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THE GRINCH
CHRISTMAS
ADVENTURES
Merry & Mischievous Edition

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k THIS Week...

The countdown to Christmas starts in this week's *Kidzone*.

Oliver shows you how to make a fun and easy advent calendar to get your own countdown going at home. The *Kidzone* gang are getting ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday in this week's awesome story and Cheffy has some fun Christmas tree lolly cones to make. BitBoy plays a new edition of 'The Grinch Christmas Adventures' and 28-Kay checks out a new competition with LEGO and Aardman (makers of *Wallace & Gromit*). All this plus the colouring comp and puzzles galore! Happy reading!



DRAW with ROD



Draw a circle.

1

2

Draw a simple body shape.

3

Add eyes, mouth, bow tie and buttons.

4

Finally add details and colour your gingerbread man.



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SPOTTA LOTTA STUFF

How many
can you find:



Traveller clipped the last envelope onto the string and stood back to admire her handiwork. Her advent calendar looked awesome! Twenty-four colourful envelopes, decorated with stickers, hung down from the coat hanger.

"Thanks for helping me, Oliver," she beamed. "It was so fun to make!"

"You're welcome," Oliver said. "All you've got to do now is fill the envelopes with surprises."

Traveller nodded. "I can't wait for the *Kidzone* gang to open my advent-'ure' calendar."

Oliver looked surprised. "Adventure calendar? What do you mean?"

Traveller looked mysterious. "You'll see!"

She set to work to fill the envelopes. When she had finished, she walked to CK's tree house, carefully carrying the calendar up the ladder.

"Hi CK!" she called. "I've finished the *Kidzone* gang's advent calendar! Where will I hang it?"

CK took the calendar from her and hung the coat hanger over a hook on the wall. "Wow! Everyone's going to love opening the envelopes. It looks amazing!"

"It's an advent-'ure' calendar," Traveller smiled.

"Oh? What do you mean?" CK asked.

"You'll see," Traveller grinned.

The next day after school the gang met at the tree house. Cheffy handed around muffins to eat while they chatted. After a while, Traveller stood up and clapped her hands excitedly to get their attention. "It's the first of December, so we can open the first advent calendar envelope! Who would like to do it?"

D-Jayn put up her hand. "I'd love to!"

D-Jayn unclipped the green envelope with a silver '1' drawn on it. She opened it up and took out a piece of paper, and read, "Go for a 5 km hike with Traveller or make a Christmas decoration with Oliver'."

Traveller beamed. "It's a choose your own advent-'ure' calendar! You can



By Faye Michelson

choose to hike with me or stay here and make a decoration with Oliver.”

To Traveller’s surprise, everyone chose to make the decoration. Even Jym.

“It’s not that I don’t like hiking,” Jym explained. “I really do. But advent is all about preparing for Christmas, so I’d like to make a decoration for our Christmas tree.”

While everyone was cutting out stars,

Traveller pulled CK to one side. “I think I need to change what I put in the envelopes,” she whispered. “I’ll show you why.”

She took out pieces of paper from two envelopes and handed them to CK.

“‘Run laps of the school oval or cook Christmas cookies with Cheffy’,” CK read out. “And this one says, ‘Hang upside down on the monkey bars for five minutes or choose a Christmas music playlist with D-Jayn’.”

Traveller sighed. “I think I know what everyone would choose.”

CK nodded with a smile. “An advent calendar is a way to help us get ready for Jesus’ birthday. That’s the adventure of Christmas – to learn about him and how he came to Earth so that people who believe in him will have everlasting life.”

Traveller nodded. “I know what I can do.”

She got two pairs of scissors off Oliver’s craft table and gave one pair to CK. “If we snip off the first challenge, it will leave the Christmas activity for us to do that day.”

“Like this?” CK cut off ‘Run laps of the school oval’ from the piece of paper, leaving ‘Cook Christmas cookies with Cheffy’.

“Perfect!” said Traveller, slipping it back into the envelope. “Now to do some cutting on the other 22 envelopes!”



