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Paper Cone Christmas Tree

Age Level: ★★

“O Israel, stay away from idols! I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me.” HOSEA 14:8

What It’s All About

The Lord is like an evergreen tree and he helps us bear good fruit, like kindness, goodness, gentleness and so on. We can make this tree and tell others how God is like an evergreen tree.

What You Need

- ★ Paper Cone Christmas Tree Patterns (p. 134)
- ★ Paper Cutting Tools (see p. 8)
- ★ Coloring and Writing Instruments (p. 8)
- ★ Toilet-paper cardboard tube, one for every two children
- ★ Cardstock in brown and yellow or metallic gold
- ★ Green lightweight paper (such as copy paper or construction paper)
- ★ Glue
- ★ Transparent tape

Optional

- ★ Decorating materials (glitter, stamps and stamp pads, stickers, adhesive gems, etc.)

Preparation

Photocopy Paper Cone Christmas Tree Patterns, making one set for each child.

Cut toilet-paper cardboard tubes in half, making smaller tubes about 2 inches in length.

What Children Do

1. Cut out patterns.

Make the Base of the Tree

2. Trace and cut the cone pattern out of brown cardstock.
3. Glue the tab under the other side of the shape to create a cone.
4. Glue to a 2-inch piece of toilet-paper tube, which forms the tree trunk.

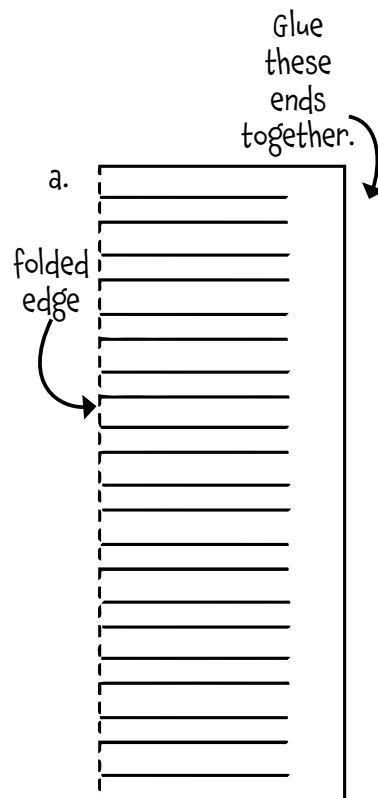
Make the Branches

5. Cut green paper into 4-inch strips.
6. Gently fold the paper in half. Use a very thin line of glue to glue opposite edges together, forming a tube.
7. Starting at the folded side cut into the paper every $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch. Stop about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the glued side together (image a).
8. Push the fold towards the glued side to form loops along the length of the tube.
9. Wrap the strip around the bottom of the tree. Tape in place and trim the excess.
10. Continue layering rows of the strips until you reach the top of the tree.

Make the Star Topper

11. Trace and cut star pattern out of yellow cardstock, cutting on all solid lines, including slits.
12. Slide the star shapes together. If needed, use tape to secure and glue star to the top of the tree.

Optional: Use decorating materials to decorate trees.



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