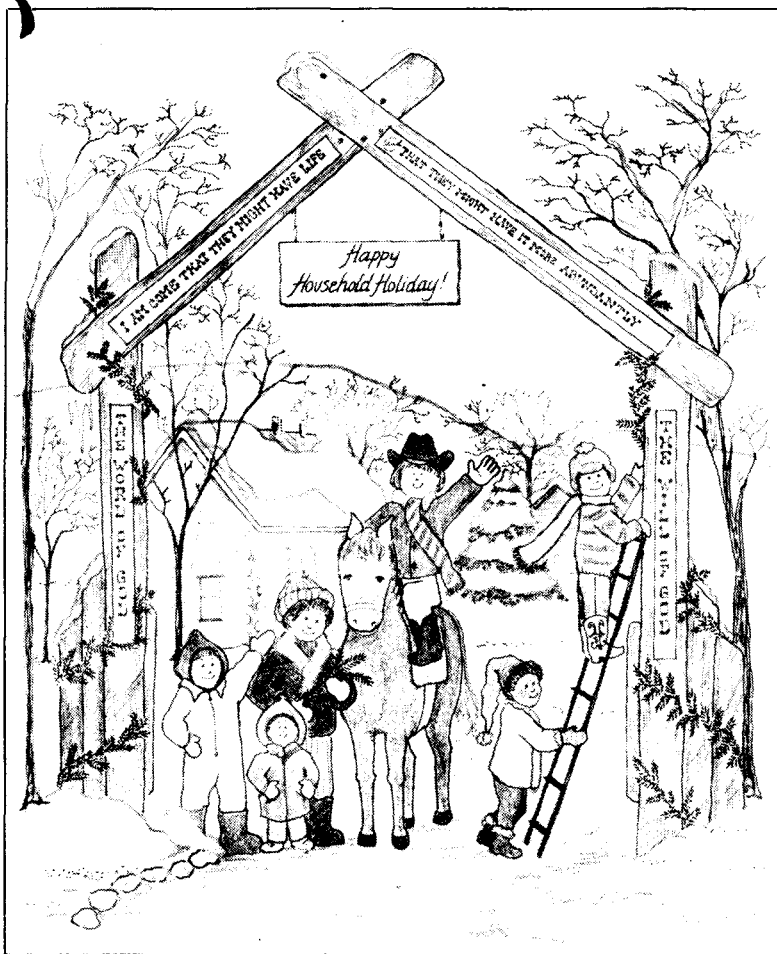


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Tradition

Tradition or Truth



Truth

A tradition is something that is done over and over again for many years. If you celebrate your birthday on a certain date every year, that is a tradition. It is also truth because that is the day you were born.

Suppose you celebrated your birthday on May 15 every year for six years. That would be a tradition. But then you found out that you were really born on August 5. It would not be the truth to celebrate your birthday on May 15.

Every year many people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25. They have kept the tradition but not the truth. We believe that God's Word says that Jesus Christ was born on September 11.

To know the truth is very important. Jesus Christ always spoke God's Word because he knew it was the truth.

John 17:17:

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

When we know the truth we can speak it. God wants to speak the truth.

Ephesians 4:15:

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

Because we know the true date of Jesus Christ's birth from God's Word, we can remember it in September. During this holiday season in December, we can celebrate a Happy Household Holiday with God's family.



