

 Peace Tree

Gather your family together. Say: **Olive trees can live well past 1,000 years, and their branches are a symbol of peace to much of the Western world.** Ask your family to help you make a symbol of peace in your neighborhood that will outlast your family by planting a tree. While olive trees don't grow in every climate, you can find a tree that is somewhat unique to your area but able to thrive by asking an expert at a local greenhouse. While you plant your tree as a family, commit to living together in peace and pray for lasting peace in your family. If others ask you about your Peace Tree, tell them what it means to you and your family. Consider making the Peace Tree a place for family members to go when they need to talk things out.

 Pass the Peace 

Gather your family and have a small ball or potato. Have family members stand in a circle. Say: **We are going to play Pass the Peace. As we pass the ball, we will say one thing that we can do to make our home and family more peaceful. Some examples are: "I will be the first to say I'm sorry when I get in a fight with my sister" or "I will not raise my voice when I'm angry."** Start passing the ball, and give each person a chance to say his or her idea. Keep the ball going for several rounds. Then join hands and pray for God to help your family be more at peace with each other. Close by reading Romans 12:18 aloud.

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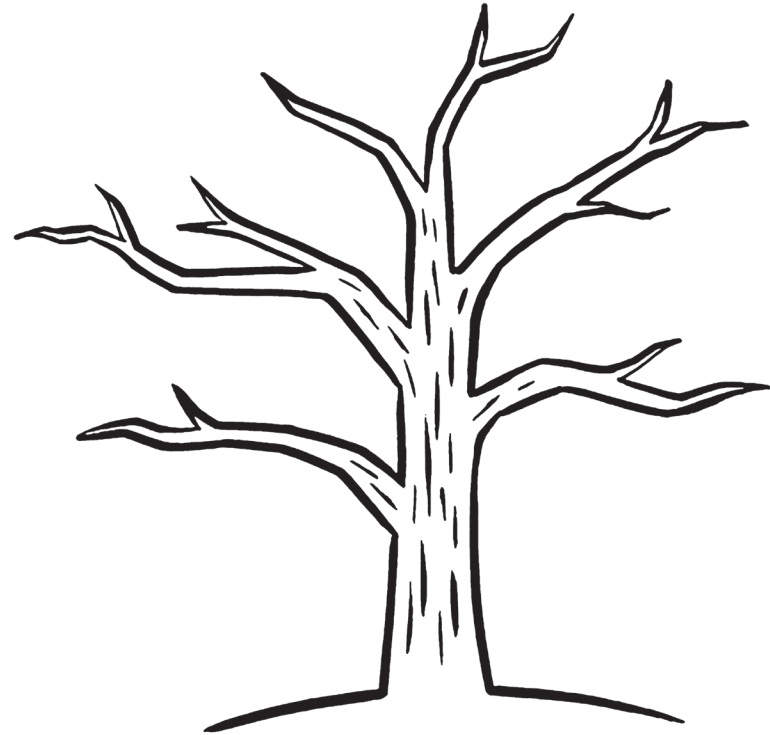


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