

## **St. Nicholas of Tolentino Story Memory Game**

Playing a memory game is a great way to help kids improve their concentration and recall skills while also learning about St. Nicholas of Tolentino.

Here's a step-by-step guide to playing a simple and fun memory game:

### **Materials Needed:**

- A deck of memory cards (you can make these by cutting out pairs of matching words from paper or using the printed set found below on the following pages)
- A flat surface to play on

### **Preparation:**

1. *Create the Memory Cards:*
  - You can create your own memory cards or use the printed set below.
  - Make sure you have an even number of cards, with each card having a matching pair.
2. *Shuffle the Cards:*
  - Mix up the cards thoroughly to ensure that the pairs are not together.

### **How to Play:**

1. *Set Up the Game:*
  - Lay all the cards face down on a flat surface in a grid pattern (e.g., 4x4, 4x6, or 5x6 depending on the number of cards you have).
2. *Explain the Rules:*
  - Explain to the kids that they will take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to find matching pairs.
  - If the cards match, the player keeps the pair and gets another turn.
  - If the cards do not match, they should be turned back over, and it becomes the next player's turn.
3. *Start Playing:*
  - Choose a player to go first. This player flips over any two cards, showing them to everyone.
  - If the cards match, the player removes the pair from the grid and places them in front of themselves. They then get another turn.
  - If the cards do not match, they turn the cards back over in their original positions, and the next player takes their turn.
4. *Continue Playing:*
  - Play continues in this manner, with players taking turns flipping over two cards and trying to find matches.
5. *End the Game:*
  - The game ends when all the pairs have been found and removed from the grid.
  - The player with the most pairs at the end of the game wins.

**Tips:**

- For younger children, start with fewer pairs to make the game easier.
- Use themes that interest the children, such as animals, superheroes, or favorite characters, to keep them engaged.
- Encourage players to pay close attention and remember the positions of the cards.

**Variations:**

- Team Play: Pair up the children and have them work together to find matches.
- Timed Game: Set a timer for each turn to add an element of urgency and excitement.

Enjoy playing the memory game and watching the kids develop their memory skills while having fun!

## Memory Cards

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