Fun Fill-ins

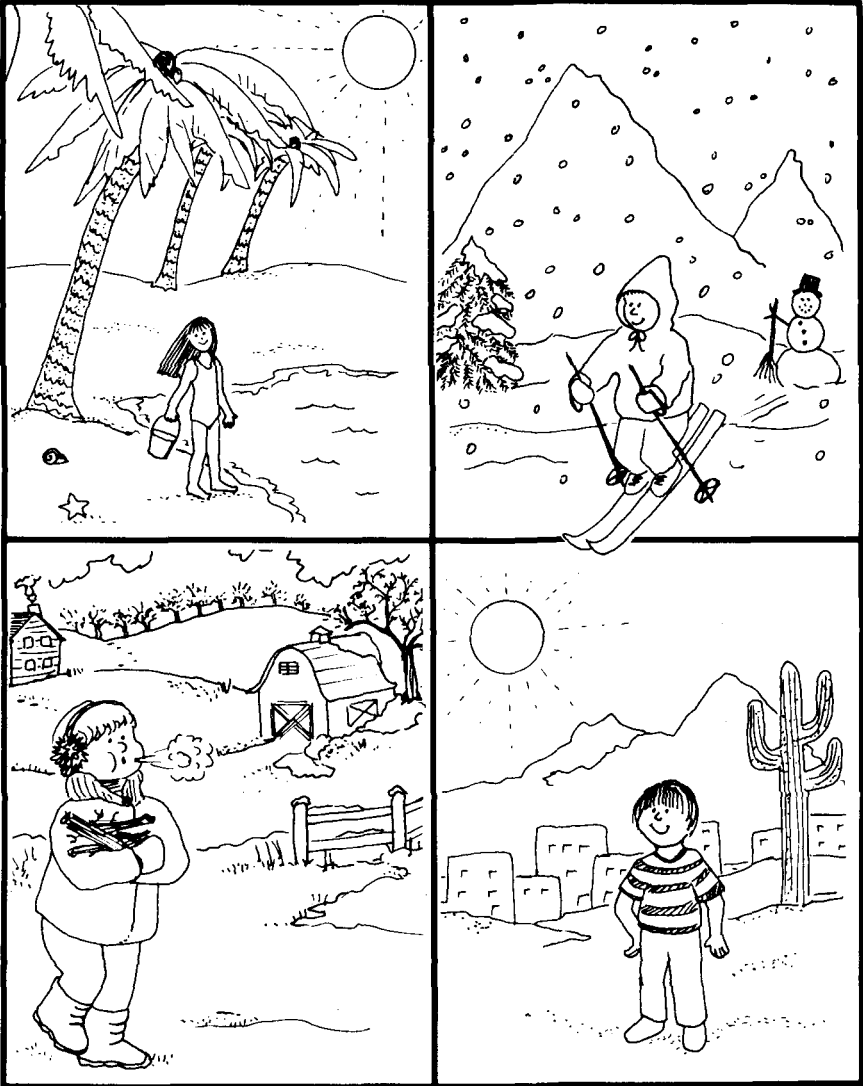


Which word makes the sentence correct? Fill in the word or the letter.

