Christmas Activity Packet

The Story of Christmas

God loved the world very much and wanted everyone to know Him. So He chose Mary and Joseph to care for His Son, Jesus. When it was time for Jesus to be born, Mary and Joseph traveled to the town of Bethlehem.

When they arrived, the town was very full, and there was no room for them to stay. They found a stable instead, where animals slept. That night, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger. Angels filled the sky with praise, because something wonderful had happened.

Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep when an angel appeared and said, "Do not be afraid! I bring good news. A Savior has been born today." The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Jesus just as the angel had said. They told everyone what they had seen and heard.

Far away, wise men saw a bright star in the sky. They followed it for many days until it led them to Jesus. They brought Him special gifts and worshiped Him.

Jesus was born in a humble place, but He came to bring love, hope, and peace to the world. That is why Christmas is a special time we celebrate each year.

Christmas Memory Verse

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given... and
his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Thumbprint Christmas Cookies

Ingredients

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
½ cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup jam (strawberry, raspberry, or apricot)
Optional: powdered sugar for dusting

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C)
In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy
Mix in vanilla
Gradually add flour and salt until dough forms
Roll dough into 1-inch balls and place on a lined baking sheet
Use your thumb (or spoon) to gently press an indentation in the center
Fill each indentation with ½ teaspoon jam
Bake for 12–14 minutes until edges are lightly golden
Cool on a wire rack
Optional: dust with powdered sugar
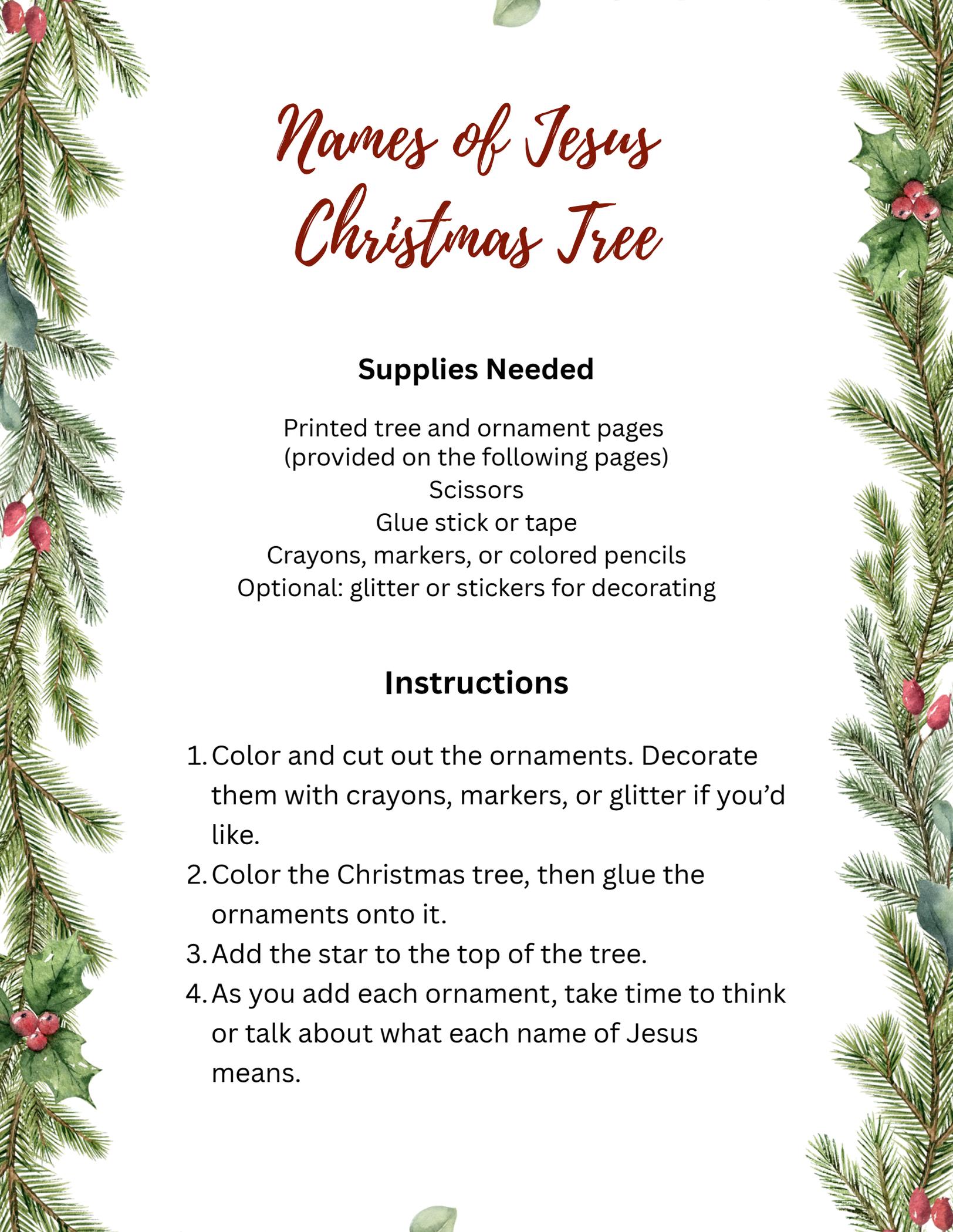
Cotton Ball Snowman

Materials

Cotton balls (8–12)
Construction paper
Glue
Markers/crayons
Scrap paper (hat, nose, scarf)
Optional: googly eyes, yarn, buttons

Instructions

Glue cotton balls into three circles (bottom, middle, head).
Add eyes, carrot nose, and smile.
Cut and glue a hat and scarf.
Decorate the background with snow or snowflakes.
Your paragraph text

Names of Jesus Christmas Tree

Supplies Needed

Printed tree and ornament pages
(provided on the following pages)
Scissors
Glue stick or tape
Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
Optional: glitter or stickers for decorating

Instructions

1. Color and cut out the ornaments. Decorate them with crayons, markers, or glitter if you'd like.
2. Color the Christmas tree, then glue the ornaments onto it.
3. Add the star to the top of the tree.
4. As you add each ornament, take time to think or talk about what each name of Jesus means.

Names of Jesus

Mighty God

Messiah

Immanuel

Savior

Wonderful

Redeemer

Jehovah

King of Kings