

Holiday Countdown



Time can be hard for young children to understand, especially when anticipating holidays like Christmas or Hanukkah.

Create a visual understanding of time by making a holiday chain with your child. Use this same chain to help your child learn numbers, number order, and patterns too!

Create a Holiday Chain with Your Child

Use two colours of construction paper. Cut into strips that are about 20 by 5 cm. Cut one strip for each day from now until the special day.

With your child decide on a colour pattern for the chain. The pattern might be one green strip, one red, one green etc. It might be one yellow, two blue, one yellow, two blue etc., or something different.

After creating your pattern, print one number on each paper strip to show the number of sleeps to the big day. Interlock and staple all strips in order to create a chain.

Have your child cut off one chain each day to see time shorten as the special day draws closer.

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