

Holiday Magic

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"

"The Man with the Bag"

"Ocho Kandelikas"

"Let It Snow"

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Additional Ways to Engage

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Song: Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas (1943)
Made popular by: Judy Garland

Brief Context: "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" was originally sung by Judy Garland in the 1944 MGM movie musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*. In the movie's memorable scene, Garland's character, Esther, sings the song to cheer up her younger sister, Tootie, who is sad that their family is moving from St. Louis to New York City.

Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- Perfect Harmony "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" video
- Perfect Harmony lyrics sheet

Suggested Discussion Prompts

- What do you think of when you think of the holidays?
- What is your favorite part about the holiday season?



Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Let your heart be light

From now on

Our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Make the Yule-tide gay

From now on

Our troubles will be miles away

Here we are as in olden days

Happy golden days of yore

Faithful friends who are dear to us

Gather near to us once more

Through the years

We all will be together

If the Fates allow

Hang a shining star upon the highest bough

And have yourself a merry little Christmas now

Here we are as in olden days

Happy golden days of yore

Faithful friends who are dear to us

Gather near to us once more

Through the years

We all will be together

If the Fates allow

Hang a shining star upon the highest bough

And have yourself a merry little Christmas now

Song: The Man with the Bag
Made popular by: Kay Starr

Brief Context: "(Everybody's Waitin' for) The Man with the Bag" is a Christmas song about children and adults waiting for Santa Clause to give presents to those who have been "extra special good." Its most famous recording is by Kay Starr and was a hit on *Billboard's* list of most popular Christmas songs in the 1950s.

Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony "The Man with the Bag" video**
- **Perfect Harmony lyrics sheet**
- **Perfect Harmony visual prompts**

Suggested Discussion

- **Do you have any holiday traditions?**
- **What were your holiday traditions growing up?**



The Man with the Bag

**Old Mr. Kringle, is soon gonna jingle
The bells that'll tinkle all your troubles away
Ev'rybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
'Cause Christmas is comin' again**

**He's got a sleighful, it's not gonna stay full
He's got stuff to drop at ev'ry stop of the way
Ev'rybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
'Cause Christmas is comin' again**

**He'll be here with the answer to the prayers
That you've made through the year
You'll get yours if you've done ev'rything you should
Extra special good**

**He'll make this December, the one you'll remember
The best and the merriest you ever did have
Ev'rybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
'Cause Christmas is comin' again**

**Old Mr. Kringle, is soon gonna jingle
All the bells that'll tinkle all your troubles a way
Ev'rybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
Christmas is here again**

**He's got a sleighful, it's not gonna stay full
Got stuff that he's droppin' ev'ry stop of the way
Ev'rybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
Christmas is here again**

**He'll be here with the answer to the prayers
That you've made through the year
You'll get yours if you've done ev'rything you should
Extra special good**

**He'll make this December, the one you'll remember
The best and the merriest you ever did have
Ev'rybody's waitin', they're all congregatin'
Waitin' for the man with the bag
Better watch out now!**



Song: Ocho Kandelikas (Eight Little Candles)

Hanukkah Song

Brief Context: "Ocho Kandelikas" (or "Eight Little Candles" in English) is a simple but catchy Hanukkah song which describes a child's joy of celebrating the holiday. The lyrics of "Ocho Kandelikas" tell us that Hanukkah has arrived, it is time to have parties, eat special food and, above all, light the candles on the menorah.

Activity: Movement (Upper body)

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony "Ocho Kandelikas" video**

Suggested Seated Movement

- **Clap or tap your body in a pattern of THREE beats – alternate throughout the song by following Janice OR come up with your own rhythm pattern!**
- **When the rhythm changes, count eight candles with your fingers!**



Song: Let It Snow! (1945)
Songwriters: Jule Styne and Sammy Cahn

Brief Context: Lyricist Sammy Cahn and composer Jule Styne had to use their imaginations when writing "Let It Snow." The two were experiencing one of the hottest days on record in Southern California in July 1945. They decided to stay inside and write a song inspired by the winters of their childhoods.

