



Let's Create Christmas Books

General Suggestions

- Books can be used as Bulletin Board displays, gifts, or as a class Christmas library.

Older children can use patterns and write their own stories and verses.

- Use various colours and kinds of papers to give different effects.
- Students can take turns signing out to share with their families.

Add a comment page at the back for listeners' responses.

- Young students may need to work with an older "buddy" who can assist with the cutting.

Collect, or ask students to bring in:

Wrapping paper

Cookie sprinkles

Ribbon

Christmas tags

Sequins

Catalogues/magazines

Used Christmas cards

Glitter

Gummed shapes/stars

Rick-rack

Foil

Cotton batten

Small seeds

Parsley (for the cookie tree!)

Doilies

Have fun!

Teacher Suggestions—"My Christmas Wish Book"

The purpose of this booklet is to focus children on the idea that Christmas means giving and caring for others.

Each child could contribute a page with a wish, for the world, or make a personal book of wishes for family and friends.

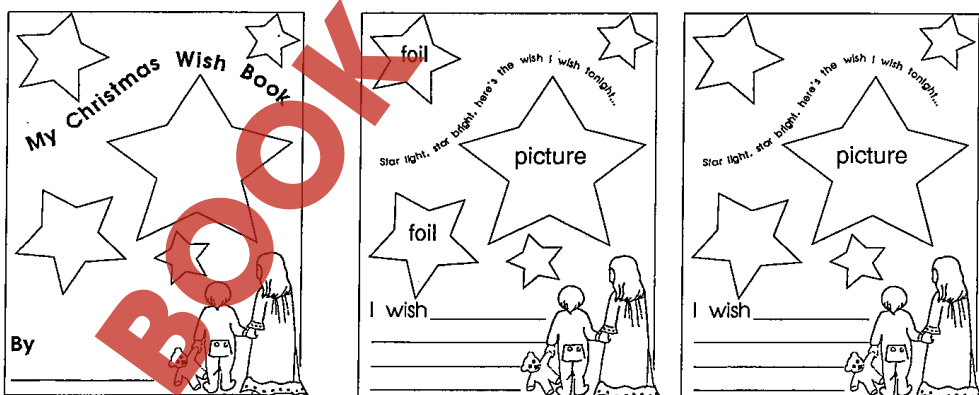
Some ideas for wishes might include world peace, ecological wishes (e.g. no more oil spills), help for endangered species, an end to pollution, food for children around the world.

Older children could bring in newspapers for ideas and discussion. Younger children might make wishes for family and friends (e.g. that Mom gets the baby toilet trained, that Grandma's arthritis gets better, that a friend gets the new bicycle he wants).

As long as the wish is not for yourself, it would be acceptable. Children might interview teachers, family and friends to find out what their wishes are.

The booklet could be set up in a number of ways.

1. Pictures could be drawn in stars to illustrate wishes.
2. Stars could be cut out to make a "see through" book. The last page could be bristol board covered with foil, or construction paper with "glitter" glued on where stars are cut.



Title Page

Back page foil-covered
(Back page can be a bit larger or squares of foil can be taped behind stars.)

or Glitter shapes

Santa's Sacks



**Teacher Suggestions
"The Christmas Tree"**

(Counting & Following Instructions)

Tree shape run off on green bond paper looks great!

You could cut tree pattern from green construction paper or bristol board, colour the tree, then glue on items. Staple the stories at the bottom (calendar style).

OR

Tree can be reproduced to make a booklet of 10 pages. Paste a verse on each page. Draw and colour the appropriate decorations to match the verse.

OR

You could have 10 children each do a page to make a group booklet.

