



WEEK 1- The Tree

Craft: Origami Christmas Tree

If you are a visual learner- you can watch a tutorial video by scanning this QR code.



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Supplies:

Green 12 x 12 paper & Scissors

Instructions:

Step 1- Fold the paper: Fold the square piece of paper corner to corner, producing a triangle. Next, fold that triangle in half to create a smaller triangle. Open the paper back up and fold in half to create a rectangle and then fold the rectangle in half to create a square. Unfold to reveal the crease lines.

Step 2- Form a diamond shape: Next, tuck the two sides towards the center line to create a diamond shape.

Step 3- Form a kite shape: Fold in the left and right side flaps to the center line on both sides to form a kite shape

Step 4- Fold edges in center: Taking one side at a time, open the fold and fold the edge inward towards the center of the kite. Repeat with all four flaps.

Step 5- Cut bottom triangle: Use your scissors to cut off the bottom triangle of the kite shape as shown. Make sure that you are cutting off the open tip and not the folded tip.

Step 6- Spread out flaps: Spread out the flaps slightly to create your straight-edged tree. For the folded edge tree, continue on to step 7.

Step 7- Cut horizontal lines into flaps: Using scissors, cut horizontal lines into each of the 6 flaps. (The size of the lines will vary depending on the size tree you are making, but we recommend to cut approximately half-way in towards the center of each flap.)

Step 8- Fold cuts down: Fold the cut lines down to create small triangles; repeat around all 6 sides of the tree.

Completed Tree! Now try again with varying sizes. Remember- Origami always has to start with a square!





WEEK 1 Family Discussion

- 1. What is the history of your family tree? Is it real or artificial? Do you buy it from a store or go to a tree farm? Share the traditions around setting up of your Christmas Tree.**
- 2. Why do we create traditions in our family? How would Christmas be different without the traditions or things we are used to having?**
- 3. Share how you are thankful for Jesus and share why it is important to celebrate His birth every year.**

