



EPIPHANY

... signifies the manifestation of God among us in human form.

It is a time to *return* . . .

Replacing the evergreens and lights of Christmas with the clean-swept order of our day-to-day lives.

It is a time to *reflect* . . .

Considering the ministry on earth of the adult born as a baby in a manger.

It is a time to *proclaim* . . .

Sharing with each other and with others the good news of God's revelation in Christ.

It is a time to *expand* . . .

Broadening our vision to include people of all races and cultures and times.

Luminaries

Older Elementary Children

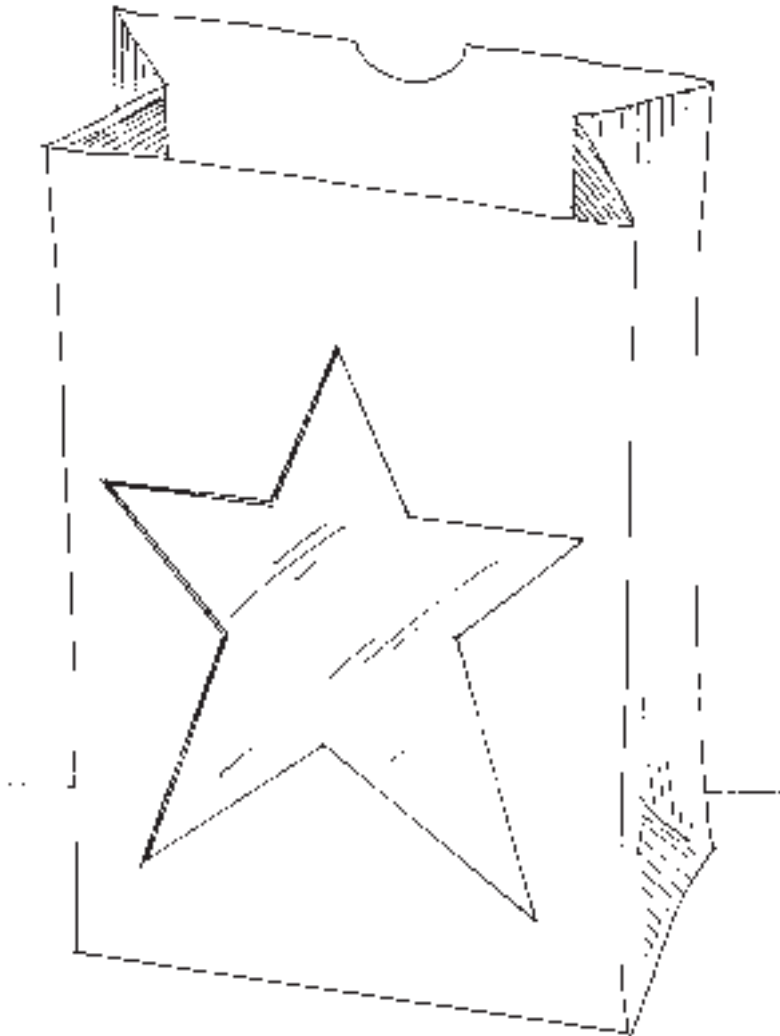
Luminaries were first used in Mexico. Now they can be found all over the southwest and in Florida at Christmastime. Luminaries can be used to line and illumine a sidewalk leading up to the entrance of a home or church. Have someone watching the luminaries at all times to be sure none catch fire, and have available a bucket of water just in case.

What You Need

- Paper lunch sacks
- Patterns of symbols on p. 83
- White or yellow tissue paper cut into 6-inch squares
- Glue sticks
- Sharp scissors
- Sand
- Utility or votive candles

What You Do

1. Have the children trace one of the symbols on both sides of the paper sack about two inches up from the bottom. Simple shapes work best.
2. Tell the children to use the point of the scissors to carefully make a hole along the outline of the pattern, and to cut out the shape. They can do the same on the other side.
3. Direct the children to open the lunch bag and stand it up. On the inside of the bag on both sides, have them go around the outline of the cutout shape with a glue stick, and carefully glue the tissue paper square over the opening.
4. When the glue is dry, children can fill the bags with an inch or two of sand and stand the candle up inside the bag.



Christmas Ornaments

