

Sell a Santa Gift exchange game

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Sell-a-Santa is a beautiful and hilarious way to spend a Christmas eve with family and friends. It's a game for about 4 to 10 people that challenges all involved to get creative and present the gifts they bought as spectacular as possible. So polish your show- and salesmanship and praise your gifts as if they are made of gold. To set up a Sell-a-Santa evening, agree on a budget, agree on a date and send this PDF around, that's it.

Before the Sell-a-Santa evening everyone must

- 1. Buy one 'big' gift (around 75% of the agreed budget)
- 2. Buy one 'small' gift (around 25% of the agreed budget)
- 3. Wrap both gifts as enticing as you can. Make them stick out, but keep the content secret!
- 4. Prepare a presentation where you praise both of your gifts separately. This can be a story, a song, movieclip or whatever you can think of. Go wild but don't reveal the content of the presents.

On the evening

- 1. Every player presents his or her gifts to the rest. You can take notes if you want.
- 2. After the presentations, all will fill out the Sell-a-Santa forms. For the Big and the Small gifts, reward three stars to the player that presented the gift you most desire. Award two stars to your second choice and 1 star for your third. After this, award 3 stars to the player you thought gave the best performance and so on. You may NOT vote for your own gifts or performance.
- 3. One trustworthy person collects all the forms and counts the number of stars that ever player has earned. The player with most stars to his name is the winner and gets to pick his or her gifts first, followed by the second in line and so on.

So what does this mean?

If you want any chance of winning this game and be the first to select a gift, you will have to really try hard to make your gifts irresistible to everyone else. So do your very best at wrapping whatever you bought so that people cannot wait to get their hands on it. Present it like it is the one thing missing in their lives and they would be fools not to put your name in the three star box. Go the extra mile to receive some credits for your performance. Why not sing your message? Even when you cannot carry a tune, many will appreciate the effort. It will be worth it if it brings you victory right? Or do it standing on your head or wearing a flashy suit or ...