🕵️ Thank you for your purchase at PapierPuzzels.nl!

Dear Game Master,

Thank you so much for purchasing the Christmas Escape Game:
The Mystery of the Magical Key

We are thrilled that you chose our game to give the children at home an unforgettable, exciting adventure. Behind the scenes, a lot of care and passion went into creating the cozy puzzles, logical challenges, and ink-friendly design.

We specifically designed this game to be super simple, stress-free, and quick for you as a parent or game master to set up. While the children (ages 4–6) solve the clues at the table, they are playfully challenged to think logically.



What can you do now?

- Print out this entire escape game directly from your computer.
- Read the instructions on the following pages.

We wish the young Christmas helpers the best of luck deciphering the hidden clues and helping Santa Claus find his golden key!

If you enjoy this Christmas adventure, we would greatly appreciate a nice review on our website!

Have fun playing and Merry Christmas!

With festive Christmas greetings,

The team at PapierPuzzels.nl 🎁🎅



🎅 PARENT'S GUIDE (Preparation)

With this pack, you can transform your living room into an active Christmas adventure lasting approx. 45 to 60 minutes.
The game is completely designed for children aged 4 to 6 years:

Follow these simple steps to set up the game:

✂️ Step 1: Print and Cut

1. **Print** the entire PDF pack (black and white is perfect, because it doubles as a coloring book!).
2. Take the Cut-Out Sheet and neatly cut out the 5 square location stickers (top row) along the straight lines.
3. Next, cut out the 6 large pictures for the envelopes (bottom rows).

✉️ Step 2: Fill & Label the Envelopes

Grab **6 regular envelopes.** Glue or tape the large envelope pictures onto the outside and put the right items inside:

- **Envelope (START):** Stick the large picture of the Couch (Gray label) on the outside.
  - Contents: Task 1 (Count the ornaments) + Location sticker 1 (Fridge / Red).
- **Envelope 1:** Stick the large picture of the Fridge (Red label) on the outside.
  - Contents: Task 2 (Who is who) + Location sticker 2 (Coat rack / Green).
- **Envelope 2:** Stick the large picture of the Coat rack (Green label) on the outside.
  - Contents: Task 3 (Help Rudolph through the maze!) + Location sticker 3 (Bed / Purple).
- **Envelope 3:** Stick the large picture of the Snoring Bed-Santa (Purple label) on the outside.
  - Contents: Task 4 (The Christmas Color Pattern) + Location sticker 4 (Dining table / Yellow).
- **Envelope 4:** Stick the large picture of the Cookie Dining Table-Santa (Yellow label) on the outside.
  - Contents: Task 5 (The Different Trees) + Location sticker 5 (Christmas tree / Cyan).
- **Envelope 5 (THE FINALE):** Stick the large picture of the Christmas Tree-Santa (Cyan label) on the outside.
  - **Contents: Task 6** (The Secret Code Breaker) + Tip: put a small Christmas treat or a little gift in here as a reward!

🕵️ Step 3: Hide the Envelopes

Now hide the envelopes in the right spots around the house according to the pictures:

1. Place the **Start envelope** ready near the **COUCH** 🛋️
2. Hide **Envelope 1** inside the **FRIDGE** ❄️
3. Hang **Envelope 2** near the **COAT RACK / JACKETS** 🧥
4. Place **Envelope 3** on or under a **BED** 🛏️
5. Tape **Envelope 4** underneath the **DINING TABLE** 🍽️
6. Secretly place **Envelope 5** (The Finale) under the **REAL CHRISTMAS TREE** 🎄

Playing and reading together:

Please note: Because the children cannot read by themselves yet, you as a parent will walk along with them. Every time they find a new envelope, read the task on the paper calmly and clearly out loud to them. Help them get started, but let them discover the answer and stick the stickers themselves!

