GROWN-UP CHECKLIST

Toddler-Proof Christmas Tree Checklist

Tick it off once when the tree goes up, then do the “every day” box each morning. Tips summarize NFPA, CPSC, AAP (HealthyChildren.org) and Poison Control guidance.

1. Place it

- [ ] At least 3 ft from fireplaces, heaters, vents and candles (NFPA)
- [ ] Out of the main walkway; not blocking a door
- [ ] In a corner or behind furniture if you can
- [ ] Outlet close by, so no cords cross the floor

2. Make it steady

- [ ] Wide, sturdy stand; trunk tight and straight
- [ ] Give it a firm wiggle test from every side
- [ ] Tie it to a wall hook or curtain-rod bracket if it wobbles
- [ ] Live tree: water the stand every day

3. Lights & cords

- [ ] Lights checked: no frayed wires or broken sockets
- [ ] Lowest strand above toddler reach
- [ ] Cords taped down or run behind furniture
- [ ] Lights off at bedtime and when you leave

4. Ornaments

- [ ] Top zone: glass, heirloom, sharp, metal hooks
- [ ] Middle zone: “look with your eyes” ornaments
- [ ] Bottom zone: soft, unbreakable, bigger than a fist
- [ ] Nothing that looks like candy within reach

5. Hidden hazards

- [ ] Battery compartments taped or screwed shut
- [ ] Spare button batteries locked away
- [ ] Holly & mistletoe berries out of reach
- [ ] Tinsel, hooks and small parts up high

6. Every day

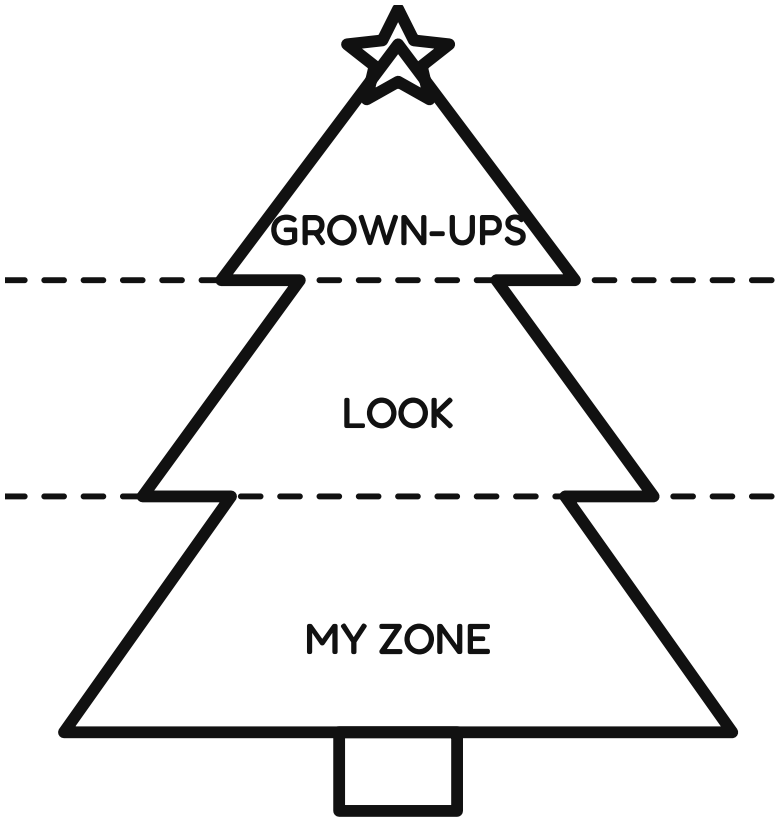
- [ ] Quick sweep under the tree for fallen pieces
- [ ] Re-check the wiggle test and water level
- [ ] Gifts with ribbons stay up until opening day
- [ ] Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

If a button battery might have been swallowed: go to the emergency room right away and call the National Battery Ingestion Hotline, 800-498-8666, on the way (Poison Control advice). Don’t wait for symptoms.

KID-FRIENDLY POSTER · COLOR IT IN

Our Christmas Tree Rules

Read it together, let your child color it, and hang it at their eye level near the tree.



👀 Look with our eyes

The tree is pretty to look at. We look first, then ask.

🤲 Gentle hands

We touch only the ornaments in MY ZONE, softly.

🎄 Ornaments stay on the tree

If one falls, we call a grown-up to pick it up.

