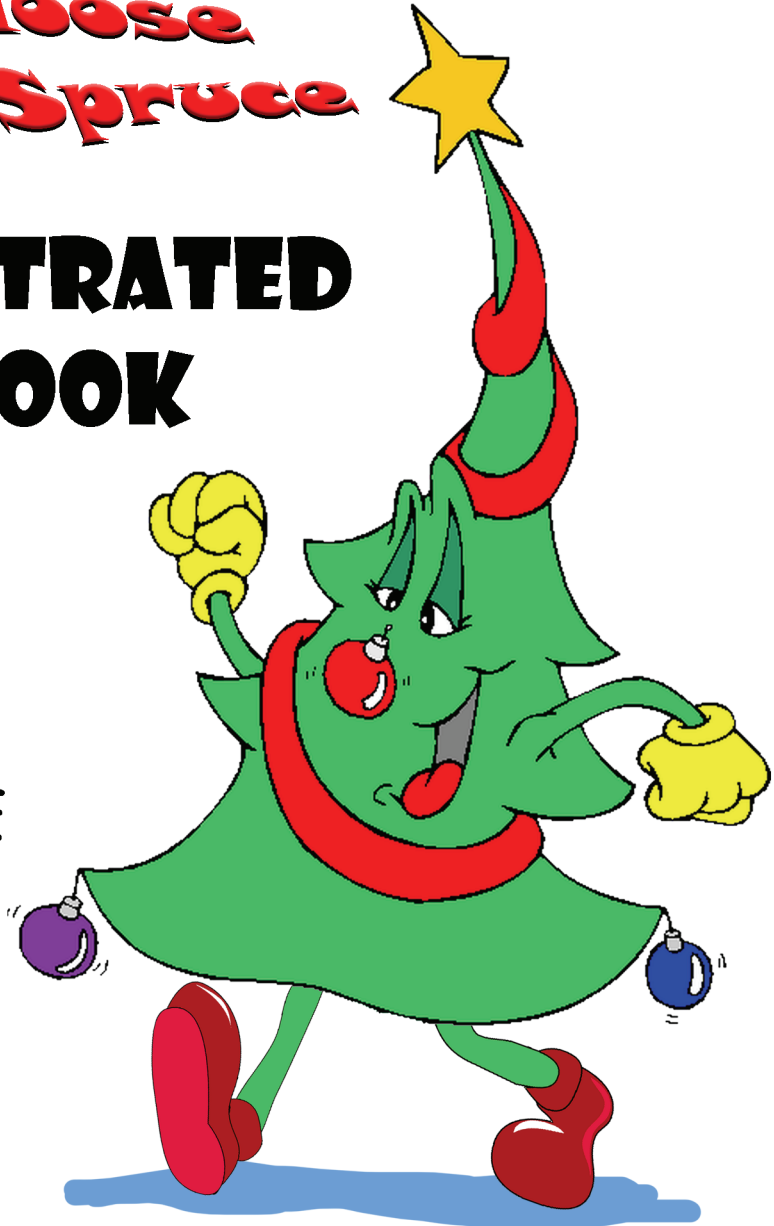


Engelmann the Footloose Christmas Spruce

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If you can't draw a straight line, you're perfect for this - because EVERYONE can draw a great Christmas tree.



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Greetings to all Artists - and others.

Maybe you like to draw and color or maybe you don't.

Either way, these pages are easy.

