



Activities to do at the farm:

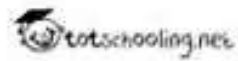
- Send a letter to Santa
 - o Remember to bring your envelope with return address
- Pick up Coloring Sheet in Gift Shop, *provided by Walton Arts Center*
- Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Discuss the Lifecycle of a Tree (view the various stages on the farm)
- Shake and Net a Christmas Tree
- Ride the Hayride
- Explore the farm
- Christmas Tree STEM Investigation Project
- The Sugar Shack will be open, with Christmas Cookies and Hot Chocolate for purchase

Wonderland Tree Farm Photo Scavenger Hunt

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| _____ Antique Red Sleigh | _____ Santa's Mailbox |
| _____ 1953 Chevy Truck | _____ Wonderland Tree Farm sign (at entrance) |
| _____ Your favorite Christmas Tree | _____ Potted Christmas Tree |
| _____ Christmas Tree Shaker | _____ Tree Stump |
| _____ Christmas Tree Netter | _____ Tree Sapling |
| _____ Christmas Tree Cart | _____ Fraser Fir Pavilion |
| _____ Hayride | _____ Gift Shop |
| _____ The Sugar Shack | _____ Farm Rules Sign |
| _____ Fresh Christmas Wreath | |

We have attached some activity sheets to do before/during/after your visit. Please feel free to select which sheets are appropriate for your child's age range.

Dear Santa,



My name is _____

and I am _____ years old.

This year, I have been very

naughty nice

For Christmas, please bring me:

Love, _____



MY CHRISTMAS TREE

A CHRISTMAS STEM INVESTIGATION PROJECT

MY TREE'S TYPE:



SKETCH OF MY TREE

BRANCH AND NEEDLE SKETCH

MY TREE'S MEASUREMENTS

HEIGHT:

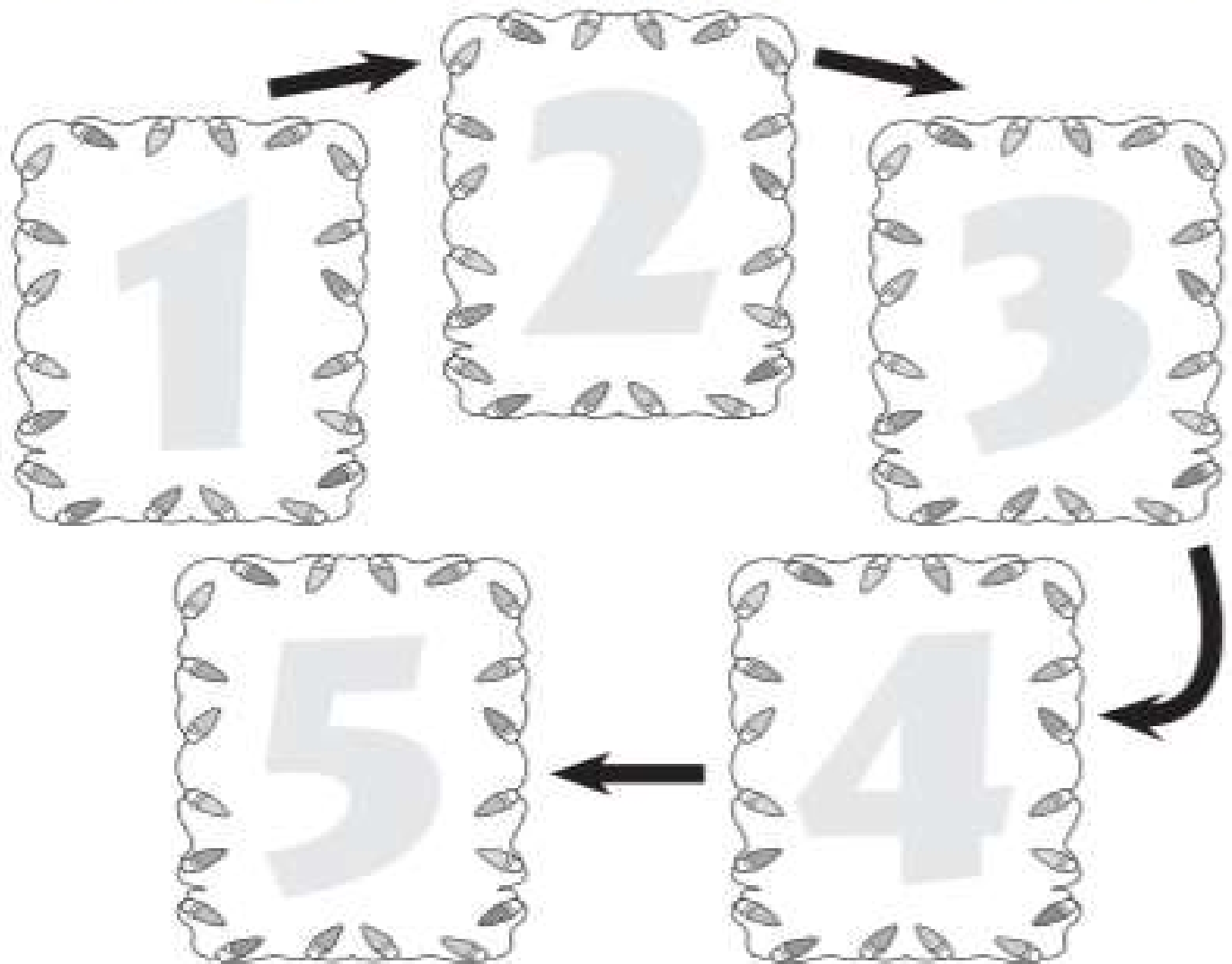
WIDTH/CIRCUMFERENCE:

