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How to use these cards:

Print two sets of cards on 8 1/2 x 11 cardstock and laminate. Cut cards apart.

For toddler/preschool: use as matching cards. Separate into two sets (one of each picture in each set). Have the child put out all the pictures in the first set, and then find the picture that matches each one.

For elementary: two or more children can use them to play concentration. Shuffle the cards and lay them facedown on a rug or table. Taking turns, each child turns over two cards and tries to find a match. When all the cards have been picked up, the person with the most matched pairs wins.

You can also use these as “story starters” for preschool or elementary. Have the child pick one card and tell a story about it. Preschoolers can simply tell the story out loud; elementary age and up can write the story on paper.

There are cards here that represent winter, as well as holidays that are celebrated during winter. Included are two cards for Hanukkah (a menorah and a dreidel), one card for Kwanzaa (the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the symbols of which include a straw mat, candle holder, and crops), and one card for the Nativity (birth of Christ).

If you do not celebrate all (or any) of these holidays, you still might consider using them as a way to introduce children to winter celebrations. There are lots of great books for kids on all these traditions.