



The Great Christmas Eve Heist

PARENT GUIDE

Everything you need to run the game, step by step.

YOU NEED

- A printer (color or black and white)
- 8 envelopes
- Scissors
- A pencil or a paper brad for the decoder wheel
- Optional: a small bell or chocolate coins for the final envelope

IN YOUR PDF

- Cover
- Game Master page with the answer key
- Envelope labels
- Party invitation
- Santa's telegram, badges, decoder wheel
- 7 puzzles (puzzles 2 and 3 in Junior and Expert versions)
- Case notes
- Santa's thank-you letter and 2 certificates

SET UP IN 10 MINUTES

1. Print the PDF. Use the ink-saver file if you print a lot.
2. Cut out the badges and the two decoder circles. Pin the small circle on the big one with a pencil or a brad.
3. Choose the level for puzzles 2 and 3: Junior (6-8) or Expert (9-12). Keep only the pages you need.
4. Stick a label on each envelope and fill them as shown in the table below.
5. Hide envelope 2 in a Christmas stocking and the FINAL envelope under the tree. Keep envelopes 3 to 7 with you.

DURING THE GAME

1. Give envelope 1 to the detectives and read the telegram out loud.
2. Open the free countdown on your phone (QR code on the Game Master page) and press Start.
3. When they tell you a correct answer, hand over the next envelope.
4. Stuck? Every puzzle has a hint QR code with 3 hints, the last one gives the answer.

Envelope	Contains	Answer to listen for	Then
1	Telegram, badges, wheel, case notes, puzzle 1	STOCKING	They find envelope 2 in the stocking
2	Puzzle 2	7295	Give envelope 3
3	Puzzle 3	COMET	Give envelope 4
4	Puzzle 4	GLASSES	Give envelope 5
5	Puzzle 5	GREEN HAT	Give envelope 6
6	Puzzle 6	JINGLE	Give envelope 7
7	Puzzle 7	UNDER THE TREE	They run to the tree: FINAL envelope
★	Santa's letter, certificates, a treat	-	Case closed!

MAKE IT EXTRA MAGICAL

- Dim the lights and play soft Christmas music.
- Read the telegram in your best Santa voice.
- Big group? Print one set per team and race.
- Let older siblings be the Game Master.

STUCK? SCAN THE CLUE

Every puzzle page has a QR code. It opens free hint pages with 3 hints that unlock one at a time, and a 60-minute countdown timer. No app, no account.

GOOD TO KNOW

- The game is for personal and classroom use. Please do not share the files.
- Questions? Message us on Etsy, we answer within 24 hours.

Merry Christmas, detectives!