It’s Christmas

Find the missing words in the square. (➞ ↓)

1. December 24th. Christmas ___ ___ ___
2. December 25th. Christmas ___ ___ ___
3. A traditional greeting. ___ ___ ___ ___ Christmas!
4. A seasonal song. Christmas ___ ___ ___ ___
5. Some people send a lot. Christmas ___ ___ ___ ___
6. You decorate it. Christmas ___ ___ ___
7. Children hang them up. Christmas ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ Christmas
8. He comes in the night. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ Christmas
9. A meal. Christmas ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
10. It follows the turkey. Christmas ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
11. Noisy fun? Christmas ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
12. Something for tea-time. Christmas ___ ___ ___ ___
**The Puzzle Book**

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**Language**
Christmas vocabulary

**Level**
From elementary

**The puzzle**
Learners read clues and search a word square for words connected with Christmas.

**Procedure**
Make one photocopy of the worksheet for each learner and hand them out. Weaker learners may need the first letter of one or two of the items.

**Key**

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O C M T I R O E S B A B
F A T H E R Y F T S T C
G R Y T I H S B O E Z A
V O R Q U C R A C K E R
A L A Q U I A L K S W D
W S P L V G O H I R Y S
T R E T M C D E N B I D
O J P U D D I N G O R S
G A I A L J N A R E C U
M E R R Y S N O L D A Y
A V B A H L E T B C K T
P E W R L T R E E M E L
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**Extra activity**
Learners choose one or more local festivals and make a word square including related vocabulary and use it to test the teacher’s local knowledge. If writing good clues is too time-consuming/challenging, they can explain the words the teacher is to look for.

**Talking points**
Is Christmas celebrated in the learners’ culture? If so, do the things in the puzzle also feature in their festivities? If learners do not celebrate Christmas, what is the major festival in their culture and how is it celebrated?