BIBLE MESSAGE

Celebrating Jesus’ birth and how he came to Earth so that people who believe in him will have everlasting life – that’s the adventure of Christmas! “If you belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, God gives you a gift! That gift is life with God forever” (Romans chapter six, verse 23#).



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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

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

EMAIL

Hi,
I love the mags. Can you please do a lolly mag? And I love your comics
From Ariella

Hey there Ariella!
I am so glad you love Kidzone mags! Me too!
The comics are pretty awesome. The Kidzone team are currently working on a Bible comic book. That should be super cool, too.

A lolly idea is fun! Do you have a favourite lolly? We have done a chocolate edition before and I love chocolate but I don't think we have ever done lollies. Thank you for sharing!

Bear hugs – CK

Hey CK!

My name's Jim, and I'm super excited because I just won my first ever prize from you guys! Thanks so much! My favourite animal is a capybara and my favourite food is pizza. I went to the zoo recently and got to feed and pat a capybara. I wish I had a picture of that. Here's a photo of me with my prize and a picture of me holding a pregnant python named Delilah from Madagascar!

Love Jim

G'day Jim,

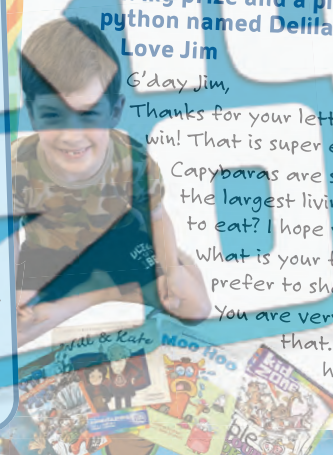
Thanks for your letter! And congratulations on your big win! That is super exciting! You are very welcome.

Capybaras are so interesting! Did you know they are the largest living rodent? What do capybaras like to eat? I hope you didn't have to share your pizza!

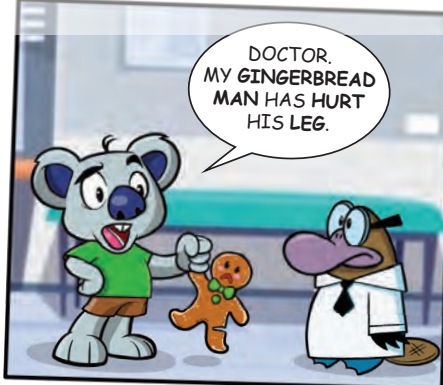
What is your favourite pizza topping? Would you prefer to share with a capybara or a snake?

You are very brave holding onto a snake like that. Delilah looks heavy! Was she heavy?

Keep smiling, –CK



COUSIN KOALA



DOCTOR, MY GINGERBREAD MAN HAS HURT HIS LEG.



HAVE YOU TRIED ICING IT?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

SAT 29

Dion Petruzzella (13)

SUN 30

Peter Smith,
Lian Van Biak (6),
Zayden Fonoti (13)

DECEMBER

MON 01

MJ Towke (11)

WED 03

Henry Ditchburn (13),
Fern Grljusich (6)

THU 04

Bridgitte A (12)

FRI 05

Carter Page (9),
Lola Garrett (6)

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Full Name

Age Now Birth Date

Parent's signature

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

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LEGO Play

Free from the App Store and Google Play

Aardman, the creators of *Wallace & Gromit*, need help to finish the story of Boop the alien. Boop has crash-landed! And now it's your turn to continue the story.

Using the animation tool in the LEGO Play app, kids can bring Boop's adventure to life and share their LEGO creations with a chance to see their ideas featured in an amazing Aardman story.

An animated short to announce the challenge sees an alien called 'Boop' (made from Aardman's iconic clay) transported to a world of LEGO bricks.

In that world, Boop meets LEGO minifigures who they befriend, but where their story goes is up to young creatives who are invited to help finish the story.