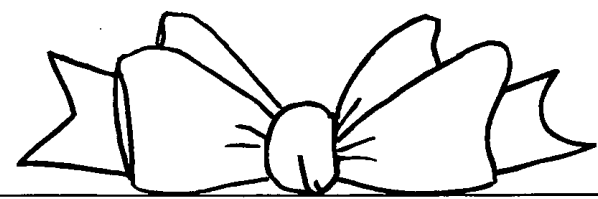
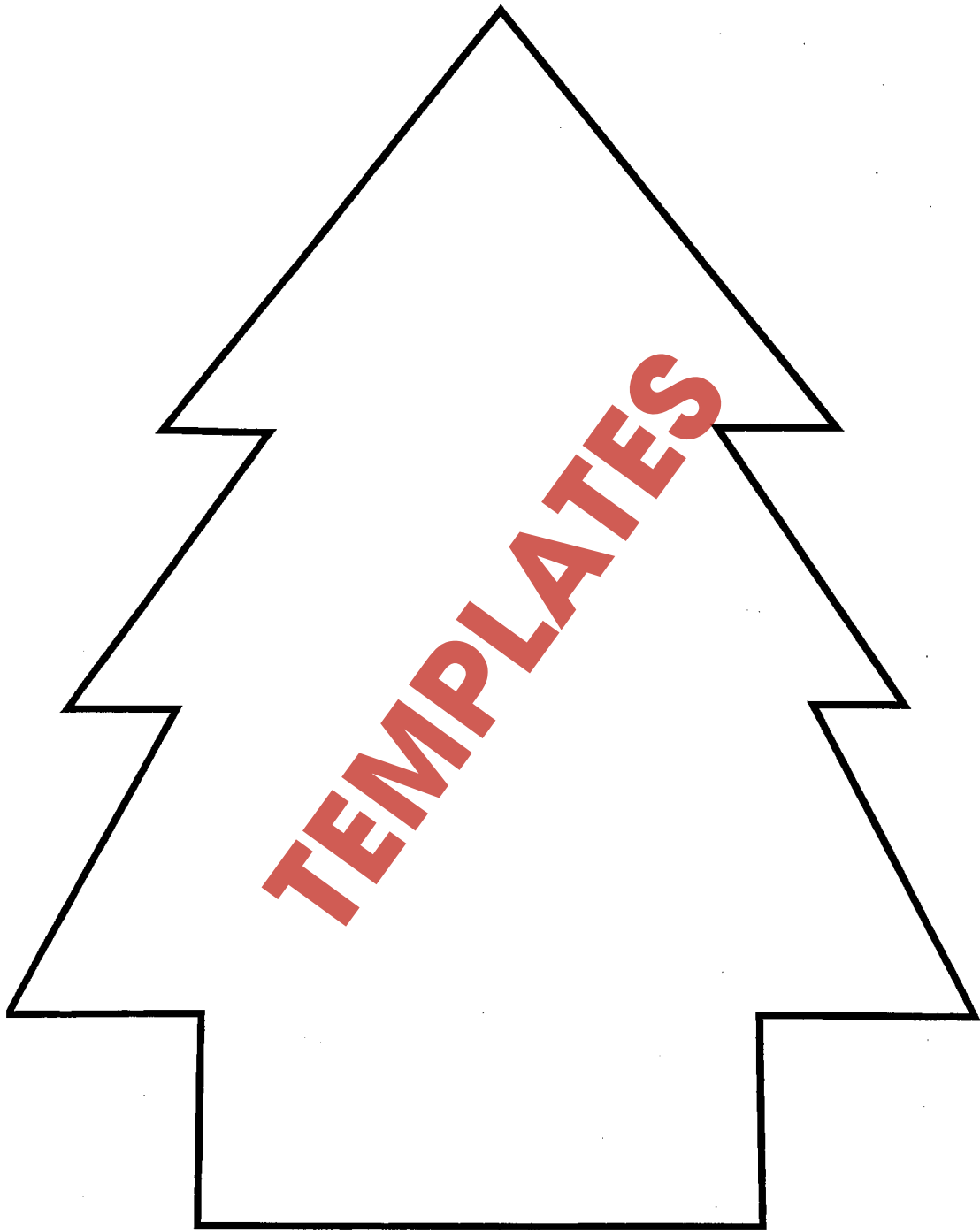
OR

You could add verses until you have a page for each child in the room. (e.g. 11 dolls, 12 gifts, 13 Santas, 14 gingerbread men, 15 stockings, etc.)

Verses go here on tree trunk.

Use these verses for calendar style.

Oh look! What do I see? Ten bright lights On the Christmas tree.	Oh look! What do I see? Five velvet bows On the Christmas tree.
Oh look! What do I see? Nine red balls On the Christmas tree.	Oh look! What do I see? Four candy canes On the Christmas tree.
Oh look! What do I see? Eight little elves On the Christmas tree.	Oh look! What do I see? Three purple bells On the Christmas tree.
Oh look! What do I see? Seven little snowflakes On the Christmas tree.	Oh look! What do I see? Two pretty angels On the Christmas tree.
Oh look! What do I see? Six blue horns On the Christmas tree.	Oh look! What do I see? One silver star On the Christmas tree.



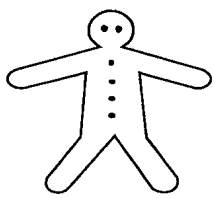
Glue or staple wrapping paper flap here.

CREATIVITY

Look at the present _____ didn't hide!
Let's take a peek and see what's inside!
Guess which one it is!



My Christmas Cookies



1.



2.

We rolled them flat
We cut them out
They looked so yum yum yummy!

3.

We let them bake
We cooled them off
And now they're in my tummy!

4.