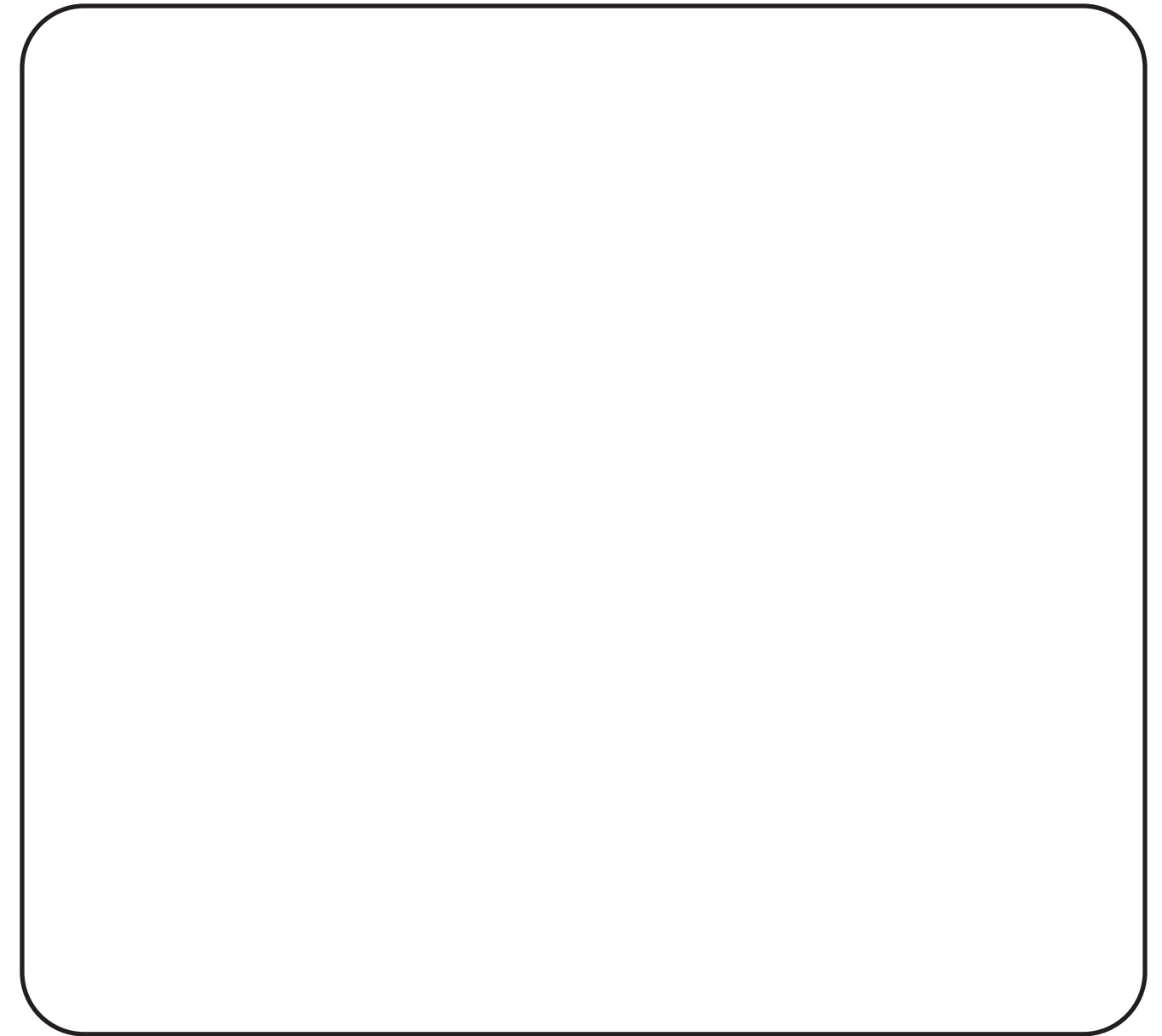
Do them however you want to. Or don't do them at all.

Use any colors you want. Make a mess! Have some fun.

This is your book, so the art is all yours.

When you're finished, sign it with pride.