WEIGHT:

TREE TRUNK CIRCUMFERENCE:

OBSERVATIONS OF MY TREE

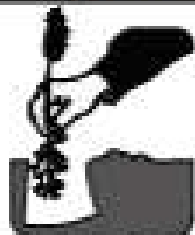
Life Cycle of a Christmas Tree



seed



sapling



small tree



cut down tree



Christmas tree



THE Christmas Tree

DECONSTRUCTED

HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE



1510

The first written record of a decorated Christmas tree comes from Riga, Latvia, where a tree was decorated with artificial roses that symbolized the Virgin Mary.



1600s

In Germany, Christmas trees were decorated with apples, a holdover from when Adam & Eve's Day was celebrated on December 24th.



1800s

The Christmas tree was introduced in the United States by German Settlers. It rapidly grew from tabletop size to floor-to-ceiling.

1883

Sears, Roebuck & Company began offering the first artificial Christmas trees - 33 limbs for \$.50 and 55 limbs for \$1.00

\$1



1900s

Due to overharvesting, the supply of evergreens declined significantly. People were encouraged to use a tree branch wrapped in cotton "snow" as a substitute.

1930s



President Franklin D. Roosevelt started a Christmas tree farm on his estate in Hyde Park, New York.



TODAY

Approximately 25-30 million real Christmas trees are sold each year in the United States. Almost all of these come from Christmas tree farms.

TOP 5 MOST POPULAR CHRISTMAS TREES

Based on US Census data from 2009

FACT



The top Christmas tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington.

- 1 Frasier Fir
- 2 Douglas Fir
- 3 Noble Fir
- 4 Balsam Fir
- 5 Scotch Pine

Five Little Christmas Trees
(to the tune of 5 little monkeys)

*5 little Christmas Trees
Standing all alone
Their hearts were very sad
'Cause they hadn't found a home.
Then chop went the axe,
And down fell a tree,
And off they went with a happy family!*

(continue from 4-1 Christmas Trees)

*No little Christmas Trees
Standing all alone
Their hearts were very happy
'Cause they all found a home!*

Christmas Word Search



A Christmas word search grid in the shape of a triangle. The grid consists of 15 rows of letters. The words to be found are listed below the grid.