Activity: Singing

Suggested Activity: Making paper snowflakes

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony "Let It Snow!" video**
- **Perfect Harmony lyrics sheet**
- **Activity sheets**

Suggested Activity

Use the instructions below to make your own snowflakes out of paper!



Let It Snow!

**Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow**

**It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I've brought some corn for popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow**

**When we finally kiss goodnight
How I'll hate going out in the storm
But if you really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm**

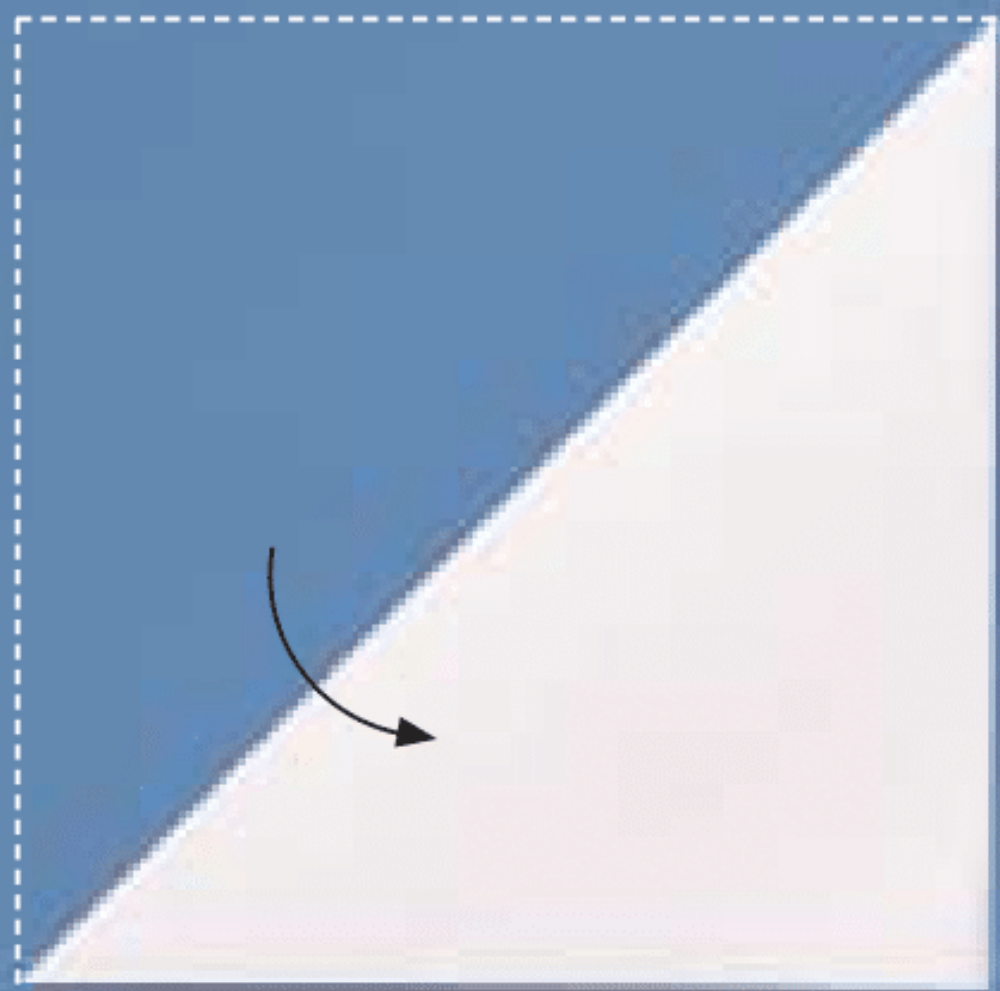
**The fire is slowly dying
And, my dear, we're still goodbying
But as long as you love me so
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow**

