



Advent Activities

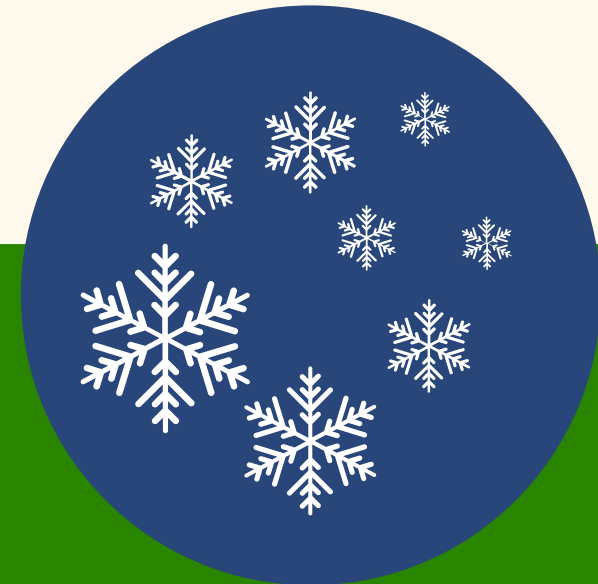
that don't add to the bustle



As you light your tree

Find a few moments to

- Read (and perhaps memorize) John 8:12
- Turn off the lights, then light the tree. Discuss how light shines in darkness.



On a day when it's snowing

Find a few moments to

- Read Psalm 51:7. Discuss how the snow makes everything look clean and white. Explain how God washes away our sin.
- Use a white board to demonstrate removing stains to make a clean white slate.



When you sing "Joy to the World"

Consider the composers.

- George Frideric Handel wrote the melody while Isaac Watts wrote the lyrics.
- Discuss Handel's *Messiah* - and what the word "Messiah" means.
- Marvel that people have been singing "Joy to the World" since 1719!



As you look at your ornaments

Take a moment to think about where you got each. If from someone, recount the circumstances, then pray for that person. If purchased, give thanks for the provision that allows us to buy things that aren't "needs."

Merry Christmas from