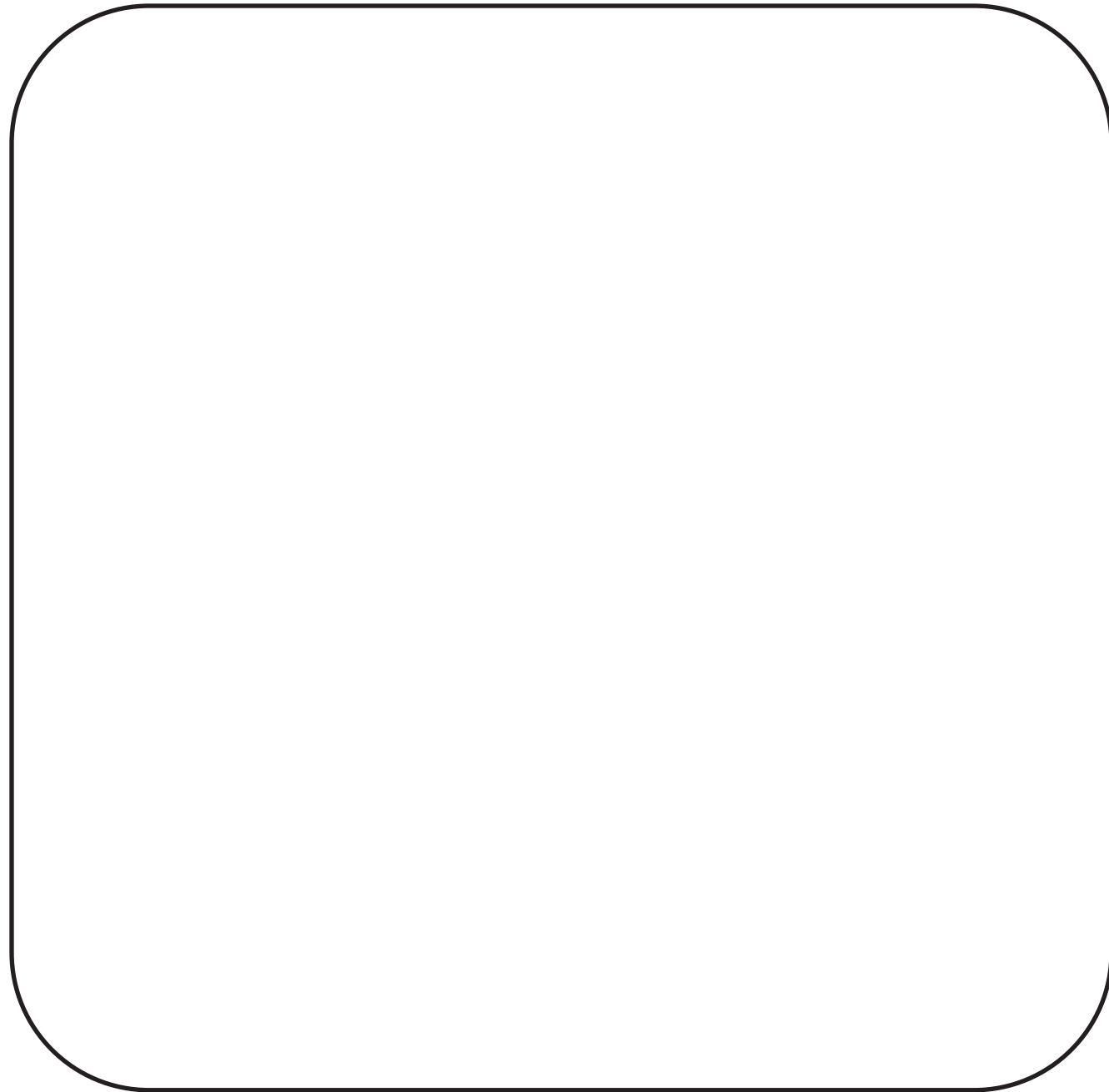
Engelmann and friends.



This one is easy. Draw a Christmas tree growing in the forest.