how to make paper snowflakes

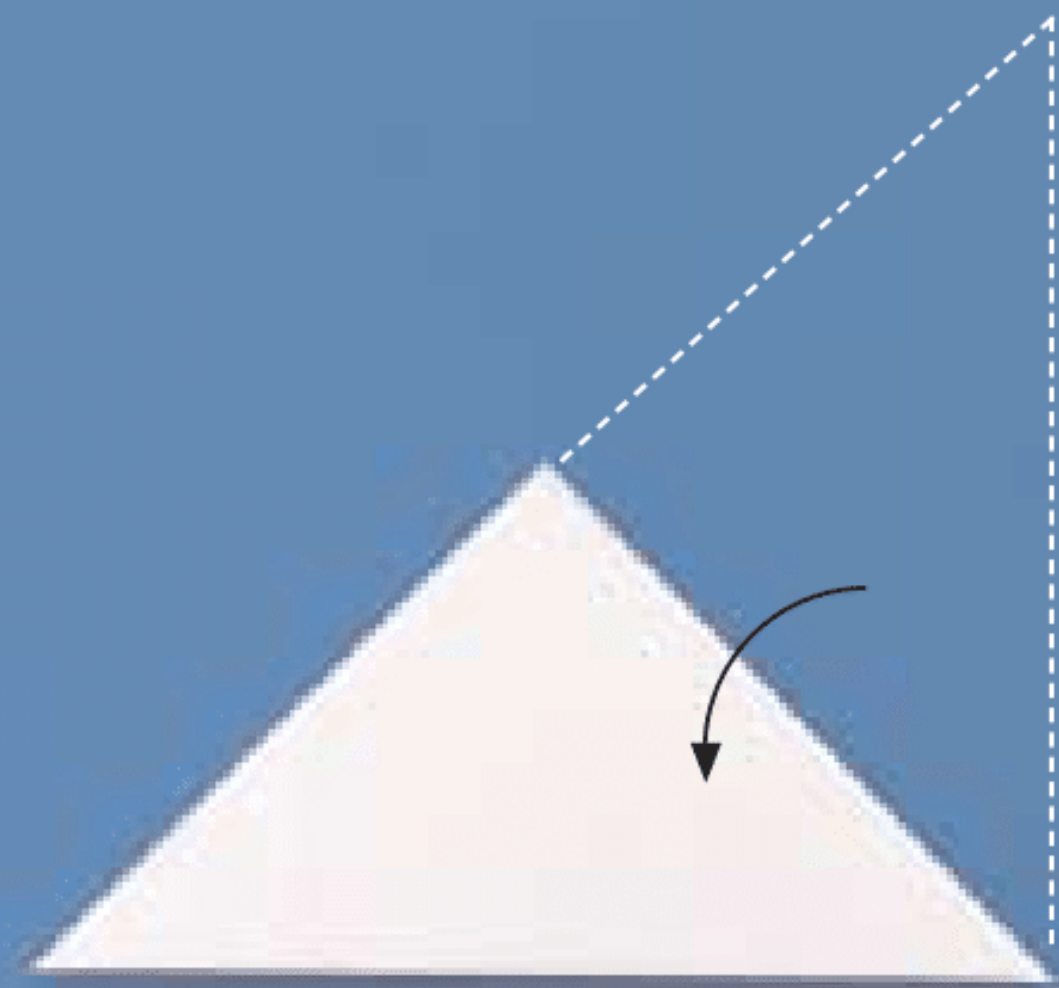
A few quick snips with the tips of your scissors is all it takes to make a snowflake. Start with a square piece of paper—if you don't know how to make one, ask a grownup to help you. To create a six-pointed snowflake, follow these steps:

folding

Step 1: Fold the square of paper in half diagonally to make a triangle.



