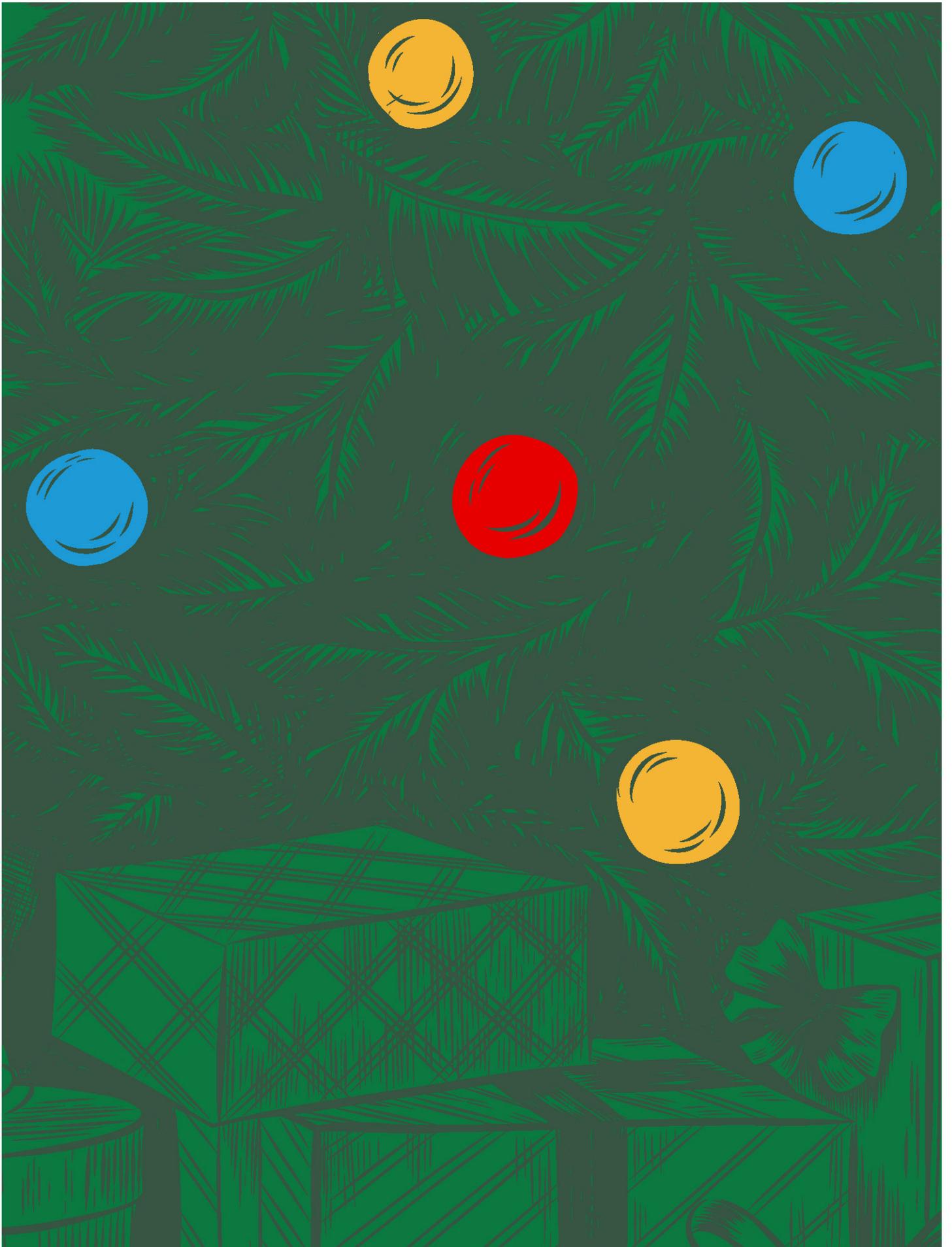




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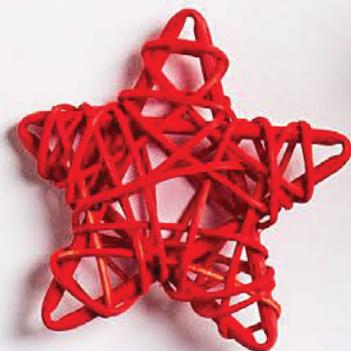


FIND YOUR SPARK

A Christmas tree doesn't come together in a single step — it takes time, care, and many helpful hands, from gathering the branches to placing the shining star on top. In the same way, community grows piece by piece, through small yet meaningful acts. Behind every bright light is a spark of effort, and together we can create something beautiful.

