TREE ORNAMENTS!

WHOLE CHURCH PROJECT!!!!!!

The folks who decorate our church will place a Christmas tree OUTSIDE the church for us all to enjoy. This means even if you are doing online church you could swing by and enjoy. They've invited us all to place an ornament on that special tree. Here is our list of easy and fun ways to create an ornament for the outdoor tree. If you have another idea, go for it!

OPTION 1—STICKY AND FUN!

You'll need a base shape, something sticky and a snack or seed for this one.
Base shape: Choose a pinecone, bagel, ice cream cone, toilet paper roll, half an orange, or other bird safe item!
Something sticky: Use peanut butter, lard, shortening, bacon grease or another sticky bird safe product.
Seed or Snack: Pick up some bird seed or use croutons, dried bread, pasta, cereal, dry cat or dog food, raisins, veggie scraps, nuts, raisins or other bird safe treat from your pantry.

Either use a butter knife to spread the sticky stuff on your base shape (pinecone, bagel, etc) or put it on a paper plate and roll it!

Then roll your sticky mess in the seed or snacks, sprinkling or patting more onto the shape until it is full.

OPTION 2— BIRD GARLAND!

You'll need string or yarn and cereal with a hole in it like Fruit Loops or Cheerios.
This is more or less "bird garland." It is super easy and little ones find it fun. String cereal onto your yarn. For brain development of preschoolers you can encourage patterns but you can also just string them however you want! If it is too challenging, try wrapping a little piece of tape around the end of your yarn or using a shoelace with a plastic end. Pipe cleaners work for this too!

OPTION 3— BIRD COOKIES!

You'll need 3/4 to 1 cup birdseed, 1 packet of unflavored gelatin (unflavored—like Knox, 1/4 cup boiling water, Cookie cutters—lightly greased, string or ribbon, parchment

Dissolve the gelatin in the water on the stove or microwave. Allow the gelatin to cool for about 1 minute and stir in the 3/4 cup of the bird seed. Add more if needed to absorb liquid. Place mixture in greased cookie cutters and set on parchment to dry. You can put the string in when the cookie cutter is half full and then add mixture on top of it or just tie it around it later. Pack it all firmly.

COME OUT TO CHURCH AND ADD YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND CREATION TO THE TREE!