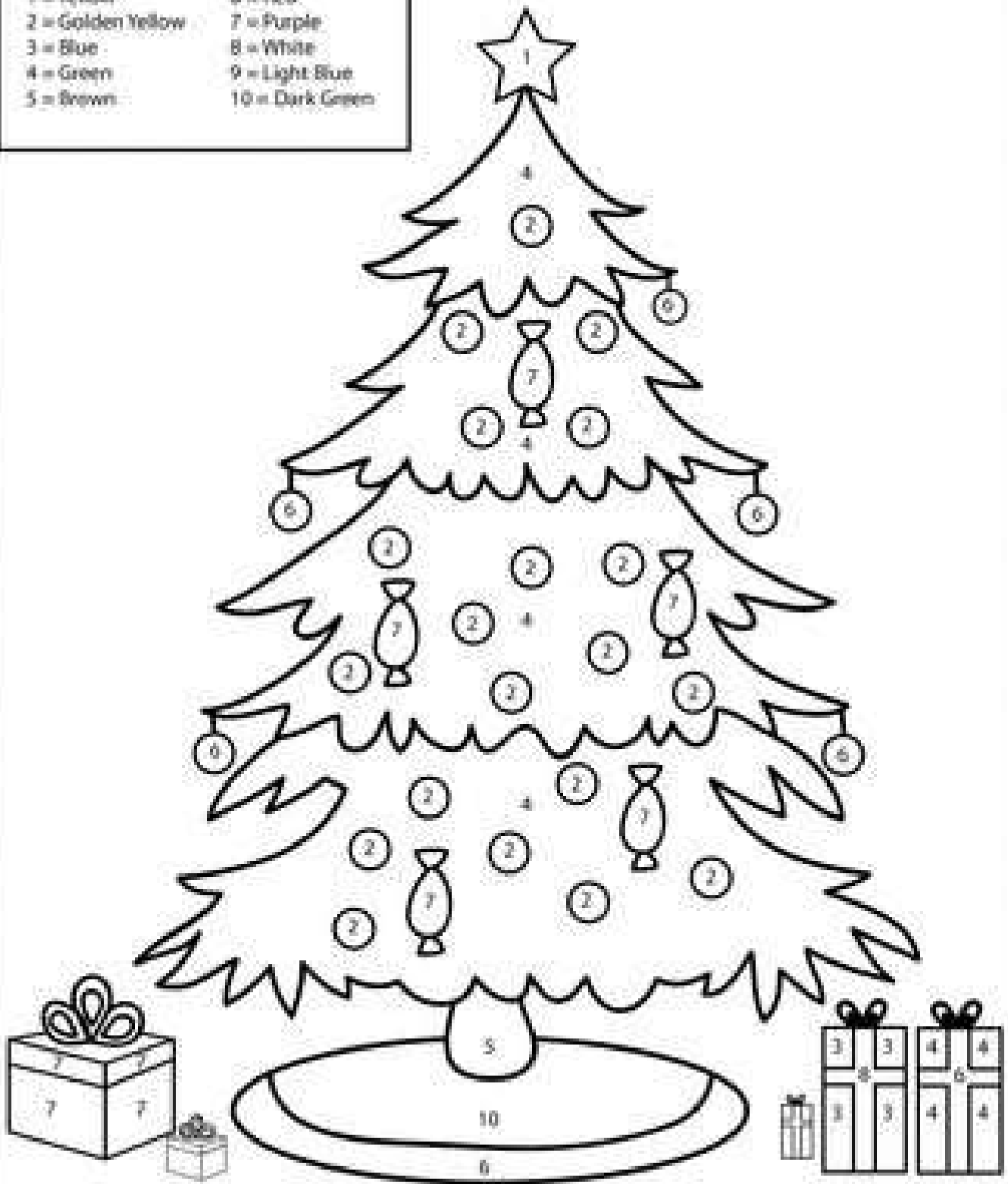
BELLS
STOCKINGS
WREATH
ELVES
SLED

CELEBRATE
EGGNOG
TREE
JOLLY
SANTA

MERRY
MISTLETOE
CHIMNEY
REINDEER

Color Key

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 = Yellow | 6 = Red |
| 2 = Golden Yellow | 7 = Purple |
| 3 = Blue | 8 = White |
| 4 = Green | 9 = Light Blue |
| 5 = Brown | 10 = Dark Green |



Christmas Tree Maze

Can you find your way from the base of the Christmas tree all the way to the star?

