NOON YEAR'S EVE

The Countdown Little Kids Can Actually Attend

A free printable party planner for families with kids under seven - the balloons, the countdown, the fizzy toast, and bedtime still happens.

From Coryverse - stories for all ages, especially young children.

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Print the labels, tape one to each paper bag, put the listed filler inside - and the party plans itself.

How Noon Year's Eve works

Midnight is wonderful. It is also five hours past bedtime. So we move it. At noon on December 31, we count down from ten, drop the balloons, raise a sparkling-juice toast - and then we eat lunch, exactly as planned.

Pick your family's tier before the day (decide by the kid, not the calendar):

Tier 1 - Noon (toddlers & preschoolers): Party 9 a.m.-12 noon. Normal nap, normal bedtime. They will never know the difference, and you will thank yourself on January 1.

Tier 2 - London (early elementary): Do the noon party AND a second, "real" midnight at 6 p.m. our time - that's midnight in London. Special dinner, countdown, then bed.

Tier 3 - Midnight (older kids): An afternoon rest, the 5 p.m. Paris countdown as a warm-up, and the real thing at midnight - with a slow morning planned for January 1.

The four bags: Print the four labels. Tape one to each paper bag. Put the listed filler inside. Open one bag each hour: 9, 10, 11 - and the big one at noon.

Keep it safe: Party horns point up and away, never at anyone's ear (loud sounds at or above 85 decibels can hurt little ears). If anyone in your house is under three, or balloons worry you, skip the balloon drop - drop soft beach balls or scarves instead, and pick up every balloon piece right away: broken balloons are a choking hazard.

Protect the routine: One late night is fine. Keep the same wake-up time, and steer back to normal bedtimes over the weekend before school starts.

9 A.M.

The Party Starts Here

Filler: paper crowns to colour.

Colour your crown. Today you are royalty until lunch. Older kids: you are today's official Countdown Hosts - the noon countdown is yours to run.

Tape this label to the bag. The card above goes inside it.

10 A.M.

Make Some Noise (Safely)

Filler: an empty sealed bottle + a spoon of dried beans/rice per child (grown-up seals it).

Shake, shake, shake! Decorate your shaker. Party rule: we make noise at the sky, never in anybody's ear.

Tape this label to the bag. The card above goes inside it.

Story moment: read one short story aloud while the glue/tape dries - grown-up's choice from the family shelf.

11 A.M.

The Year in Pictures

Filler: the Year-in-Review cards (page 10).

One photo a month. Grown-ups ask, everybody shouts the answer. Little kids get the picture rounds - just hold up the photo and let them tell the story of it.

Tape this label to the bag. The card above goes inside it.

12 NOON

COUNTDOWN!

Filler: sparkling juice cups + the certificate (page 12).

10... 9... 8... Drop the balloons (or the beach balls)! Happy Noon Year! Raise your cup: 'To naps that still happen!' Then - lunch, heroes. You did New Year's Eve and bedtime too.

Tape this label to the bag. The card above goes inside it.

The evening-tier labels

For Tier 2 and Tier 3 families. Cut along the lines - one label per moment.

5 P.M. CT - Paris Midnight

It's midnight in Paris! Say 'Bonne annee!' One song, one dance, then dinner - the warm-up countdown is done.

6 P.M. CT - London Midnight

It's midnight in London! Full countdown, full cheer. Little kids: this was the REAL one. Pyjamas on - the fanciest in the house - and bedtime is next, right on time.

