

Activity Pack

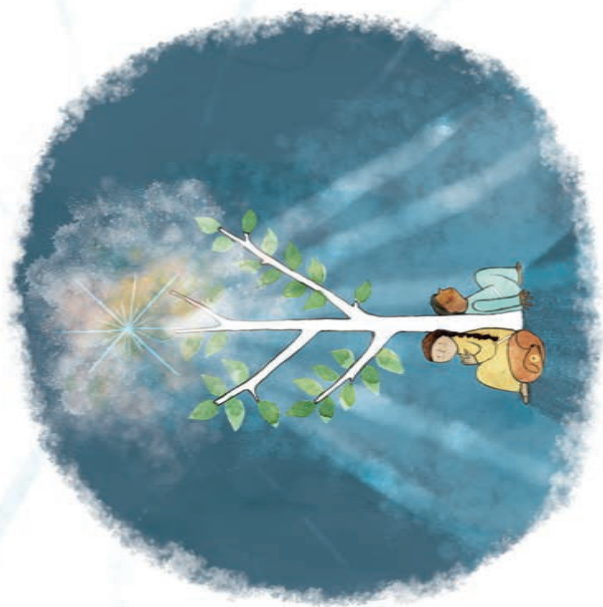
# THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

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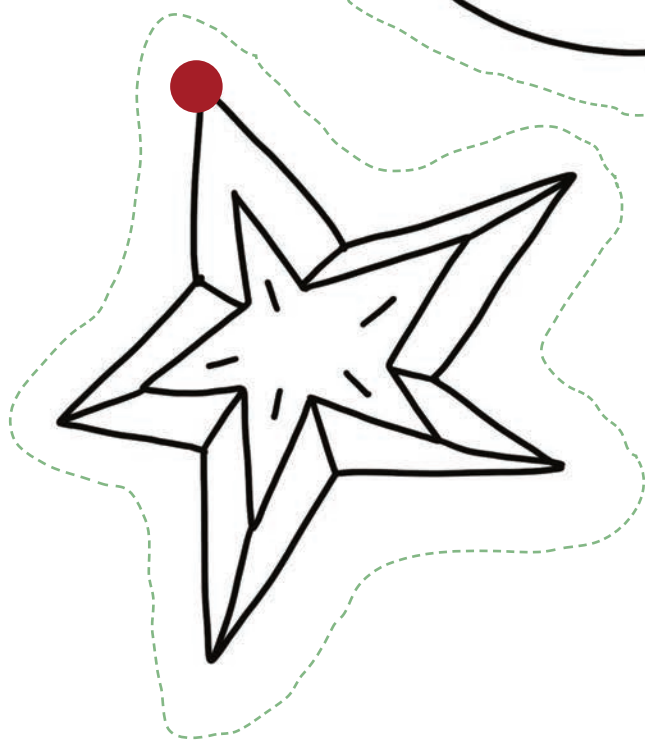
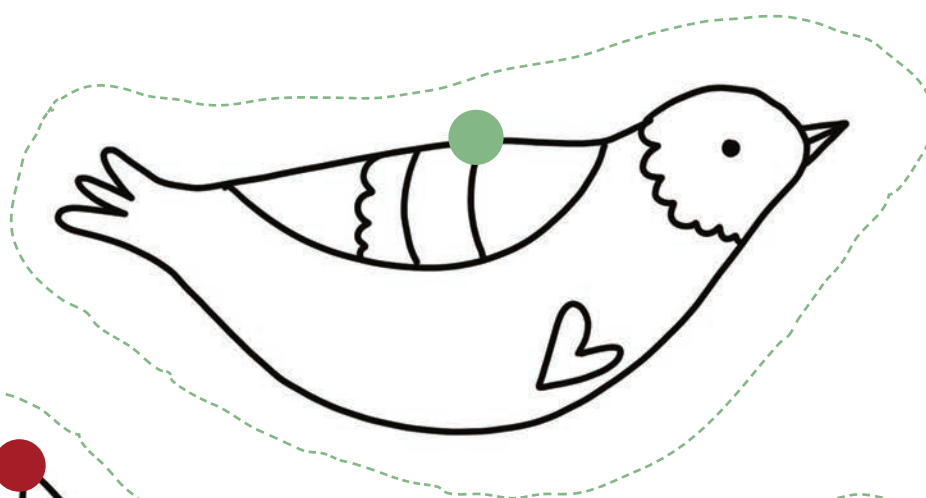
# Make your own Christmas Card



Make your own card by adding decorations to the tree (for example, glitter, stickers or your own artwork) and write a Christmas greeting below it. On the back you can draw your own tree or star. Write your Christmas messages inside, cut out and mail to your loved ones!

# Make Your Own Tree Decoration

What would you like to hang from your Christmas tree? On this page you'll find a star, bird and gift decoration template. You can print them, colour them in, or make your own! Use a hole punch to make a place for them to hang and add some fun ribbon. Now you have your very own Christmas tree decorations! Make sure you write your name and year on the back, and each year you can add to your collection.





# Colour Me In!

You can colour, doodle or use these as inspiration for your own Christmas art!





# Bake some Christmas Cookies

Christmas cookies are easy to make and with a dollop of jam, you can make them extra tasty and Christmas red!

## You'll need:

125g butter, softened  
1/2 cup caster sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 egg, at room temperature  
2 cups plain flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 tablespoon milk  
Raspberry jam

Small bowl  
Baking tray  
Mixer (or a strong arm and a whisk)  
Baking paper

Ask your parents to warm the oven to 180°C. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Using a mixer or a strong arm and a whisk, beat butter, sugar and vanilla in a small bowl until pale and creamy. Add egg and mix until well combined. Add flour and baking powder and stir a little more. Add milk and stir until just combined.

Using 1 heaped tablespoon of mixture at a time, roll mixture into balls. Place on baking trays lined with baking paper. Using the heel of your hand, flatten biscuits slightly (allow room for spreading on either side of them). You can make a dent at the centre and add a spoonful of jam to the centre of each.

Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, and then allow to cool. Eat them or give them as Christmas gifts to your friends!





# Make your own Christmas Crackers

Instead of buying Christmas Crackers full of things you don't want, why don't you try making your own?

What you'll need: Empty toilet rolls, kraft paper, a small potato, paint, ribbon and tiny treasures and handwritten jokes to fill your cracker.

Method: ask a parent to help you cut the potato in half. Using Christmas inspired coloured paint, dip the cut section into the paint. Then stamp your kraft paper to make your own wrapping paper!

While it is drying, find tiny treasures like packets of seeds, handwritten jokes, tiny toys and even a lolly or two! Place them inside your cracker (toilet roll!)

For sounds effects you can ask your parents to buy 'snap crackers'.

If you add these to your crackers, they will make a loud noise when you pull them!

Then wrap with your stamped paper and tie a piece of ribbon on each end. You can even cut each end with crinkle scissors if you have them!

Finally, place your crackers on everyone's plate on Christmas Day and enjoy!