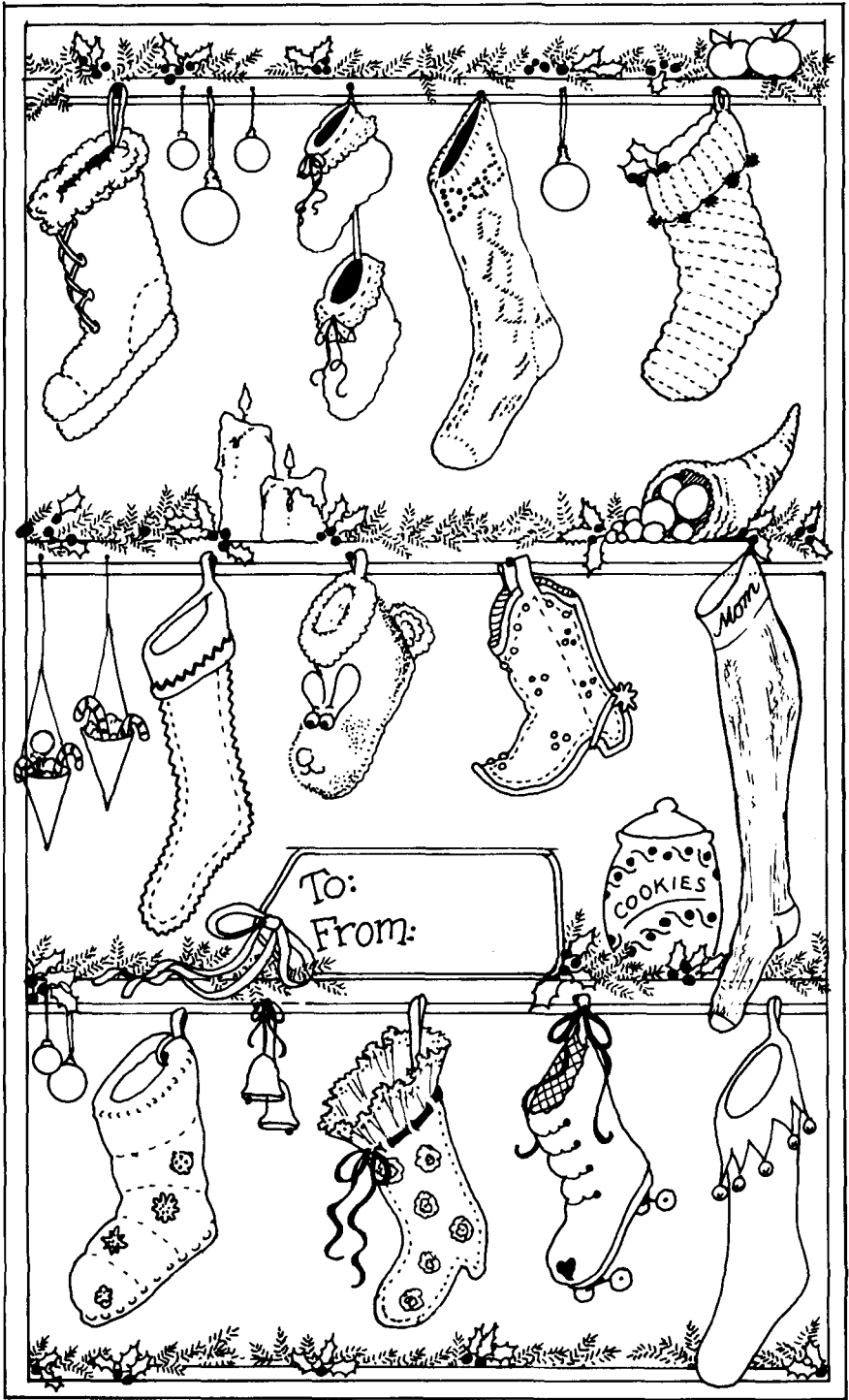
1. The true month of Jesus Christ's birth is _____.
a. Household
2. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy _____ is truth.
b. September
3. God wants us to speak the _____ in love.
c. tradition
4. The traditional month of Jesus Christ's birth is _____.
d. December
5. We may keep a _____, but we want to know the truth.
e. truth
6. Have a Happy _____ Holiday!
f. word



What is the weather like during the Happy Household Holiday season where you live?



Here is a Happy Household Holiday card for you to decorate. You may pull it out and give it to someone to wish them a Happy Household Holiday!



