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Hej there småles,  
Ho, Ho, Ho! It is the most wonderful time of the year!

Småland is buzzing with activities.

We are getting our hands busy preparing for our Christmas celebrations. That got us wondering if people around the world celebrated Christmas the way we do. We want to share what we have found on page 14 & 15.

Christmas is the season of giving; learn more about how we can give back to the environment during the season on page 17 and how we can help our reindeer friends on page 7.

We wish you a jolly Christmas and remember to spread lots of love and joy this Christmas!

With Big Bug Hugs,  
Sara

Little Kingdom is an indoor edutainment park that will nurture and inspire every child's imagination.

It's a place to foster kids and parents bonding where they get to experience various realities, from fairy tales to space missions. Lots of exciting educational performances and daily activities such as different enrichment classes that cater according to child age and needs.

**30% off Little Kingdom admission tickets**  
**1 Nov - 31 Dec 2016**



Exclusive for småles members! Enjoy 30% off admission tickets to Little Kingdom, the First Personalized Learning Edutainment Park. (Ticket's normal price will be from RM80 to RM200.)

Location: Little Kingdom, Level 3, Maju Junction Mall, KL

Småles passport must be presented upon purchase at the Little Kingdom ticketing counters. Visit [IKEA.my/smales/partner](http://IKEA.my/smales/partner) for more information. Terms and conditions apply.

For enquires, kindly contact 03-2202 8151.

**Come feed Sara's growing tummy!**

**1 - 31 DEC 2016**

**How to win?**

This December, stand a chance to win free tickets to Little Kingdom, the First Personalized Learning Edutainment Park for for every 5kg of newspapers that you recycle at the IKEA Bug House, Ground Floor.

There are 100 admission tickets to be given out. Winners will be announced on småles website ([IKEA.my/smales/winners](http://IKEA.my/smales/winners)) and notified via mail after contest period ends.

Start collecting now!

Terms & conditions:

- Each member can recycle a minimum of 5kg newspapers multiple times at the Bug House within the contest period.
- The management's decision will be final and IKEA Malaysia reserves the right to amend, modify or change any of the contest details at any time.



# NEW MERCHANDISE



Get a Sara apron and transform into a little kitchen helper! Grab it now from Bug House this December 2016 school holiday!  
**Sara apron**  
**\$4 Smálish dállars**



## DECLINING POPULATION OF REINDEERS

**HIRE**

Santa's reindeers are in trouble! The reindeer population has been dropping and one of the main reasons is global warming.

As a result of global warming, our reindeer friends have been experiencing warmer winters. This means that the rain freezes in the cold weather, covering up the food that the reindeers eat during the winter.

This makes the reindeers hungry as they can't reach their food.

To help these reindeers, we can be more environmentally friendly. How? Simply, reduce, reuse and recycle!

Source: <https://www.thedodo.com/reindeer-population-decline-868162144.html#> & [http://wwf.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/where\\_we\\_work/arctic/wildlife/reindeer/](http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/where_we_work/arctic/wildlife/reindeer/)



# DIY CHRISTMAS WREATH

## Materials:

- Paper plates
- Green paint
- String or ribbon
- Decorations (buttons, markers, pompoms, glitter, leaves, etc)

## Instruction:

1. Get mummy or daddy's help to cut out the centre of the paper plate.
2. Paint the paper plate with your green paint.
3. Once the green paint has dried, decorate it however you want.
4. After decorating the wreath, tie a ribbon around the top of the wreath and you are done!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



How to draw a penguin



WHAT COMES **NEXT**?



Help lead Sara  
back to her igloo!





## Spot the difference

It's the winter time in Småland, and Sara is having a ball of a time. Can you spot **23 differences**? Tell us where search difference is located by circling them.

Send in your answers with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details to [sara@smales.com.my](mailto:sara@smales.com.my) or **småles, No. 2, Jalan PJU 7/2, Mutiara Damansara, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Selangor** by **30 December 2016**. 30 lucky winners will each win a **LAMPAN table lamp**.



# Christmas Traditions around the World



Everyone celebrates Christmas differently. We went to find out how different countries in the world celebrate Christmas and want to share it with you

## Sweden

In Sweden, there are two major Christmas celebrations – St. Lucia's Day and Christmas Eve.