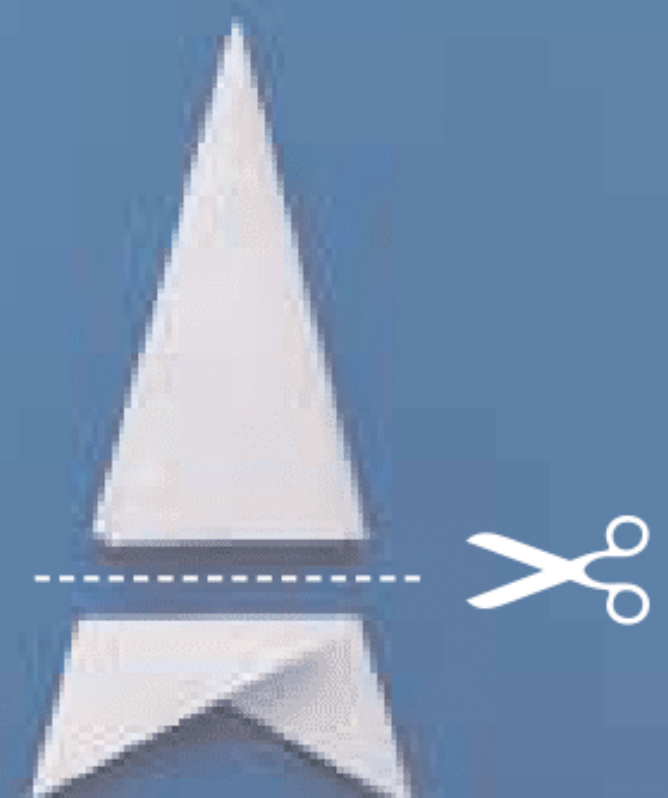
Step 2: Now, fold the triangle in half so the pointy corners meet.



Steps 3 and 4: Fold your triangle in thirds. You may need to adjust these folds a little to get the sides to match up, so don't crease the paper until the folds are just right.



Step 5: Cut across the bottom of your paper so it is straight.