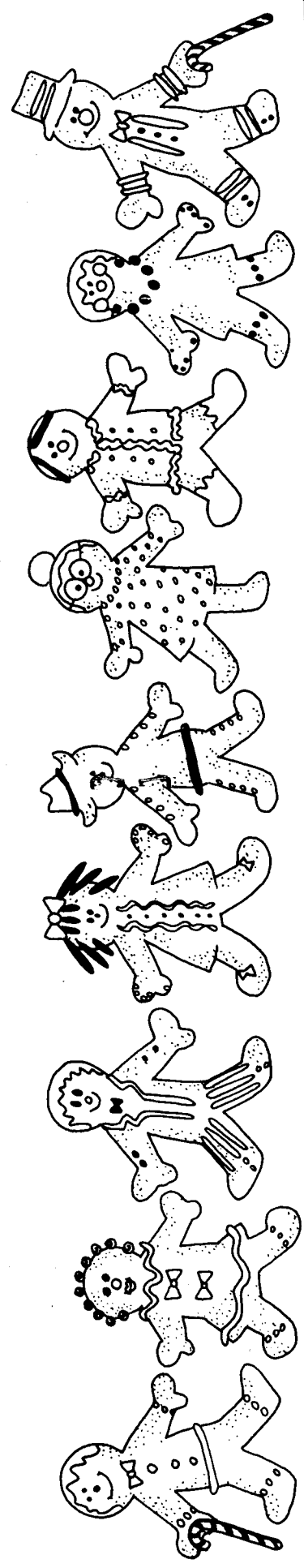
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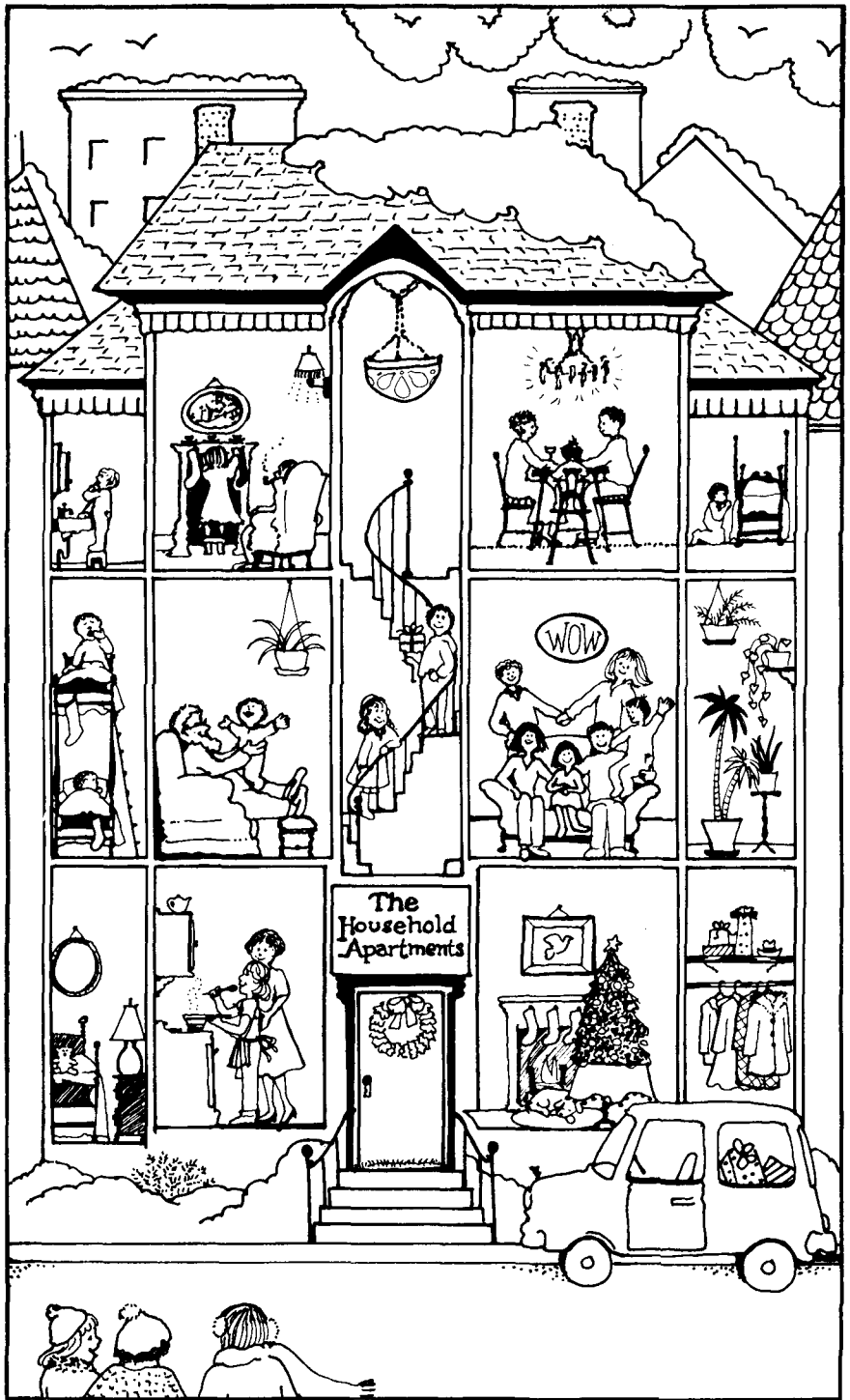
COOKIES



