How to host

Everything here works for a family of four or a party of twenty.

Before everyone arrives

Print the bingo cards and calling slips, the trivia host sheet and a few answer sheets, and cut out the This or That and challenge cards. Put pencils and something to mark bingo squares (buttons, cereal, pennies) in a bowl.

A plan for an hour

Start with bingo while people trickle in: it needs no explaining. Then trivia in teams (mix ages so every team has a reader). Finish with 60-second challenges, which are loud, silly and end the night on a high. Keep This or That cards on the dinner table.

Mixed ages

Pair little kids with a grown-up on a team rather than giving them their own sheet. Trivia has three levels: let teams pick the level for each round, or ask kids-level questions to the youngest player on each team.

Prizes

Small and silly works best: a candy cane, first pick of the cookies, choosing the next carol. Let the winner of each game pick the next game.