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Wait for it with patience.

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It's our
**Christmas
WRAP-UP!**

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YOUR
OWN...

EATS

THE
SALVATION
ARMY

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k THIS Week...

We've got Christmas all wrapped up in this week's **Kidzone!**

Cheffy's got a double helping of yummy Christmas recipes and Oliver shows you how to make your own festive wrapping paper! Cool! Izzy just can't wait for Christmas morning in this week's

awesome comic. Plus, we check out the latest Christmas TV shows, and find out how Myer and Kmart are helping spread Christmas cheer with the Salvos. Happy reading!



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STUFF WE LIKE!

A very beary Christmas with Daisy and Dawson

Since 1993, MYER has supported the Salvos by raising millions of dollars for The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

This year, the tradition continues! Visit the **MYER Giforium** where five percent from the sale of every gorgeous Daisy Bear and Dawson Bear gift item is donated to the Salvos. Daisy and Dawson explain more:



"Last year, we met some awesome friends who helped choose our names and outfits. Sometimes our friends need help. When you purchase us, you are helping to support children who are doing it tough. Five percent of our sale price will be donated to our MYER Community Fund charity partner, The Salvation Army. Hold us tight and send a Christmas wish to our awesome friends. Thank you for caring. Love, Daisy and Dawson."



WOULD YOU RATHER?

GET-READY-FOR-CHRISTMAS EDITION!

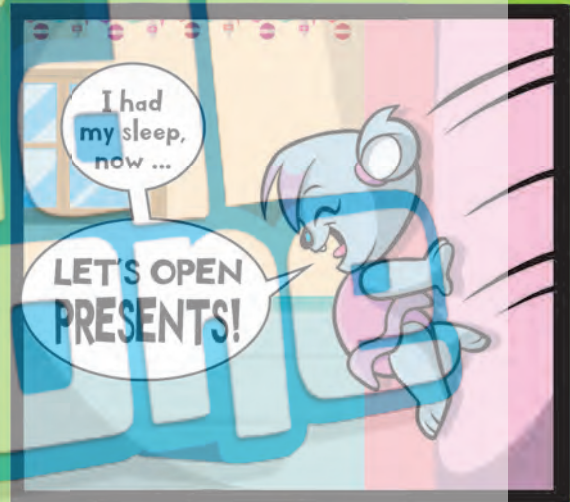
START EACH LINE WITH "WOULD YOU RATHER ..."
AND CIRCLE WHICH OPTION YOU WOULD CHOOSE!

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|---|----|--|
| Help Santa pack his sleigh | OR | help the elves make all the toys? |
| Have your family wear matching Christmas PJs | OR | matching 'ugly' Christmas jumpers? |
| Be in charge of food for Christmas lunch | OR | be in charge of decorations? |
| Get tangled in Christmas lights | OR | get stuck in a giant gift box? |
| Clean up the wrapping paper after all the presents are opened | OR | do all the dishes after Christmas lunch? |
| Make a Christmas music playlist | OR | choose a Christmas movie for your family to watch? |
| Eat a seafood Christmas lunch | OR | eat roast turkey and vegetables? |
| Try to squeeze inside a Christmas stocking | OR | wrap yourself in wrapping paper? |
| Decorate the Christmas tree | OR | decorate a gingerbread house? |
| Receive a present | OR | receive a gift voucher? |
| Wear ears like an elf | OR | a wear a nose like Rudolph? |

CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

by Rod Allen





We wait for it with patience.

Romans
chapter 8,
verse 25



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

SAT 20

Harry Freeman (14),
Gypsy Hook (13),
Esther Bolitho (9),
Isaac Park (13),
Thomas Leaver (10)

SUN 21

Shaylee Broughton (14)

MON 22

Jax Shimmen (11),
Isabella Christie (12)

WED 24

Margaret-Mary (12),
Jemimah Clark (10)

Please put my name on the
BIRTHDAY LIST

Full Name

Age Now

Birth Date

Parent's signature

☒ If you are aged between five and 14 and would like your birthday/letter printed in Kidzone, fill in the coupon and send it to: Cousin Koala™, 95-99 Railway Rd, Blackburn 3130 or head to <https://www.kidzonemag.com.au/cktreehouse>.

Include a letter in your own handwriting and permission (signature) from your parent to have it printed.

CK'S TREEHOUSE

Dear Kidzoners, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

– Cousin Koala (CK)

Send your letters to:

Cousin Koala, 95-99 Railway Rd,
Blackburn Vic. 3130

www.kidzonemag.com.au/cktreehouse

Message: kidzonemag.com.au



Hi CK!

My name is Denby. I'm 10 years old. My b'day is on August the third. Please put my name on the b'day list. I like your magazines so much!

I love to draw too. Do you like to draw?! Also I love anime too. I like to watch it, read it and draw it! I don't think anyone has asked this but do you like video games? Because I do!! Hope you like my drawing.

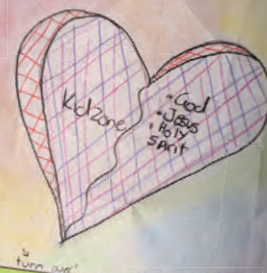
Bye CK!!