The animated short can be seen here:
lego.com/aardman

Aardman has produced the one-minute animated short starring Boop, and five mini stop motion challenge films including *Build Your Own Boop*, set to release monthly, encouraging young builders to get creating on the LEGO Play app.





Steal presents and throw a festive feast with The Grinch and Max. Help The Grinch's heart grow three sizes with awfully-fun challenges and surprises.

Has The Grinch grown to love Christmas, or is he just putting on a show? Hmmm.

Explore more of Who-ville in the 'Merry & Mischievous Edition' of 'The Grinch: Christmas Adventures'. Snowboard down from The Grinch's Caves in Mount Crumpit, sleigh through the Forest, and even parachute through the Village, spreading Christmas cheer.

If you're feeling Grinchy, join The Grinch and Max on a sneaky mission to steal presents. Do you think you can help his heart grow three sizes?

Maybe you can help him put on a festive feast for the Whos. Show them he's had a change of heart by gathering food across the snowy land of Who-ville. Just be careful not to lose it.

With cool gadgets to unlock like a Santa costume, jetpacks and even a new parachute for Max, you'll be prepared to overcome creepy spiders, tin soldiers and not-so-nice gingerbread men.

Get rewarded with jigsaw puzzles and customisable accessories to keep The Grinch and Max completing missions in style.

Will The Grinch save or steal Christmas? It's up to you. Work to remind The Grinch that he belonged all along!!



PLATFORMS: SWITCH, PS4, PS5, STEAM



THE GRINCH

CHRISTMAS
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FEATURES:

- + SEE THE OUTSKIRTS OF WHO-VILLE:** Explore The Village, Town Hall, The Grinch Caves, Lakes and Sewers.
- + STUNT, FLIP OR GLIDE:** Showcase your skills using a jetpack, snowboard, sleigh and other customisable gadgets.
- + MISSIONS WITH A VIEW:** Watch for collectables and enemies from the sky using Max's parachute.
- + NEW CHALLENGES, MORE REWARDS:** Collect food and presents to earn jigsaws, art and accessories.
- + A CLASSIC FOR EVERYONE:** From visuals inspired by the original books to easy controls for players.



Christmas is so, so fun with decorations, carols, yummy food and, of course, presents. But as The Grinch discovers, Christmas isn't just about these things we give or get. Check out this quote from the original book by Dr. Seuss: "It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more."

It sure does, Grinch! Christmas is about celebrating love and the greatest gift the world has ever known — Jesus. "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him would have everlasting life" (John chapter three, verse 16).

TEAM, XBOX ONE, XBOX SERIES X|S

HEY CRAFTY CREW! MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT CALENDAR



What you need:

an adult's help, coloured paper to make 25 small envelopes, ruler, scissors, glue, Christmas stickers, glitter (optional), felt-tipped pens, coat hanger, twine or string, craft clothes pegs, novelties to put in each envelope

1 Make the envelopes. Draw a rectangle 18 cm x 11 cm. Draw a line 1 cm wide down each side of the rectangle. Make a mark across each of these lines 3 cm from the top and 11 cm from the top.

2 Cut along the inside line, making an 8 cm 'wing' on each side of the rectangle (refer to the photo).

3 Use this as a template to draw and cut out 23 more.

4 With an adult's help, use the ruler and scissors to score a line between the top of the 'wings' and another between the bottom 'wings'. Score another line along the inside line of each 'wing'. This will make it easy to fold the envelopes. Repeat with all the envelopes.

5 Put glue along the wings and fold over to glue onto the paper. The score marks you've made will make these easy to fold. Put glue along the edges of the bottom piece of the paper and fold over to cover about two thirds of the 'wings'. You've made an envelope! Repeat to make all the envelopes.

6 Using paint or felt-tipped pen, write the number '1' in the middle of an envelope. Repeat with the numbers '2' to '24' with the rest of the envelopes.

7 Now for the fun part! Decorate with Christmas stickers or drawings and glitter (optional).

5

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8 Lay your envelopes on to a table in the order you want them. I've made four rows and mixed up my dates.

