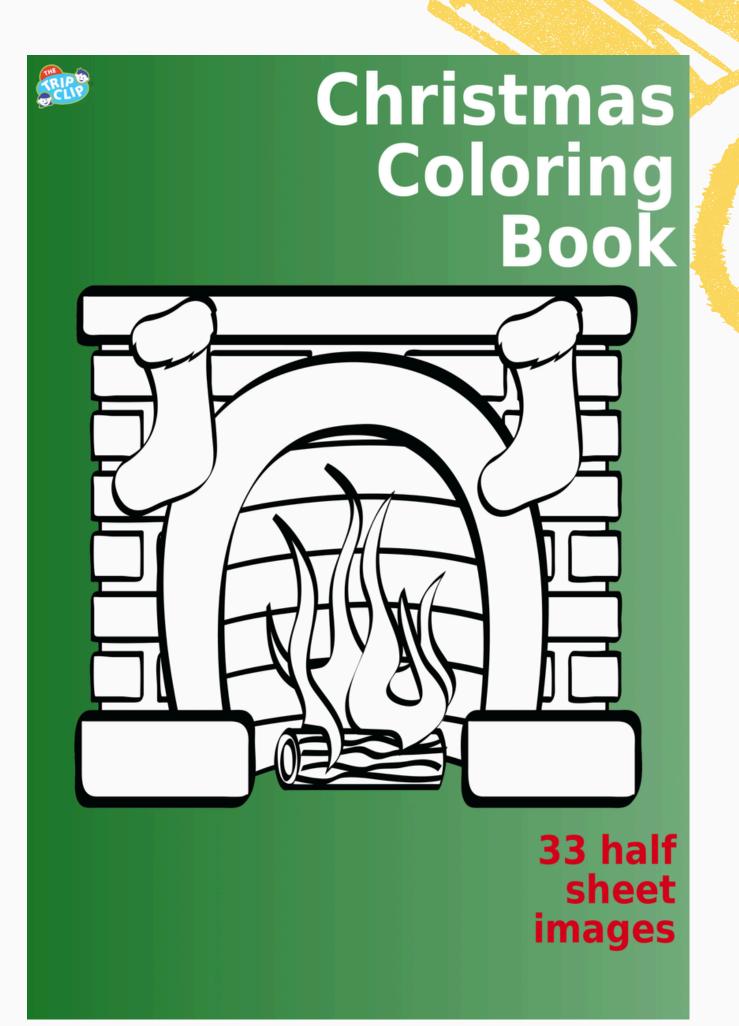
## CHRISTMAS COLORING PICTURES

## 33 CHRISTMAS PICTURES TO COLOR

These printable pictures are good for celebrating Christmas while giving kids a chance to work on hand-eye coordination and early handwriting skills. There are images with thick lines for very young kids and more complicated images that will take more coordination.

Teachers and parents can use these for Christmas celebrations, writing prompts, kids who finish work early, while traveling, or any time they want to offer some holiday-themed fun!



## LEARNING FROM COLORING

Coloring is a great way for kids to work on handwriting skills. They will practice:

- 1. Holding a writing utensil. Simply holding a crayon, or marker, or pencil helps your child get used to how it feels to hold a writing utensil, and over time they will learn to improve their grip.
- 2. Hand strength. Writing uses a bunch of muscles in the hand, and kids' hands can get tired when they do a lot of writing. Like any muscles, hand muscles need exercise to get stronger, and coloring is a great (and fun) way to do that!
- 3. Fine motor skills. Not only do those muscles need to be strong, but it takes practice for kids to be able to fully control all of those fine muscles.
- 4. Hand-eye coordination. Learning to color inside the lines gives kids a ton of practice with their hand-eye coordination so they can make the precise, small motions needed to write well.
- 5. Focus. Sitting down with a coloring page helps kids practice the concentration they need as they begin writing.
- 6. Creativity. Creativity may not be a skill needed for handwriting, but it is for writing! Give your child some coloring sheets and let them explore, dream, and create freely.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 33 Christmas-themed images, each on a half sheet of paper
- Color and black and white versions of all of them
- Letter and A4
   (international) versions
   of all of them