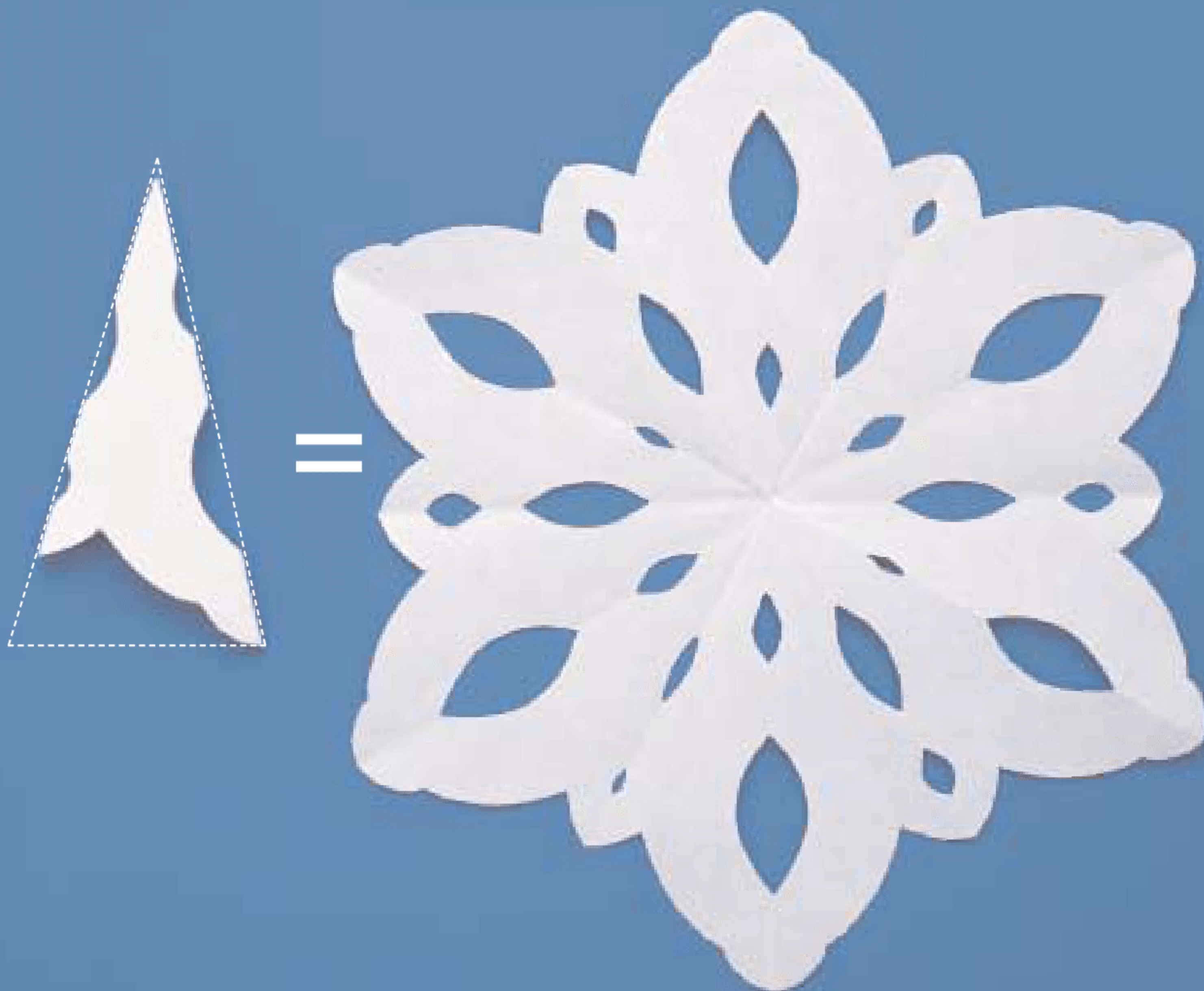


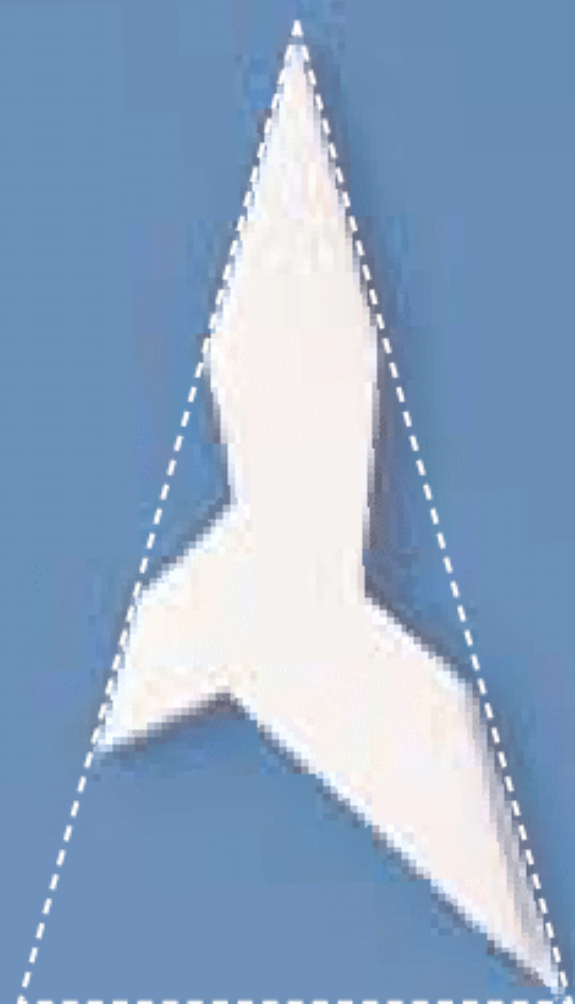
cutting snowflakes



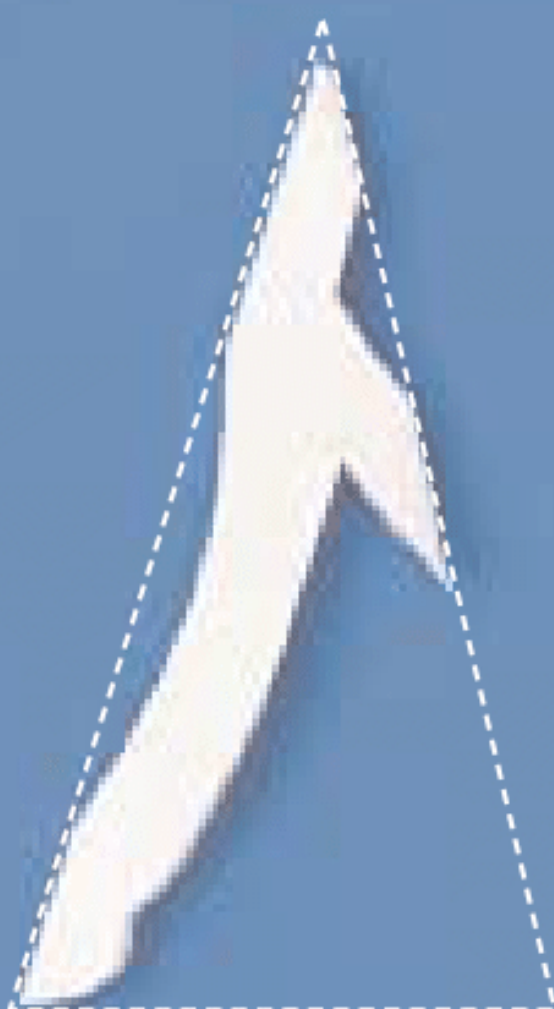
We've come up with four snowflake designs for you (turn the page for the others). The ones with straight lines are easier to make than the ones with curvy lines. Cut your folded paper so that it looks like one of the triangles we show. Then unfold it gently. Don't worry if your snowflake isn't exact: No two snowflakes are ever alike. Try our designs, then invent your own. With a little practice, you'll have a flurry.

