

Theme: Fun Festive Activities

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Hello StrongStart families,

Today's email is put together by Ms. Karolina (from Thunderbird).

Decorating a Christmas tree is always an exciting activity before the holidays. However, it's not exactly the safest activity for young children to be around those precious and irreplaceable keepsake ornaments! Today, we will be making a Christmas tree activity that your child can decorate over and over again 😊



Materials:

- large green felt (from the fabric store) and a variety of other colour felts for ornaments
- if you don't have felt, you can also tape together green cardstock/construction paper for the tree
- painter's tape or double side Velcro tape

Instructions:

- Cut out a tree shape from the green felt or paper.
- Make some colourful ornaments together! Cut out different shapes like circle or triangles and ask your child to decorate with stickers, paint, bingo dabbers, etc.
- If you are using felt, the ornaments should just stick to the tree. If it's falling off, reinforce it with Velcro tape. If you are using paper, use painter's tape.

Another way to make a more nature-inspired Christmas tree requires you to go for a walk and collect some pinecones. Bring them home and paint them green. Once dried, you can decorate those mini trees with small buttons, bells, stickers or pompoms!



Another fun part of the holidays is singing festive songs! Here are few of my favourites:

Snowing All Around (Rhyme)

Way up high in the winter sky (point fingers up)
Two little snowflakes caught my eye (raise both hands overhead)
They fell to the ground without any sound (flutter hands down)
And before very long, it was snowing all around (stretch arms out and twist your body)



Brr, Brr, Brr! (to the tune of "Deck the Halls")

*All around I see it snowing,
Brr, brr, brr, brr, brrr. Brr, brr, brr, brr.
All around the cold wind's blowing.
Brr, brr, brr, brr, brrr. Brr, brr, brr, brr.
It feels like the world is freezing,
Brr, brr, brr, brr, brrr. Brr, brr, brr, brr.
I am shivering and I'm sneezing,*

Brr, brr, brr, brr, brrr. Brr, brr, brr, brr.

Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star (to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

- <https://youtu.be/7Y7c8eTNpcM>

*Twinkle, twinkle Christmas Star
Way up high is where you are.
Shining bright for all to see,
On the top of our tree.
Twinkle, twinkle Christmas Star
Way up high is where you are.*

S-A-N-T-A (to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O") - <https://youtu.be/mGAYzlqj-aE>

*Red hat, white beard, twinkle in his eye.
Santa is his name-o.
S-A-N-T-A,
S-A-N-T-A,
S-A-N-T-A,
Santa is his name-o!*

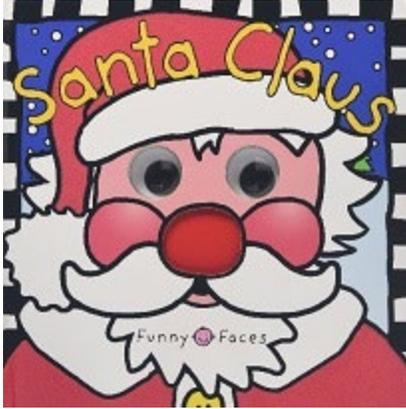
Alternative verses:

- *He slides down the chimney with the pack on his back and Santa is his name-o ...*
- *Eight little reindeers pull his sleigh and Santa his his name-o ...*



To finish off, Ms. Karolina will read a funny face book called "Santa Claus" by Roger Priddy

- <https://youtu.be/KQIACkRZfOg>



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