Have a

Happy Household Holiday







Bēma Bound



The Greeks held athletic contests. The bēma was the place where the winners received their prizes. When Christ returns all born again believers will appear at God's Bēma and receive rewards for all they have done for God.

Physical athletes play by rules they learn from a rule-book. Spiritual athletes compete in life by the rules in the Word of God.

Morgan Smith, from England, is an athlete in every way. He has competed in gymnastics and is known throughout the world as an expert on sports acrobatics. He won a gold medal in the Polish Invitational Acrobatic Tournament in 1976.

Having started his career as a gymnast, Morgan explains how sports acrobatics is different from gymnastics. "Sports acrobatics is done with two or three people instead of an individual on beams, bars, or the rings. Each exercise is performed in pairs or threes and the competitors must be absolutely symmetrical in what they do. It is a very demanding sport, with points taken off for bent legs, toes not pointed, a bent elbow and so forth," he said.

Before entering the Family Corps, Morgan was an acrobatics team coach. The class on Power for Abundant Living taught Morgan that to be the best coach, he had to be committed and so did his team. "To go to the highest level, my kids have to be committed—not only to me, but to themselves. It is not a matter of how they feel on a given day. If only two out of the three members of the team show up, they can't do what they need to do that day.

"I am a counselor as well as a coach. I'm finding every day that God gives me the answers not only to help kids, but their parents as well."





Tree Decorating



The tradition of decorating trees is recorded as early as 1605 in the diary of a traveler in Germany. The writer described fir trees placed in homes being decorated with paper roses, apples, flat wafers and candy.

Cookies were a popular decoration. Most of them were eaten after the holiday, but some were saved and hung the next year.

Popcorn was used in several ways. In the 1860s it was strung and hung on the branches. Hanging balls of caramelized popcorn was also popular. By 1900 people were dyeing their popcorn with food coloring to produce red or green chains. Strings of green, red and white popcorn were draped in large loops around the tree. For variety, red cranberries were strung between the white pieces of popcorn.

Apple pieces were dried and threaded. Different kinds of nuts were wrapped in tin foil or painted with bright colors. Raisins were sometimes strung but usually whole clusters were hung.

You can make some of these decorations or a horn of plenty to fill and hang during this Happy Household Holiday season.