G'day Denby!
Your name is now on my list! I love to draw! I love to look at drawings sent into me and love trying to do the Draw with Rod images. You are very good at drawing. I can see you really love anime. Do you have a favourite anime? Mine is still My Neighbor Totoro but I really enjoy My Roommate is a Cat too. I think the cat is super cute and it's fun to see episodes from the cat's perspective!
And I LOVE videogames! I'm not as good as BitBoy but I'm getting better everytime I get some screen time! Bear hugs! - CK

Hi Winnie,

Thanks so much for your super-creative heart picture. I was very impressed with the clever way you folded it so that when I opened it, I found an awesome heart drawing on one side and an encouraging message to the Kidzone gang on the other. We think you – and all our Kidzone readers – are awesome, too, Winnie! Bear hugs! - CK



FROM WINNIE

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EMAIL

I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?



Hi CK,
My name is Nalia and I'm 13 years old. I've been reading your mags for about two years now. And I love them. What's your favourite TV show? Mine is *Bluey*. And can you put me on the birthday list for next year? I'm turning 14 on 3 May next year.
Love Nalia

Hello Nalia,
Your birthday is officially on my list and I look forward to celebrating with you! I love *Bluey*, too! My favourite episodes are still 'Cricket' and 'Stump Fest'. Do you have a favourite episode? I'm so glad you are enjoying reading the mags! Thank you for writing in to let us know!
Keep smiling, CK

Hi CK,
Do you like my drawing?
I learned it from one of the *Kidzone* mags.
From Zoe

Hey Zoe!
I think your drawing is absolutely fabulous!
I'm glad you found some inspiration in *Kidzone*! That's super, super cool! I hope you enjoyed our horse edition. It was really fun to put together. Did you try the horse quiz?
Bear hugs! - CK

Dear CK and team,
What's up? What do you like to do in the cold winter days? I like to get in my PJs and sleep in. I've been collecting KZs for a year now and I've collected so many. They're so much fun to do. Thank you for making them.
Lots of love, Phoe Phoe

Hi there Phoe Phoe,
If you've been collecting mags for a year, you must have 49 of them, because we publish 49 every year! That's a lot, isn't it? We're so pleased you find them fun to do, because the team finds them soooo much fun to make each week. I've thought about your question asking what I like to do on cold winter days. I like keeping cozy in the tree house and playing board games, doing craft with Oliver and just hanging out with the KZ gang.
Have an awesome week, CK

COUSIN KOALA



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EATS

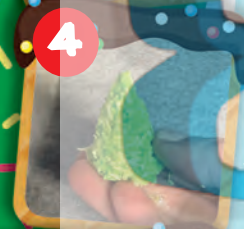
COCONUT CHRISTMAS TREE

what you need:

an adult's help, 115g butter, 240g icing sugar, 2 tablespoons milk, 240g shredded coconut, 1 teaspoon mint essence (optional), green food dye, 100g white chocolate, 2 tablespoons cream, mini M&Ms



- 1 Ask an adult to help you melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat on the stove. Remove from heat.
- 2 Stir in the icing sugar and milk.
- 3 Add to a larger mixing bowl if needed, and stir in coconut, mint essence (if using) and a few drops of green food dye. Mix until well combined.
- 4 Wash your hands and then shape tablespoonfuls of mixture into cone/tree shapes with your fingers. You will need to slightly squeeze the mixture to get it to bind and hold its shape. It's a messy process – but fun!
- 5 Place the trees on a plate or tray covered with baking paper. Place in the freezer for about an hour to set.
- 6 Break up chocolate into a small microwave-proof bowl. Ask an adult to help you melt the chocolate in the microwave at 10 to 20 second intervals, stirring with a metal spoon until smooth.
- 7 Dip the tops of the 'trees' in the chocolate. Add mini M&Ms for decoration.
- 8 Place decorated trees back in the fridge (or freezer) until the chocolate sets.



GINGERBREAD BARK

what you need:

an adult's help,
360g white chocolate,
180g Caramilk chocolate, mini gingerbread people biscuits, Christmas sprinkles

directions:

- 1 Ask an adult to help you heat a few centimetres of water in a small saucepan over medium heat on the stove.
- 2 Break chocolate into pieces and place in a heatproof bowl. Sit the bowl on top of the saucepan of simmering water, being careful to make sure the bowl doesn't touch the water in the saucepan.
- 3 Stir the chocolate with a metal spoon until melted and smooth.
- 4 Line a tray with baking paper and pour the melted chocolate onto the baking paper. Spread the chocolate as evenly as you can with a spatula.
- 5 Cover the melted chocolate with gingerbread biscuits and sprinkles.
- 6 Place in the fridge to set for at least 1 hour.
- 7 Break or cut the bark into shards to serve.

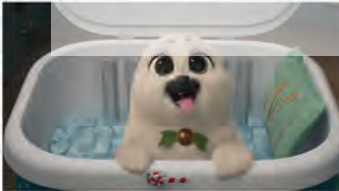
directions:

CHRISTMAS TV ROUND-UP!



