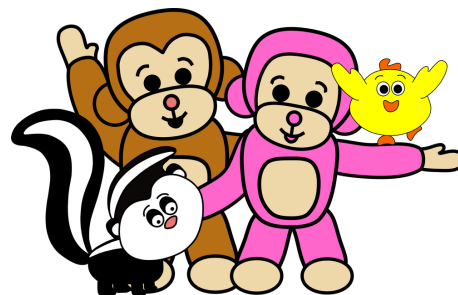




Lesson plan: Ting-a-ling

A Christmas song with bells, stars and presents | ages 4 to 6



Time	about 30 minutes
Video	Ting-a-ling, the King is born (46 s, sung in English)
Where	mamoforkids.nl/en-gb/filmpjes or youtu.be/D6pMoll1DJ0
You need	a screen, the two worksheets, crayons, bells or a triangle if you have them

What do the children learn?

- They sing along with a short Christmas song and play the rhythm with bells.
- They tell what they know of the Christmas story: the baby in the stable and the wise men with three gifts.
- They count small groups of things up to 5.
- They draw a number of things and write the number next to it.

What is the song about?

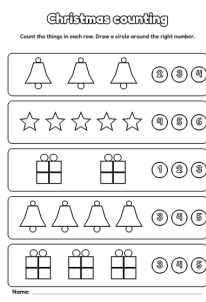
The song tells the Christmas story in a few lines: baby Jesus is born in a stable, and wise men from the east come with three gifts. The chorus sounds like little bells and big church bells. The video is less than a minute long, so you can easily play it a few times.

A suggested lesson

1. Circle time 5 min	What belongs to Christmas? Ring a bell or a triangle. How does a big bell sound? Bim, bom, bam.
2. Watch 3 min	Play the video. Then ask: how many gifts did the wise men bring?
3. Sing 7 min	Play the video twice. During the chorus the children shake bells or their hands. At "Bim, bom, bam" they tap their knees three times.
4. Count 5 min	Put three presents (boxes or blocks) in the circle. Count them together. Take one away. How many now?
5. Do 10 min	Choose a worksheet. On the Christmas tree the children draw baubles and write how many.

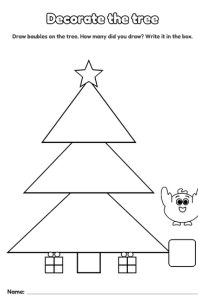
The worksheets

You will find them on pages 3 and 4. They are also on mamoforkids.nl/en-gb/lesbrieven.



Christmas counting

Five rows of bells, stars and presents. The children count and circle the right number. The rows have 2 to 5 things.



Decorate the tree

A big Christmas tree. The children draw baubles on it and write how many in the box.

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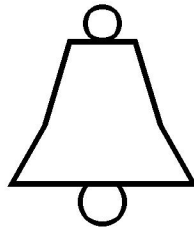
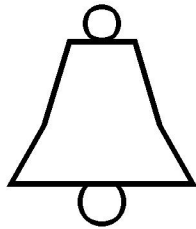
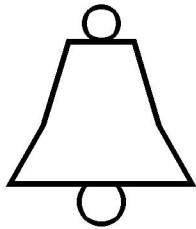
- Younger children: only count the bells and the presents. On the tree they draw three baubles, as many as the gifts.
- Older children: ask them to draw an agreed number of baubles, for example seven.
- For children who are ready for more: how many presents are there on the whole worksheet?

At home

The video, the colouring pages and the lyrics are free on mamoforkids.nl, in Dutch, English and Spanish. There are no ads on the site and we never ask children for personal details.

Christmas counting

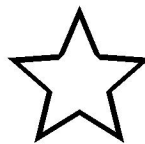
Count the things in each row. Draw a circle around the right number.