Horn of Plenty

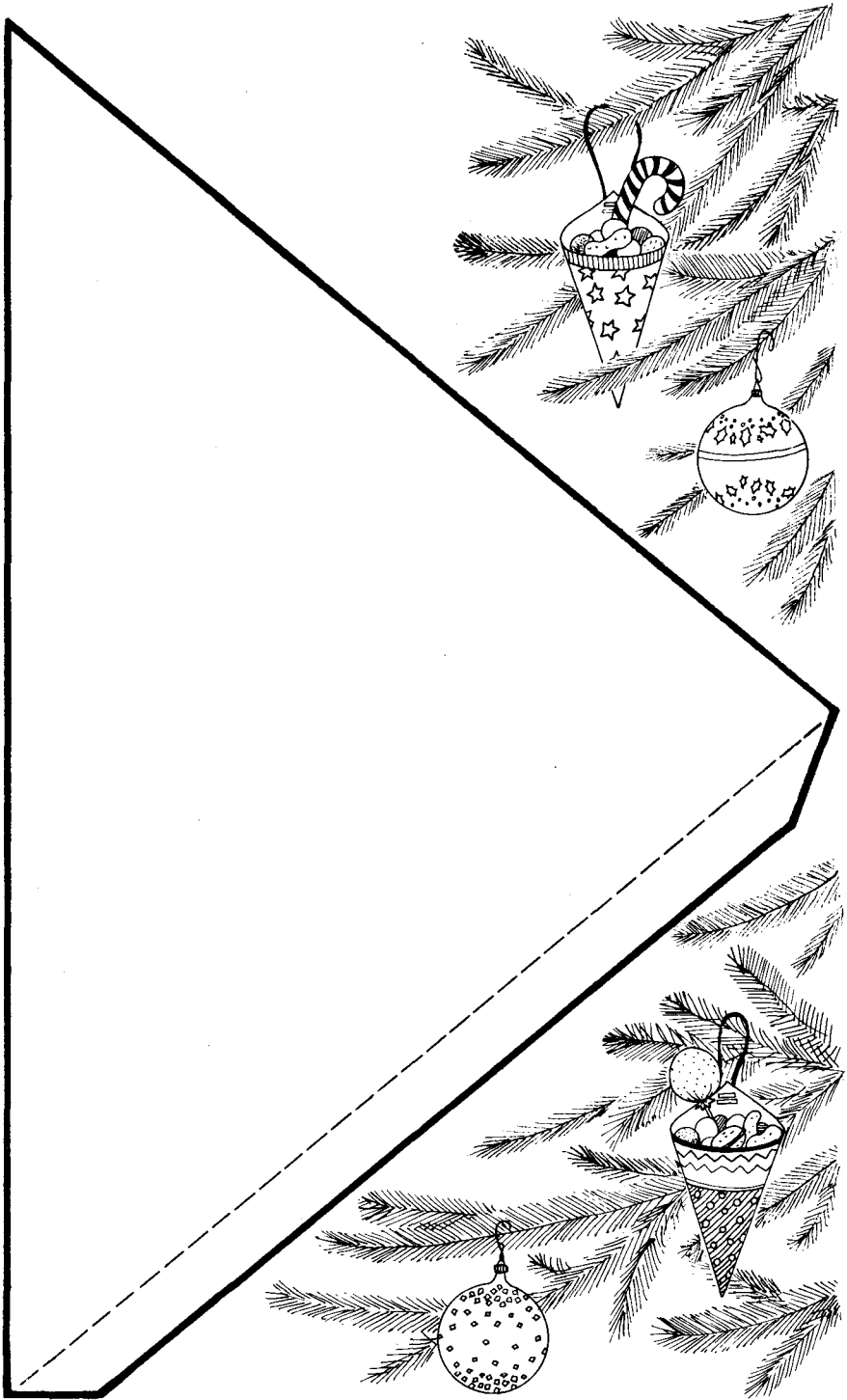


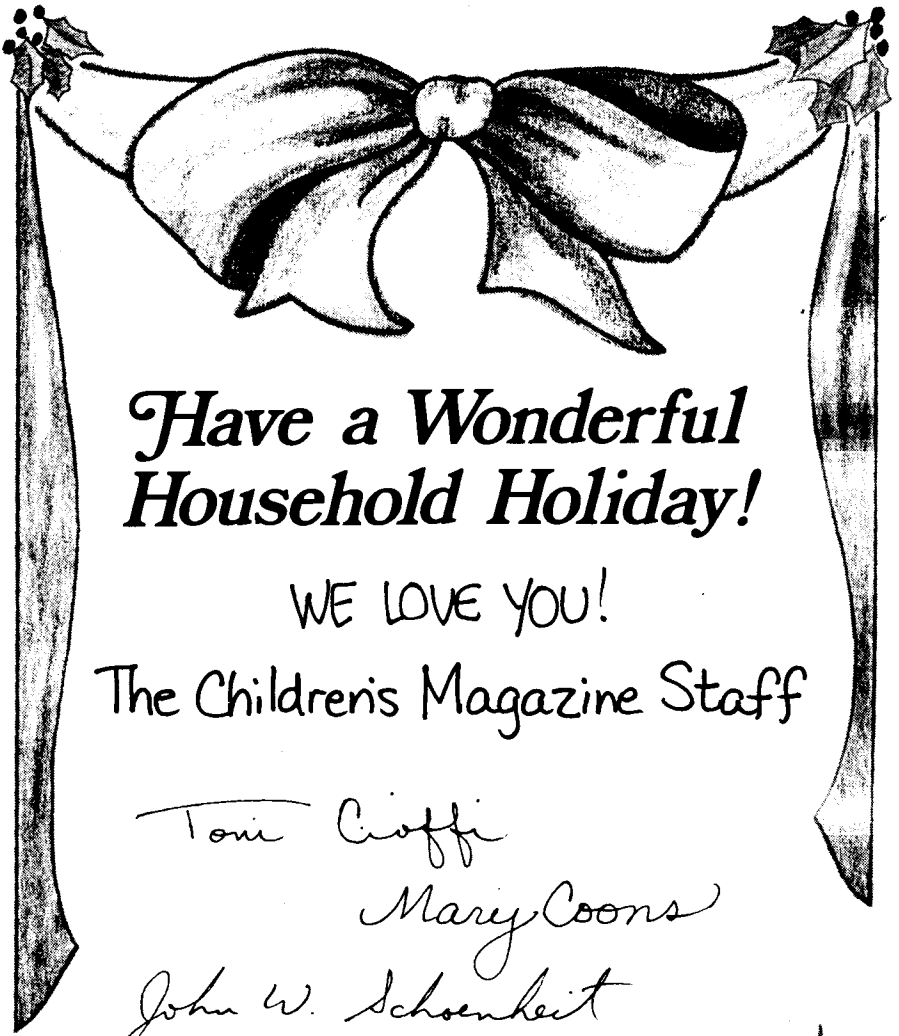
MATERIALS:

construction paper	4 inch piece of string
tape	tin foil or cloth material
scissors	

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut a piece of paper by using the pattern. Cut material by using the same pattern and glue to paper.
