



## PIPE CLEANER TREE



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Decorate your very own Christmas tree! In today's activity, we will use pipe cleaners as our tree branches and beads or pasta noodles as our ornaments. Before you get started, take some time to ponder today's scripture reading as a family: "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10

### RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- 4-5 Green pipe cleaners
- Colorful beads
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Yellow/gold craft foam
- Hot glue gun
- Uncooked pasta (optional)

### DECORATING THE TREE

1. Cut out a star for the top of your tree using the yellow or gold craft foam. Make sure it is large enough to cover the "tops" of your pipe cleaners.
2. Then, taking your piece of cardboard and pipe cleaners, use the hot glue gun to affix the end of each pipe cleaner to the top center of your cardboard. Make sure to add them close together so that they begin to form the point of a triangle.
3. Once all pipe cleaners are glued down, add your star on top to cover up the glue.
4. Now, it's time to start decorating! Thread your beads or pasta onto the pipe cleaners, taking care to slide them all the way up and spread them out.
5. Once each pipe cleaner is filled with beads or pasta, stick the end into the cardboard to keep anything from sliding off.
6. Bonus step! Once you've finished decorating the tree, you can add to the background. A q-tip and white paint are great for adding snowflakes!