BEDTIME - Seal the Time Capsule

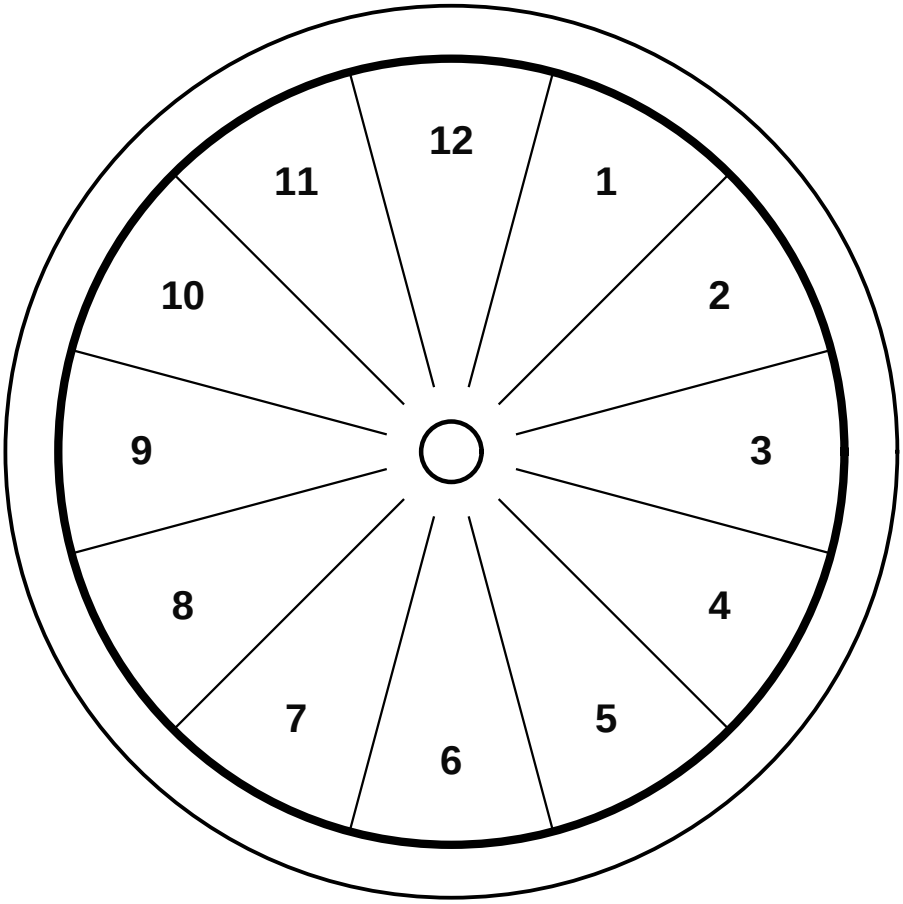
Put your Time Capsule page (page 9) and one printed family photo in the box. Write the open date BIG on the lid: December 31, 2027. Seal it. Somebody hide it somewhere good.

Times are Central - our audience's time zone. Paris midnight is 5 p.m. CT and London midnight is 6 p.m. CT on December 31.

The countdown clock

Colour one wedge every hour. When the hands both point up - it's NOON YEAR!

Cut out the two hands below and fix them to the centre with a brad fastener. For Tier 2, the ring around the clock is the London ring - colour it at 6 p.m.



Cut-out hands (fix the long one and the short one at the centre dot):

LONG HAND - minutes	SHORT HAND - hours

All About My 2026

My time-capsule page - open on December 31, 2027

My name is _____ I am _____ years old.

I am _____ hands tall.

My favourite food: _____

My favourite song: _____

My favourite story: _____

My favourite word: _____

The best thing that happened this year: _____

Something I can do now that I couldn't do last year: _____

Next year I want to learn: _____

My prediction: next year I will be into _____

and the dog will _____.

Draw yourself today:

Trace your hand here:

The Year in Pictures

12 card prompts - one per month. A grown-up fills in the photo (one camera-roll photo per month), everyone plays. The last answer goes in the time capsule.

MONTH 1

Where were we in this photo?

MONTH 2

Who said this?

MONTH 3

What did the dog eat this month?

MONTH 4

Which song did we play the most?

MONTH 5

What was the bravest moment?

MONTH 6

What made us laugh the hardest?

MONTH 7

What was the best meal?

MONTH 8

Who visited us?

MONTH 9

What did we build?

MONTH 10

What was the messiest moment?

MONTH 11

What story did we read the most?

MONTH 12

What do we hope happens next year?

My Wishes for 2027

The time-capsule wishes page. Write them big, seal them with the capsule, and read them next Noon Year's Eve.

Next year I want to learn _____

Next year I hope our family _____

A place I want to visit: _____

A story I want to hear again and again: _____

Something kind I want to do: _____

Draw next year's adventure here:

NOON YEAR'S EVE CHAMPION

This certifies that _____ counted down from ten, dropped the balloons, toasted with something fizzy, and still made it to bed on time - the true New Year's Eve double victory.

December 31, 2026

Signed: The Countdown Host _____

The certificate lives in the noon bag (page 6) - it comes out at the countdown, not before.