St. Lucia's Day falls on 13 December. A girl, representing St. Lucia would visit hospitals and old people's homes, singing and handing out Swedish ginger cookie. St. Lucia Saffron Buns are also eaten for breakfast on this day!

On Christmas Eve, December 24, Swedish families would celebrate Christmas Eve with a Christmas table with a buffet of food! Yummy! Presents are also exchanged on this day.

Sources: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Lucia%27s\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Lucia%27s_Day), [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\\_traditions#Sweden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_traditions#Sweden) & <http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/sweden.shtml>



## Japan

In Japan, Christmas Eve is seen as a romantic day, similar to Valentine's Day, where couples would spend time together and exchange presents. On Christmas Day, a popular practice is to eat fried chicken and a Japanese Christmas cake.

Source: <http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/japan.shtml>

## United Kingdom

In the United Kingdom, children would hang stockings up by the fireplace or their beds on Christmas Eve believing that Father Christmas would leave presents in it. The main Christmas meal is usually eaten on Christmas Day. Many villages, towns and cities are also decorated with Christmas lights during Christmas.

Source: <http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/uk.shtml>





## Environmental Impact of Christmas

While Christmas is the season to be jolly for us, it is not jolly for the environment at all.

The high usage of Christmas lights uses a high amount of electricity and a lot of trees have to be chopped down to make the cards and wrapping papers we use. Tons of wrapping papers, Christmas trees, cards and plastic packaging will be thrown out or burnt at the end of the season as well. To add, we tend to prepare more food for our Christmas dinners which leads us to throwing away food that we couldn't finish.

Sources:  
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/more-food-outlets-looking/2380406.html> &  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/green-living/high-environmental-price-of-a-very-merry-christmas-429635.html>

## Dreaming of a Green Christmas

We're dreaming of a... Green Christmas! Here are some ways we can be more environmentally friendly during the Christmas season.

- 1 Use energy-saving lights such as LED (Light Emitting Diode) holiday lights.
- 2 Instead of sending holiday cards, send electronic holiday cards.
- 3 Use recycled paper or cloth to wrap your gifts.
- 4 Make use of or donate leftovers from Christmas dinners.

# Advent Calendar

9 Dec

Tell a joke.  
What do you call  
Santa when he stops  
moving?  
- Santa Pause



10 Dec

Bring newspapers  
to IKEA for Sara



11 Dec

Write thank you  
notes to your friends



19 Dec

Write notes to  
your family  
members to tell  
them how  
special they  
are



20 Dec

Make paper  
snowflakes with  
your friends



2 Dec

Sign up for  
smiles  
activities  
at the Bug  
House



3 Dec

Give big bug hugs



4 Dec

Help mummy  
and daddy to  
set up and  
decorate the  
Christmas  
Tree



5 Dec

Draw a  
snowman  
and  
decorate it



6 Dec

Make hot chocolate  
with marshmallows



7 Dec

Write a letter  
to Santa



8 Dec

Make your  
own  
Christmas  
gift for  
mummy  
and  
daddy



12 Dec

Read a  
Christmas book



13 Dec

Draw a  
picture of  
you, Sara  
and  
Bugbug



14 Dec

Go to the  
IKEA stores to  
redeem some  
merchandise



15 Dec

Start wrapping  
your presents



16 Dec

Do a puzzle with  
your friends



17 Dec

Donate outgrown  
toys and clothes to  
charity



18 Dec

Watch a Christmas  
movie (or two) with  
mummy and daddy



1 Dec

Get into the mood  
of Christmas by  
singing and dancing  
to your favourite  
Christmas songs



2 Dec

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smiles  
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your friends



21 Dec

Tell another joke.  
What do you call a  
snowman party?  
- A Snowball



22 Dec

Hang your  
Christmas  
stocking up



23 Dec

Help to pack the  
house to get it  
ready for guests



24 Dec

Bake cookies and  
share them



25 Dec

Ho, Ho, Ho,  
Merry Christmas!