🚫 Nothing in our mouths

Ornaments, lights and needles are not food.

💡 Lights are for looking

Grown-ups plug in and turn off the lights.

⭐ Ask to help

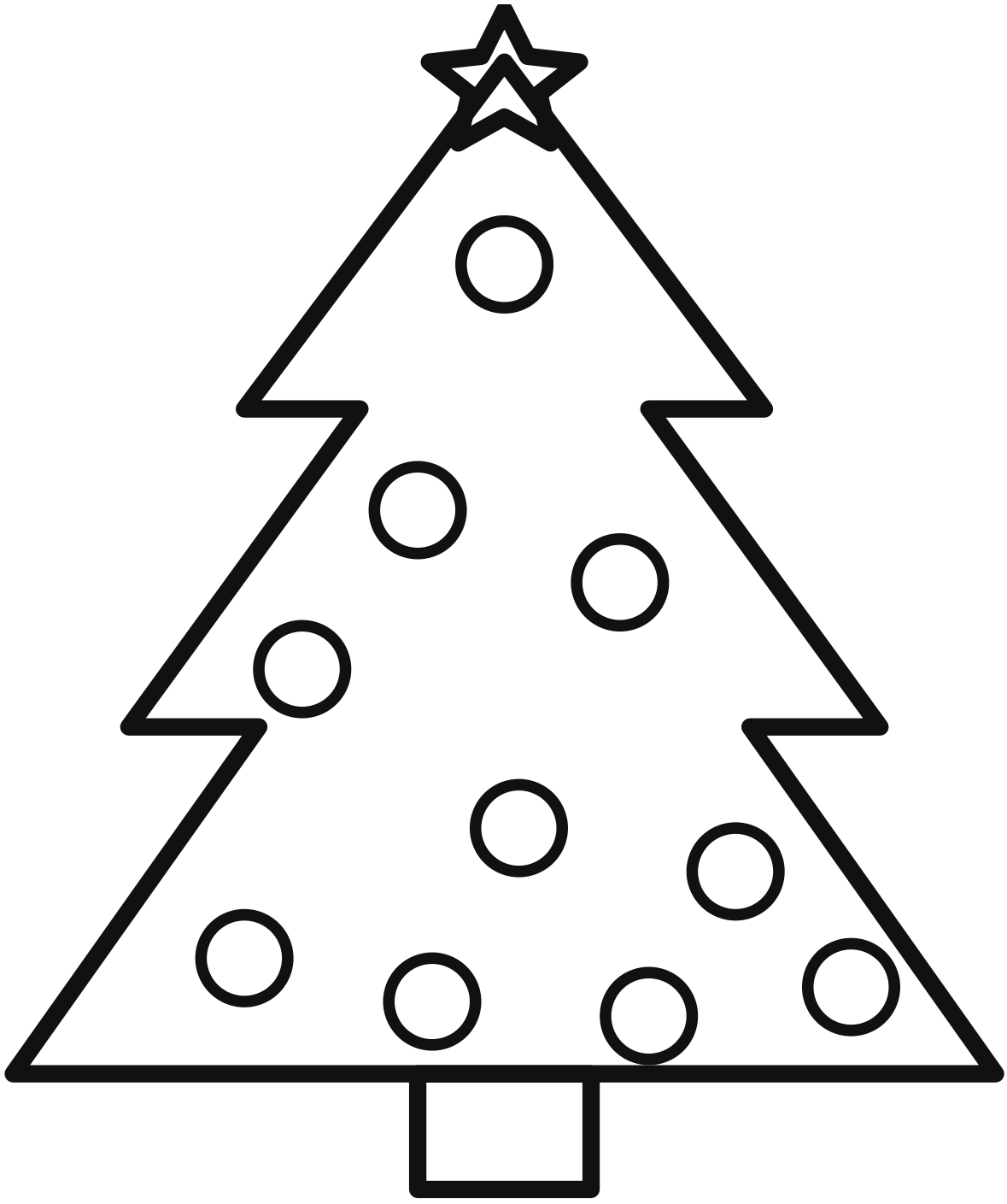
We can help decorate with a grown-up!

Our family's extra rule: _____

COLORING PAGE · DECORATE ME!

Decorate My Very Own Tree

Color the ornaments, then draw more! This is a tree you're allowed to decorate all by yourself.



My name: _____ I drew ____ ornaments!