This guide invites you to build a tree of community, one branch, light, and ornament at a time.

Let the magic begin!



GATHER YOUR MATERIALS.

Before you begin decorating your community tree, you'll need some essential supplies.



BRANCHES OF FRIENDSHIP

Reach out to old friends, welcome new ones, and reconnect with others.



LIGHTS OF JOY

Gather what brightens your day: a favorite song, a new recipe, or even an afternoon walk.



ORNAMENTS OF STORIES

Dust off your favorite memories and pass them around like treasured heirlooms.



A SHINING STAR

Keep in mind what inspires you and fills you with hope — it will guide you like the North Star.

Builder's note: Find more fun activities here!



BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION.

Like trees, our communities stand tall and flourish when they're rooted in care and support. Strengthen your foundation with simple acts of care: a wave to a neighbor, a helping hand, or a quiet check-in with someone who needs encouragement. These small gestures anchor the whole tree, allowing it to grow strong.



HELP SOMEONE WITH A CHORE.

Ask if you can feed a pet or take out the trash. Even a small job shows you care and helps your community base feel stronger.



MAKE A CARD FOR SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE LONELY.

Use markers, crayons, or stickers to create a cheerful holiday card, then give it to a neighbor, teacher, or classmate who could use a smile.

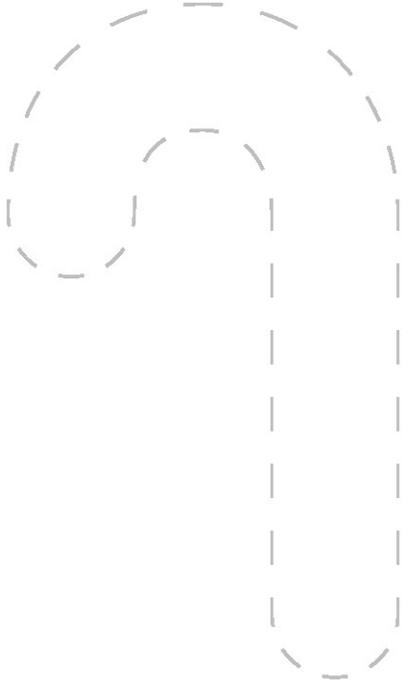
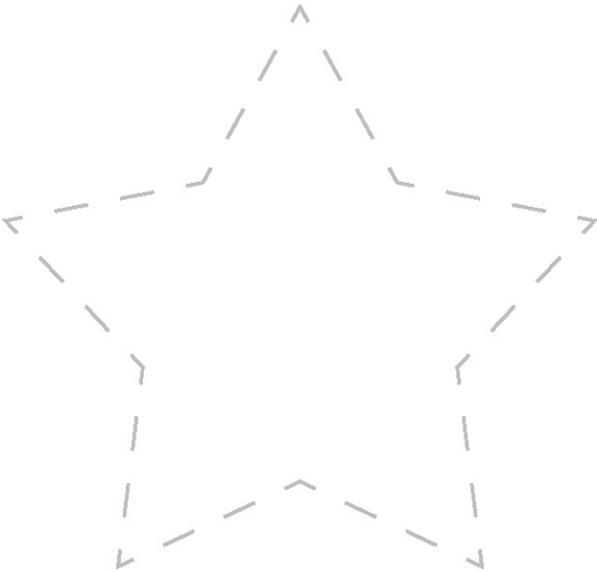
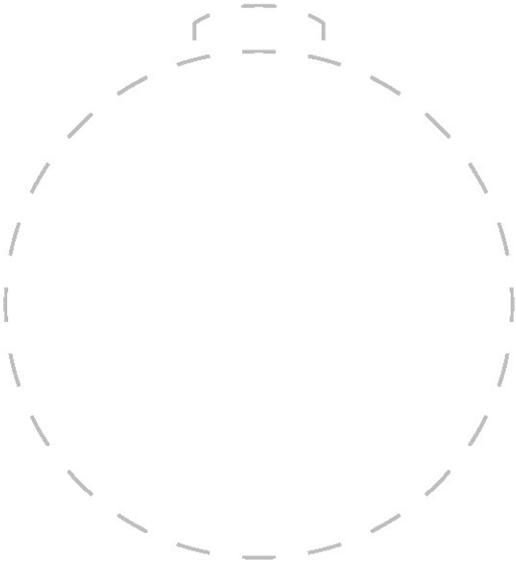


SMILE AND SAY SOMETHING NICE.