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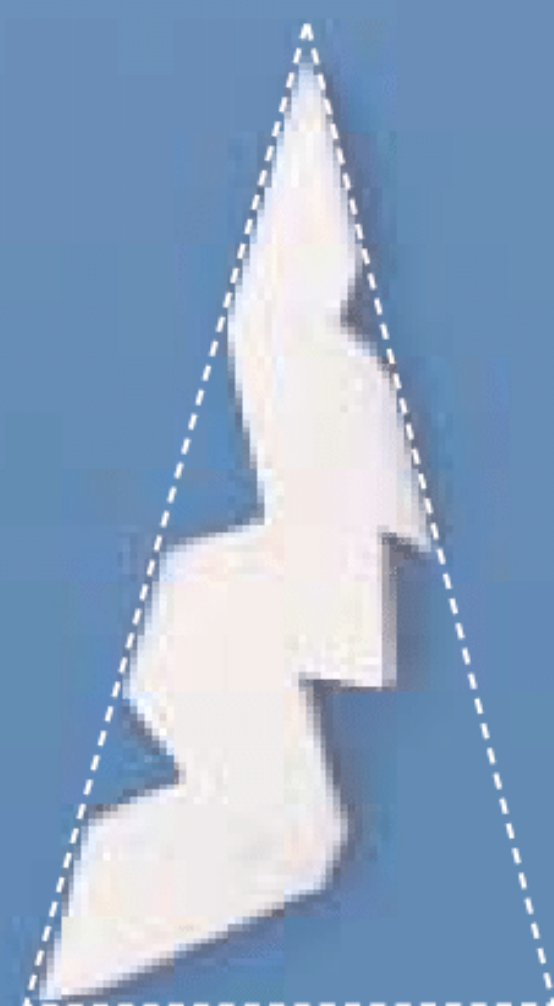
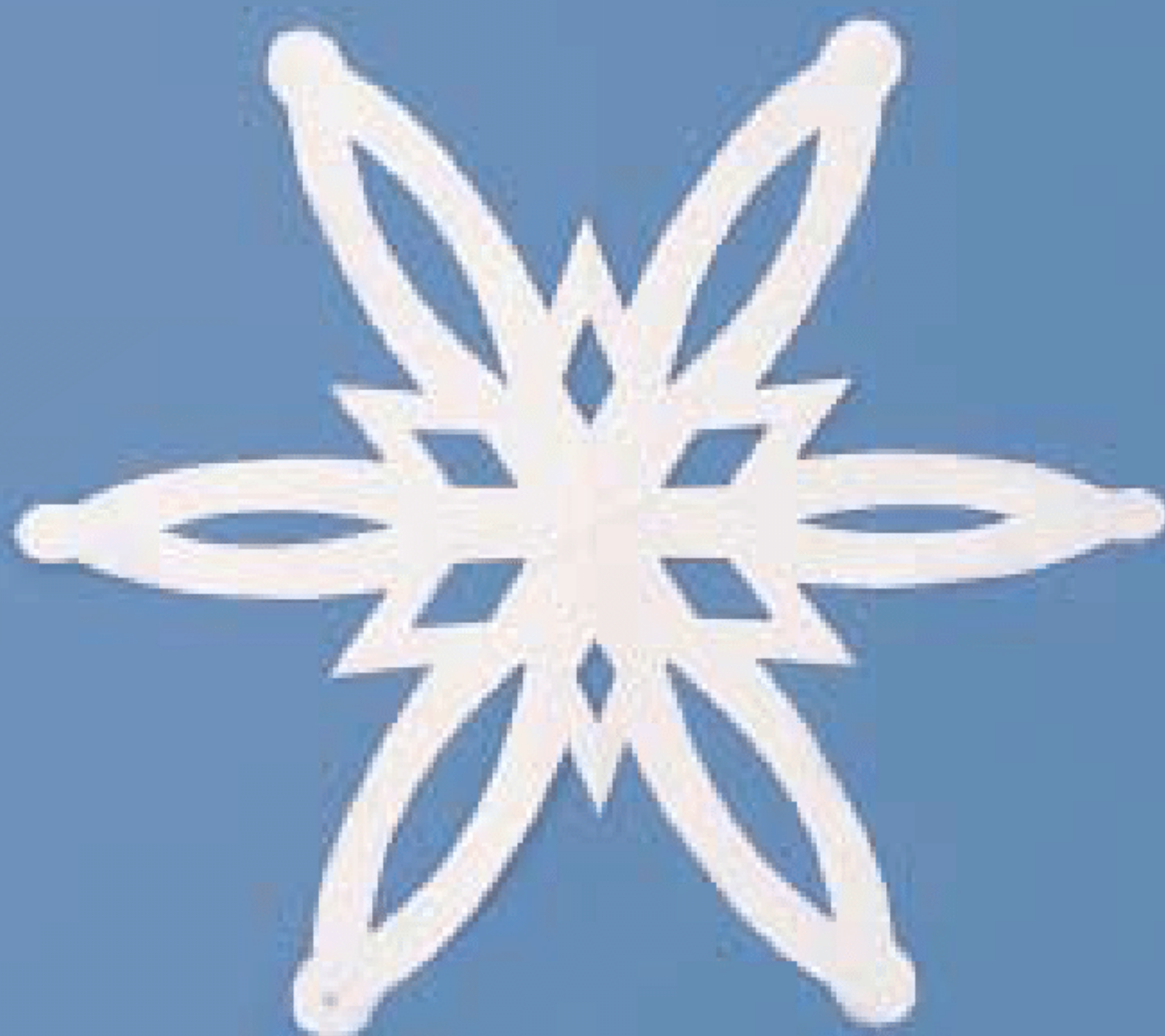




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Song: Let There Be Peace on Earth (1955)
Songwriters: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Brief Context: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson were a husband and wife songwriting team who wrote "Let There Be Peace on Earth" about their dream of peace for the world and how they believed each one of us could help create it. It has been recorded by many artists like Nat King Cole, Andy Williams, Mahalia Jackson and Bob Hope.

Activity: Listening and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony "Let There Be Peace on Earth" video**

Suggested Discussion Prompts

- **What does peace mean to you?**
- **How will you show peace today?**

