

Christmas Crafts

Handprints for Joy



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Supply List

- White or light-colored cardstock or construction paper (8x11 inches)
- Green paint
- Black marker (for the trunk!)
- Other colored paper, sequins, puff balls, etc. (for the Christmas tree ornaments!)
- Something sparkly or a small piece of yellow paper (for the star on the tree!)
- White glue
- Another colored marker (for the Bible verse!)

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1. Paint your hand with the green paint, and place it in the center of the white or light-colored paper.
 2. Wait for your handprint to dry completely.
 3. Use sequins, puff balls, colored markers, or any other decoration of your choice to create the decorations and ornaments for your Christmas tree.
 4. Wait for the glue to dry.
 5. Write or paint the letters "J" and "Y" in big letters on either side of your handprint tree.
 6. Write "Luke 2:10" at the bottom of your beautiful artwork!

Imagine that you were sitting outside talking with your friends. Now, imagine having someone suddenly appear to give you the biggest, most awesome announcement you will ever hear in your life! They gave you absolutely no warning about the great news you just received. You would be shocked and maybe even a little bit scared. Wouldn't that be a lot to take in?

The story of the angels appearing to the shepherds is one of the most exciting parts of the Christmas story. The shepherds were a lot like us—everyday people leading busy lives. But God saw fit for them to be among the first who would ever hear the good news of great joy!