9 Take your twine or string and tie one end onto the coat hanger. Measure it so that it is as long as your first strip of envelopes and cut.

10 Repeat with three other lengths of twine. Fill your envelopes with little treats such as sweets, stickers, and Bible verses. Clip each envelope onto the twine with craft clothes pegs and hang somewhere to start using on 1 December. Cool!

6

7

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BIBLE MESSAGE

Advent calendars are an awesome way to count down to Jesus' birthday. It's a super-special time of year because what could be more special than the birth of God's son, Jesus? As we open each of our advent calendar envelopes during December in the lead-up to Christmas Day, it's a great reminder that Jesus, "the true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world" (John chapter one, verse nine).



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EATS CHRISTMAS TREE LOLLY CONES

what you need:

ice-cream cones (cornet shape), round sweet biscuits, icing sugar, green food colouring, lollies to fill and decorate

directions:

- 1 Mix up a batch of icing to a medium consistency (not too stiff, not too runny) by adding icing sugar to a small mixing bowl and adding a small amount of water and mixing well. Add a few drops of food colouring and mix well.
- 2 Fill a cone with lollies. Add icing to the rim of the cone and attach a round biscuit.
- 3 Turn the cone upside down, sitting on the biscuit base. Set aside in the fridge for about 5 minutes to allow the icing to set.
- 4 Spread icing all over the cone and then decorate the 'tree' with lollies.
- 5 Leave in the fridge for around 10 minutes or until the icing sets before serving.

**If you could choose an awesome surprise to find in your advent calendar what would it be?
Draw it here!**

Entries will be judged on artistic merit.

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Design Competition

Kidzone has three Grinch* 20cm Original Squishmallows Fuzzmallows to give away!

* One piece only - style will vary between either pictured style



SEND YOUR ENTRY (BY FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2025) TO:

Kidzone's Colouring Competition, 95-99 Railway Road, Blackburn VIC, 3130

OR HEAD TO kidzonemag.com.au/competition TO UPLOAD YOUR ENTRY.

Full Name

Age

Address

Postcode

Parent's signature

nk

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SAMUEL'S MEGA BIBLE PUZZLE!

Use the first letter of each picture to decode the rest of the Bible verse below!



example:
= C for carrot

Getting ready for Christmas is so much fun!

Thinking about Christmas trees, decorations and what presents to make or buy for family and friends is exciting. I always know Christmas Day is not far off when we hang up our advent calendar to start the countdown to Jesus' birthday. 'Advent' is a word that means 'coming' - the coming of the birth of Jesus. Advent calendars are a super-fun way to help us remember each day from 1 December right up to 25 December that Christmas is about celebrating his birthday. What an awesome way to get ready for the greatest birthday of all! Remember what the angel said to the shepherds on the first Christmas night: "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone ..."



(Luke chapter two, verses 10 to 11®).

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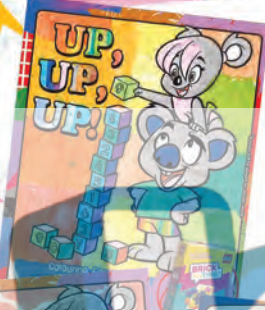
Sams Mega Puzzle: The Saviour - yes, the Lord - has been born tonight in Bethlehem.



ANSWERS CK: page 7 Grid it: a:f5, b:b6, c:e1, d:a3, e:b1, f:e5, Word square: Adventure. Pages: 1-6, 2-1, 3-12, 4-15, 5-11, 6-13. Spot the diff: Dot-to-dot.

Competition winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...



CAYDEN D
(8 - NSW)

MIKEY H
(10 - NSW)

LEXI P
(4 - VIC.)



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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: This week's feature.

V	T	U
A	E	E
N	D	R

grid it

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



Note: some squares may be rotated.



pages

Can you find where each of these pictures came from in this week's Kidzone?



spot the diff

Can you find the eight differences between these two pics?



dot-to-dot

Connect the dots from 1 to 75 to uncover the hidden image.