🕵️ ANSWERS & EXPLANATION PER PUZZLE (For the parents)

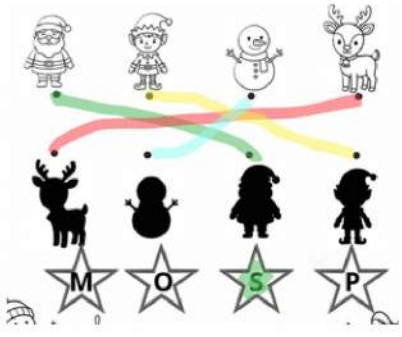
In case the children get stuck during their Christmas adventure, here are the solutions to all 6 puzzles in a row:

🎄 **Task 1:** Count the ornaments (Found near the **COUCH**)

- How does it work? The children need to look closely at the drawn Christmas tree and count only the red ornaments. They must ignore the yellow ornaments.
- The right number: **6**
- Next location: Inside this envelope is the sticker of the Fridge. Stick it on spot 1, off to the kitchen!

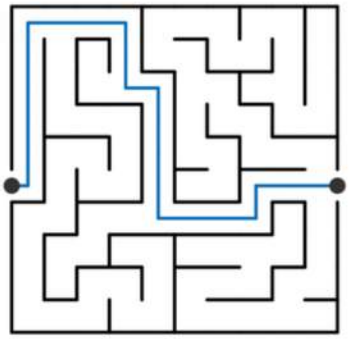
👤 **Task 2:** Who is Who (Found inside the **FRIDGE**)

- How does it work? Using a pencil or marker, the children draw a line from the four Christmas characters at the top to their exact black shadow below. The shadows are playfully mixed up.
- The secret: Next to the correct shadow of Santa Claus is a star with the letter **S** (for Santa).
- Next location: Inside this envelope is the sticker of the Coat rack. Stick it on spot 2, off to the coats!



🦔 **Task 3:** Help Rudolph through the maze!
(Found near the **COAT RACK**)

- How does it work? The children help Rudolph the reindeer by drawing the right path through the maze to the carrot with their pencil. Along the way, they pass one of the numbers hidden in the maze.
- The right number: **3** (Note: all the other numbers are in dead-end paths, only the 3 is on the actual route!).
- Next location: Inside this envelope is the sticker of the Bed. Stick it on spot 3, off to the bedroom!



🧦 **Task 4:** The Christmas Color Pattern (Found on/under the **BED**)

- How does it work? Hanging on the drawn clothesline are colored stockings in a repeating pattern: Red - Green - Red - etc. The children must discover what color the blank stocking should be (Green) and count how many letters that word has (G-R-E-E-N).
- The right number: **5**
- Next location: Inside this envelope is the sticker of the Dining table. Stick it on spot 4, back to the table!

🔍 **Task 5:** The Different Trees (Found under the **DINING TABLE**)

- How does it work? Two Christmas pictures that look almost identical, except the elves changed a few subtle details. The children must spot the differences and circle them.
- The right number: **2**

Next location: Inside this envelope is the sticker of the Real Christmas Tree. Stick it on spot 5, off to the grand finale under the Christmas tree!



🧳 **Task 6:** The Secret Code Breaker
(Found under the **REAL CHRISTMAS TREE**)

- How does it work? This is the grand finale! On this page are three empty stars with the secret icons inside (the Elf, the Carrot, and the Stocking). The children flip back to their completed puzzles and fill in the numbers they earned next to those specific icons.
- The Secret Safe Code: **6 - 3 - 5**
  - Star 1 (Elf / puzzle 1) = **6**
  - Star 2 (Carrot / puzzle 3) = **3**
  - Star 3 (Stocking / puzzle 4) = **5**

🏆 **The Finale**

As soon as the children shout the code **6 - 3 - 5** out loud, the magical combination lock on the gift bag opens in their imagination.

The magical golden key is found and Christmas is saved!

Now they get to open a small present where the parents have hidden their well-deserved Christmas treat.

Congratulations!

Of course, you can also give them something else, or leave a note with the exact hiding spot of their presents.