2. Form a cone and tape it at the lapped edge.
3. Trim with pictures, paint or material.
4. Attach the 4 inch piece of string to the back of the cone in a loop for hanging.





***Have a Wonderful
Household Holiday!***

WE LOVE YOU!

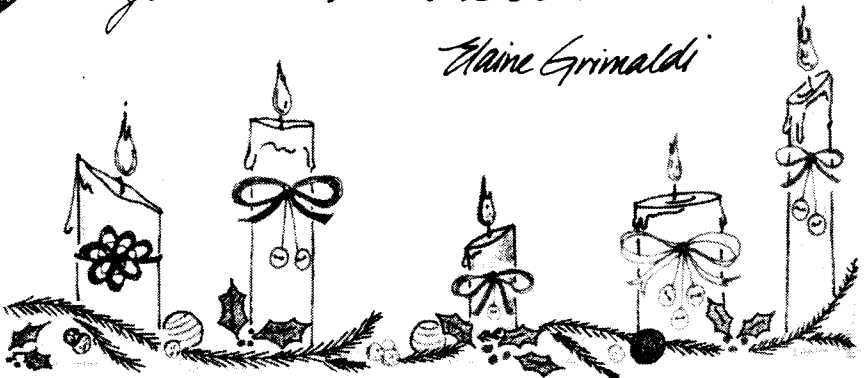
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