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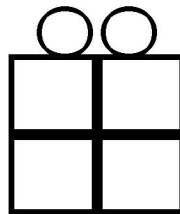
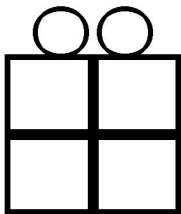
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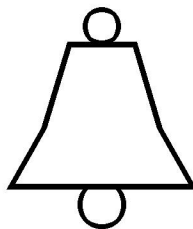
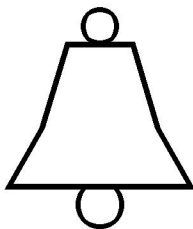
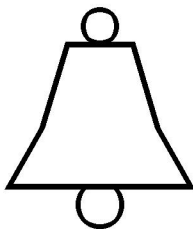
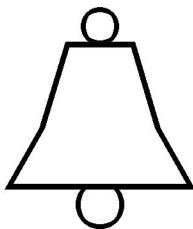
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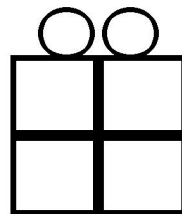
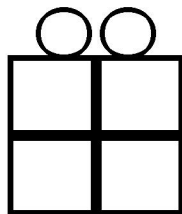
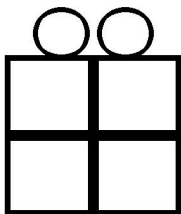
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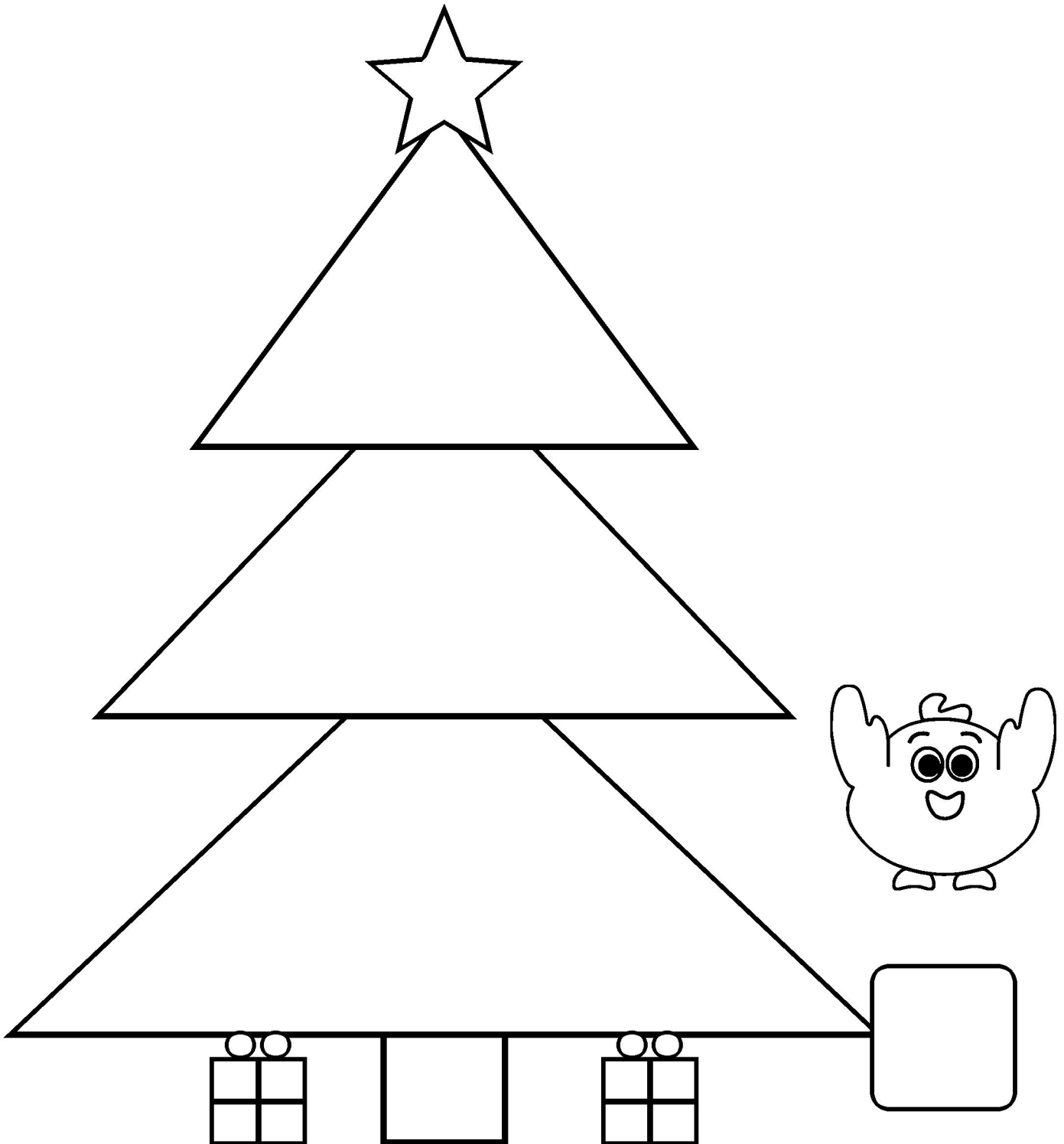
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Decorate the tree

Draw baubles on the tree. How many did you draw? Write it in the box.



Name: _____