less than last time?</p> |
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| <b>Extension Opportunities</b> | <p>Ask the children if they can build a tower with the boxes. Do they need to put a large box at the bottom and smaller one on top? How high can they build it? How many boxes are in their tower?</p> |
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