

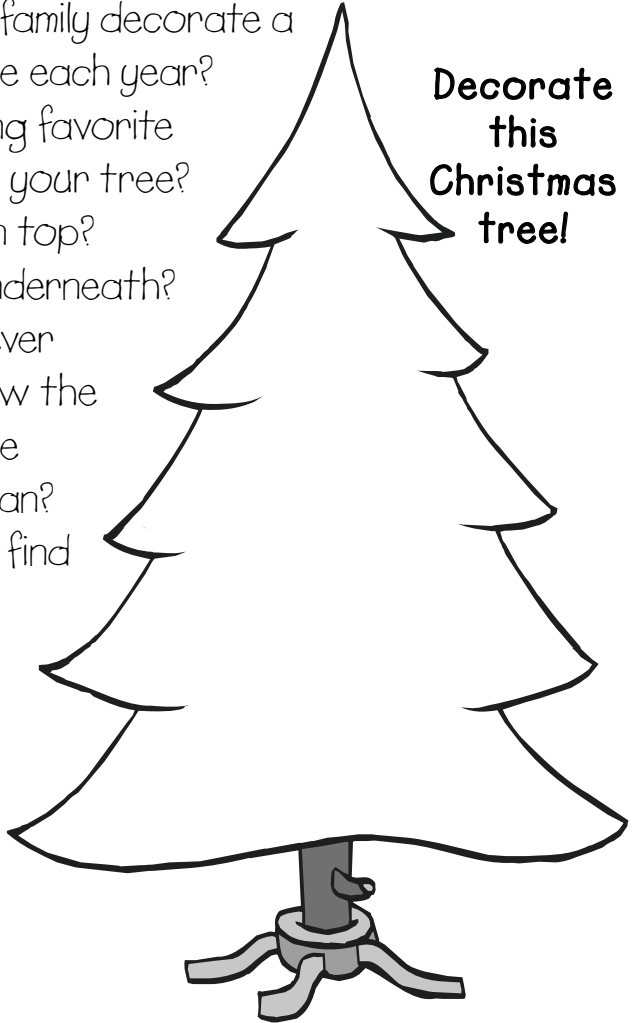
The Story of the Christmas Tree

Does your family decorate a Christmas tree each year?

Do you hang favorite ornaments on your tree? What goes on top? What goes underneath?

Have you ever wondered how the Christmas tree tradition began? Read more to find out!

**Decorate
this
Christmas
tree!**



President Calvin Coolidge began the American tradition of lighting the National Christmas Tree on the White House lawn in 1923.

Unscramble the words.

According to LGEEEND _____, a poor widow wanted to surprise her children with a lovely Christmas EERT _____ on Christmas VEE _____. But to her dismay, she saw that ERDSSIP _____ had cast BWES _____ over the branches. Suddenly the Christ Child miraculously changed the webs into RVSILE _____! We symbolize this by decorating with SELTIN _____!

Find the words: tree, light, acre, life, symbol, Christmas, branch, ornament, farm, decorate, legend, candle, plant

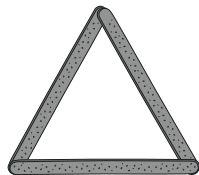
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Christmas Tree Ornament

Materials: three craft or popsicle sticks, green paint, glitter, glue, assorted sequins or beads, photograph (of child, family, or Christmas scene), red ribbon

Directions

1. Paint the craft sticks and sprinkle on glitter.
2. After the sticks dry, glue them together to form a triangle.



3. Glue on assorted sequins, beads, or other decorations; let dry.
4. Trim the photograph to a triangle the same size as the sticks.

5. Tie a red ribbon loop around the top of the craft stick triangle.

6. Glue the photograph to the back of the craft stick triangle.



Hang your Christmas Tree on your Christmas Tree!