### **Ideas for Parents on the theme of "Christmas"**

# Salt Dough

Mix 1 cup salt, 1 cup plain flour and ½ cup water to make Salt dough. Knead.

Cut out Christmas shapes using cutters (1/2 cm thickness is best).

Make a hole in the top of the ornament, where you want to hang the string.

Bake for 1-2 hours at 200.

When completely dry, paint with acrylic paint. Add glue on top and sprinkle glitter.

Add string with which to hang the ornament.



### Christmas Scents

Encourage the child to close their eyes and use their sense of smell to identify Christmas objects eg an orange or apple, a gingerbread man, cinnamon stick, pine twig, candy cane.

#### Pinecone Christmas Trees

Paint pinecones.

Place small pompoms into the spaces on the cone.

Sprinkle with glitter.

Glue onto a small pot.

## Present Bags

Make your own present bags by dipping
Christmas cutters into paint and
stamping them onto plain paper bags.
Talk to the child about not overlapping
when stamping, so increasing their
spatial awareness.

### Other Ideas

Give the child an outline of a Christmas tree.

Draw curved lines from one side to another.

Stick circle stickers along the lines to create decorations on the tree.

OF

Glue coloured scrunched paper onto the tree as decorations.

OR

Finger-print decorations onto the tree.