Prep & Landing: The Snowball Protocol
Streaming now on Disney+

This is the fourth instalment in the popular series featuring Christmas elves from an elite organisation tasked with preparing homes worldwide for Santa's arrival. The new special follows Christmas elves Lanny and Wayne, whose holiday mission goes awry, leaving Wayne convinced he's in major trouble with Santa and accidentally revealing other merry mishaps from the past.



Man vs Baby
Streaming now on Netflix

After a disastrous experience housesitting a high-tech mansion hampered by an inconvenient insect in *Man vs Bee*, Trevor Bingley (played by *Mr Bear's* Rowan Atkinson) now finds himself housesitting a posh London penthouse, with another unlikely companion he didn't ask for... a lost baby!



Is It Cake? Holiday (Season 2)
Streaming now on Netflix

Three *Is It Cake?* all-stars and three baking heavy hitters try to fool celebrity judges with their incredible hyper-realistic cakes. Can they fool the judges with their baking masterpieces? It's going to be the most dramatic baking showdown in *Is It Cake?* history.



HEY CRAFTY CREW!

MAKE YOUR OWN WRAPPING PAPER



What you need:

paper (I used brown paper), household sponges, felt-tipped pen, cookie cutters in Christmas shapes (optional), scissors, green, red and yellow paint, cotton bud for decoration (optional!)

- 1 Draw Christmas-themed shapes on some sponges. I used cookie cutters to trace around with the felt-tipped pen.
- 2 Cut out the shapes.
- 3 Spread paint onto a plate.
- 4 Gently press a sponge shape into the paint, making sure it is completely covered.
- 5 Press the sponge shape onto the paper. Think about your design - you may like to do all one shape or mix it up with different shapes. It's fun to play around with! Let the paint dry.
- 6 Use a cotton bud to dip in red paint to put baubles on the Christmas tree (optional)



BIBLE MESSAGE

How awesome is it to see brightly wrapped Christmas presents under the tree? They're so colourful and it's super fun because we don't know what is inside the packages. I love the excitement of being surprised on Christmas morning, but I also love the fact that Christmas is the celebration of the greatest gift of all - Jesus. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him will have everlasting life." (John chapter three, verse 16).



Australia celebrates 38 years of the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal!

The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal is Australia's largest and longest-running Christmas gift appeal. For 38 years, Kmart and the Salvos have teamed up to deliver more than 14 million gifts to Aussies in need at Christmas. Wow!

Anyone can contribute to the Appeal and help spread joy to families in need. Here are some simple ways you can get involved:

- 1 Donate a gift in-store:** head to the Wishing Tree in any Kmart store and place a Wishing Tree sticker on your gift.
- 2 Donate money in-store:** Scan the QR code at a Wishing Tree in any Kmart store to make a donation of your choice. Shoppers can also grab a donation card at the registers to scan and add \$2 to your shop. Click the Wishing Tree logo at the checkout to add a little extra or drop your spare change in a collection box at any register.
- 3 Donate money online:** head to <https://kmartwishingtree.salvos.org.au> to make a donation online.

The appeal runs until 24 December, 2025.

Visit kmart.com.au/kmartwishingtree for more info.



A 'Beary' Special Gift!

Purchase a 2025 Christmas Kenzie Bear, or a copy of *Kenzie's Night Before Christmas*, and \$2 from each sale will go to supporting those in need this Christmas and beyond.

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*Entries will be judged on artistic merit.



Colouring Competition

Kidzone has three
Disney Christmas
Cookbooks to give away!



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Full Name

Age

Address

Postcode

Parent's signature

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SAMUEL'S MEGA BIBLE PUZZLE!

Are you ready for Christmas day? Have you decorated your tree and wrapped up presents for your fam and friends to put under it? Have you made some Christmas treats to share, like Cheffy's yummy gingerbread bark or coconut Christmas trees? (You can find the recipes on pages 8 and 9.) Have you been counting down the days to Christmas with an advent calendar? Preparing for Christmas Day is busy and so much fun! Another awesome way to prepare for Christmas day is to learn all about the night Jesus was born. Read about it, or ask a grown-up to read it to you, in the Bible in Luke chapter two, verses four to 20.

Do your best to order the images from the Christmas story from one to six.



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Address:

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C-4, D-6, E-2, F-1.
Sams Mega Puzzle: A-3, B-5.



CK: page 10.
Grid 1: a-a4, b-b2, c-c3,
d-d5, e-e6, f-f1. Word
square: ornaments.
Pairs: Spot the diff.

ANSWERS

Competition winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...



SCARLETT R
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OOLA H
(6 - NT)



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word square

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the square?

Each letter may be used only once per word and each word must contain the middle letter. There is one nine-letter word.
Clue: hung on a Christmas tree

R	N	M
A	E	S
O	T	N

spot the diff

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pics?



grid it

Can you work out the coordinates of the small squares which are taken from the big picture?



pairs

Find the matching pair...