Try giving three compliments in one day, such as, "I like your drawing," or "Thanks for playing with me." Each kind word is like another strong root for your tree.

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Use this space to write, draw, or decorate. Use your imagination!



BRANCH OUT.

Just as a tree grows and its branches spread outward, our communities are strengthened by connections that overlap and intertwine. Each skill, passion, and perspective adds to the canopy, creating support that is greater than any single limb. Welcome new friendships, invite acquaintances to join in, and keep widening the circle — each bond extending the reach of your tree.



PLAY A GAME AND INVITE NEW FRIENDS.

Instead of your usual game, suggest something different, like tag, hopscotch, or four square, and invite new friends to play with you.

WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA.

On Christmas Eve, or any time during the holiday season, hand out stationery or notebook paper to write letters to Santa. To add even more holiday magic to your season, join Operation Santa to help Big Red respond to letters from hopeful kids and families.

Builder's note: Visit www.uspsoperationsanta.com to participate in the Operation Santa program



DRAW A "JOY LIGHT BULB."

On paper, draw a big Christmas light bulb and inside it, write or sketch something that makes you happy, like your pet, a favorite game, or hot cocoa. Hang it up to "light up" your space.

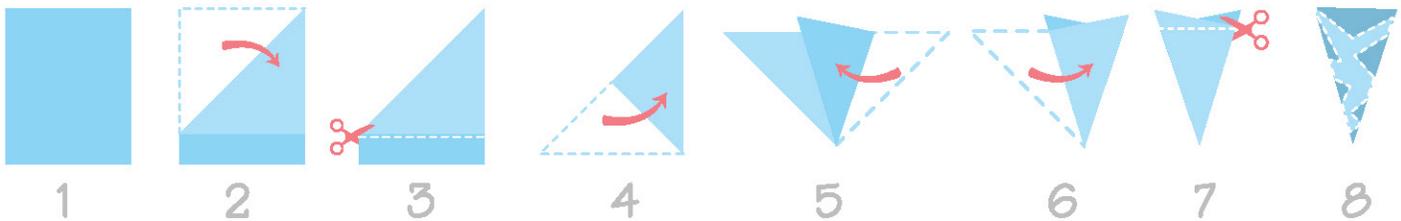
ADD DECORATIONS.

Now comes the sparkle! Lights make a tree shine, and ornaments make it special. Add sparkle to your community by doing fun things together that make everyone feel included.



MAKE PAPER SNOWFLAKES OR GARLANDS.

Fold paper, cut out shapes, and open it up to see your design. String them together with tape and yarn to decorate your room or classroom.



BAKE OR DECORATE COOKIES.

With a grown-up's help, bake cookies and decorate them using frosting and sprinkles. Share your cookies with family, friends, or neighbors.



CREATE KINDNESS COUPONS.

Cut slips of paper and write small "gifts" you can give: "This coupon is good for one hug" or "This coupon is good for helping clean up toys." Hand them out to family or friends.



TOP WITH A SHINING STAR.



No tree is complete without its star — a symbol of hope, unity, and celebration. In a community, the star is whatever brings people together and lifts their spirits. It might be a cherished tradition, a story passed along, or a shared act of giving. Placing the star is more than the final touch — it's a reminder that we're building joy, connection, and the light of hope.



HAVE A STORY NIGHT.

Gather your family and friends, pick your favorite holiday or winter story, and take turns reading aloud. Wrap up in blankets and enjoy the cozy time together.



BUILD A STAR FORT.

Use pillows and blankets to make a fort in your living room. Put a paper star on top and invite your family and friends inside to play a game, tell stories, or share snacks.



WRITE OR DRAW YOUR HOPES FOR NEXT YEAR.

On a piece of paper shaped like a star, write something you hope for, like “learning a new sport” or “making new friends.” Hang it up so you can look forward to it.

**BEHIND EVERY LIGHT, THERE'S A
SPARK OF UNSEEN EFFORT.**

*Thank you for making the
season shine.*