# IN-STORES WORKSHOPS

**Sign up** for exciting in-stores workshops at the Bug House at IKEA Damansara and IKEA Cheras, Ground Floor from 28 November 2016 onwards!  
\*Based on first come first serve basis.



## REINDEER FRAME WORKSHOP

Cost: \$3 Smålish dällars  
**Date:** 10 December 2016 (Saturday)  
**Location:** IKEA Damansara, area in front of Exchange and Return counters  
**Time:** 10 am - 11.30 am  
**Number of pax:** 20 småles per session

**Date:** 24 December 2016 (Saturday)  
**Location:** IKEA Cheras, next to Bistro 2  
**Time:** 10 am - 11.30 am  
**Number of pax:** 20 småles per session



## SNOW GLOBE WORKSHOP

Cost: \$3 Smålish dällars  
**Date:** 10 December 2016 (Saturday)  
**Location:** IKEA Damansara, area in front of Exchange and Return counters  
**Time:** 12 pm - 1.30 pm  
**Number of pax:** 20 småles per session

**Date:** 24 December 2016 (Saturday)  
**Location:** IKEA Cheras, next to Bistro 2  
**Time:** 12 pm - 1.30 pm  
**Number of pax:** 20 småles per session



## Colour me



# INBOX @ SMALES

**Last issue's theme:**  
**Sara and Bugbug decorated a tree for Christmas! How do you think it looked like?**  
 We love to receive your drawings and letters – they just brighten our day! Thank you for your lovely drawings and letters! We're sorry we can't fit everything here as there is not enough space. Visit [IKEA.my/smales/inbox](http://IKEA.my/smales/inbox) for more drawings and letters!

Winners' Drawing



Zhafran Rayyan, 7 years old



Tejeshvar Jaganathan, 5 years old

**Sara and Bugbug bumped into a flower fairy while wandering in the woods. Where did the flower fairy lead them to?**  
 Share your drawings with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details to [sara@smales.com.my](mailto:sara@smales.com.my) or **småles, No. 2, Jalan PJU 7/2, Mutiara Damansara, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Selangor** by **30 December 2016**. 2 lucky winners will each win a **HEMMAHOS** cushion.



Sara and Bugbug were walking. Suddenly, a snowball hit them from behind! They were very shocked and tried to run away. Unfortunately, they bumped into a tree.

A bird, which was resting on the tree, fell down. Boom! Sara and Bugbug quickly went to check on the bird. The bird had a broken wing and could not fly.

Sara and Bugbug decided to bring the bird to their house. They fed the bird with food, water and medicine. They also named the bird - Ram. A few days later, Ram recovered from its injury.

Sara and Bugbug brought Ram back to the jungle. Ram thanked them for taking good care of him. Ram promised to come back to look for them every month. They said good-bye to each other before Ram flew away.

On their way home, Sara and Bugbug started to miss Ram. They couldn't wait for next month to meet Ram again.

**Kok Yik Syuan, 6 years old**

Winners' Letter

**Last issue's theme:**  
**Sara and Bugbug were walking. Suddenly, a snowball hit them from behind! What happened after?**

One day, Sara and Bugbug were walking. Suddenly, a snowball hit them from behind. They were frozen and soon became snowmen right after the hit. They could not move and felt extremely cold, thought that they were going to die in this frosty forest. At this moment, a brown bear passed by and saw them. The bear rescued them by cracking the ice on their bodies.

After rescuing Sara and Bugbug, the bear told them his name is Eddie and brought them to his house and served them hot chocolates to warm their bodies. Before leaving, Eddie invited Sara and Bugbug to come his house tomorrow to celebrate his birthday.

Sara and Bugbug went to departmental store to choose a gift for Eddie's birthday on the way back home. Finally, they chose a heart-shaped soft toy which was look the same as Sara. The next day, Sara and Bugbug bought a delicious cake and some beautiful decorations and brought along the present before heading to Eddie's house. They wanted to give Eddie a wonderful birthday party. Eddie was very happy to be with his friends. They became close to each other and often played together ever after.

**Wong Rong Yee, 5 years old**

**Sara and Bugbug were in the park and they heard a sound coming from behind the bushes. What did they find?**

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