

'Smart' gift choices by SimplyFun

(Submitted by SimplyFun)

The holidays are here again. It's a time for families, celebrations, traditions — and, of course, gift-giving. If you are shopping for children this year, SimplyFun President Patty Percy suggests that you think about selecting a "smart" gift.

Through home parties, SimplyFun consultants offer board games and activities that are designed to teach important life skills and educational concepts to children while they encourage families to spend important "play" time together.

"The most important gift you can give a child is the gift of play," says Percy. "And the best toys and games help children learn while they play. When you find that combination, you have a 'smart' gift.

Percy offers the following "smart" gift-giving recommendations this year for area shoppers:

Bank It. In this game, players race to save enough money to purchase a new bicycle, earning money by doing chores and other jobs. The game encourages players to manage their money wisely, demonstrates the power of earning interest on your money, and teaches players to shop for a good bargain.

Let's Jet. Children learn about the world around them as they collect points for visiting 90 destinations around the globe. This game develops strategy skills while it teaches geography and world facts. Each game includes a bonus sheet of interesting facts about 62 countries.

Pig Tales. Imaginations light up as children help Pickles the Pig get to the castle by moving around the game board, remembering and building upon a fun story. This unique game fosters language development and enhances creativity and memory.

"All of our games are fun to play, but they also introduce important skills and concepts in math, language, science and more," said Percy. "And parents appreciate that our games play in 30 minutes or less. They provide a great opportunity for families to interact, have fun and share in the joy of learning."

Bank it, Let's Jet and Pig Tales, along with other SimplyFun products are sold in at-home parties through SimplyFun consultants and via SimplyFun's website.

For more information about these "smart" gift suggestions, contact one of the SimplyFun businesses in the local area: Lindsey Morehouse at (231) 457-4536 or Pam Cato at 888-806-6611. •



Uno

By Mary Modderman and Mary Weimer

Uno is a medium-sized beagle mix with a dash of basset or doxie. He is between four and six years old. While he doesn't howl as loudly as most beagles, he does keep his nose to the ground in the traditional beagle way when he first goes outside.

Calm and sweet, Uno loves to snuggle and give kisses. He gets along great with his two doggie "sisters" — a pair of golden retriever mixes. He has learned to sit, walks great on a leash when he needs to out to go potty. Uno is crate trained and will even go in there when the door is open to take a nap.

He is great with my eight-year old daughter, so kids would not be a problem. We're not sure how he is with cats. And ... if food is left on the table or counters, Uno will do his best to counter surf. He will be a great addition to anyone's home! Uno is up to date on vaccines, heartworm testing, and has been neutered and microchipped. He is all ready for a family all his own. His adoption fee is \$195.

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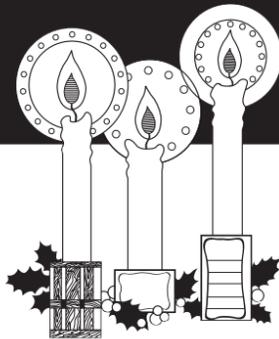
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