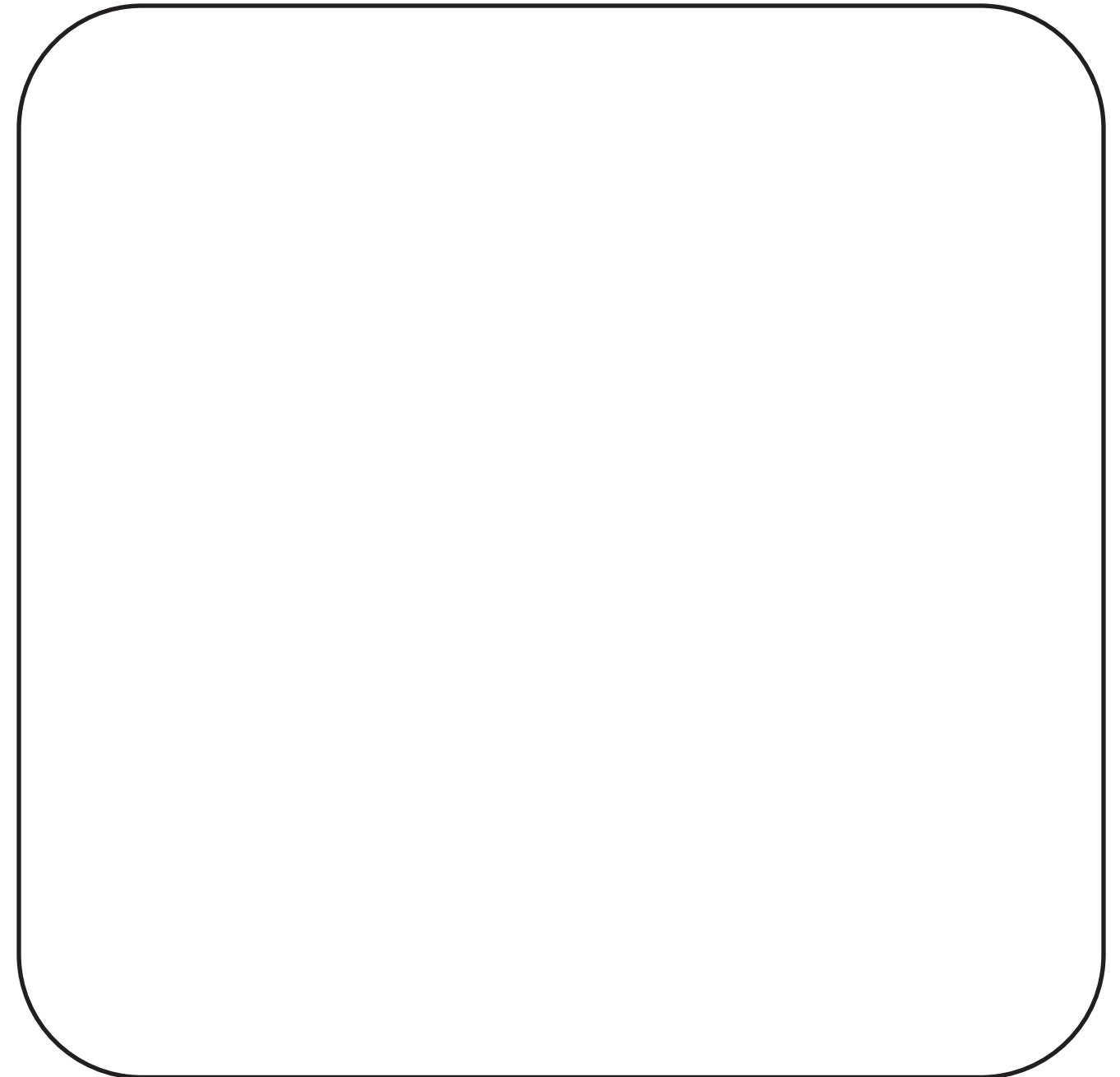
A forlorn young spruce stood six feet tall,
With feathery branches of green, but that's not all.
For he was the only one among the treelings
That had what you might call... feelings.
Was it just evergreen evolution?
Or the start of botanical revolution?

This is a good place to draw anything you want. Maybe a picture of yourself.



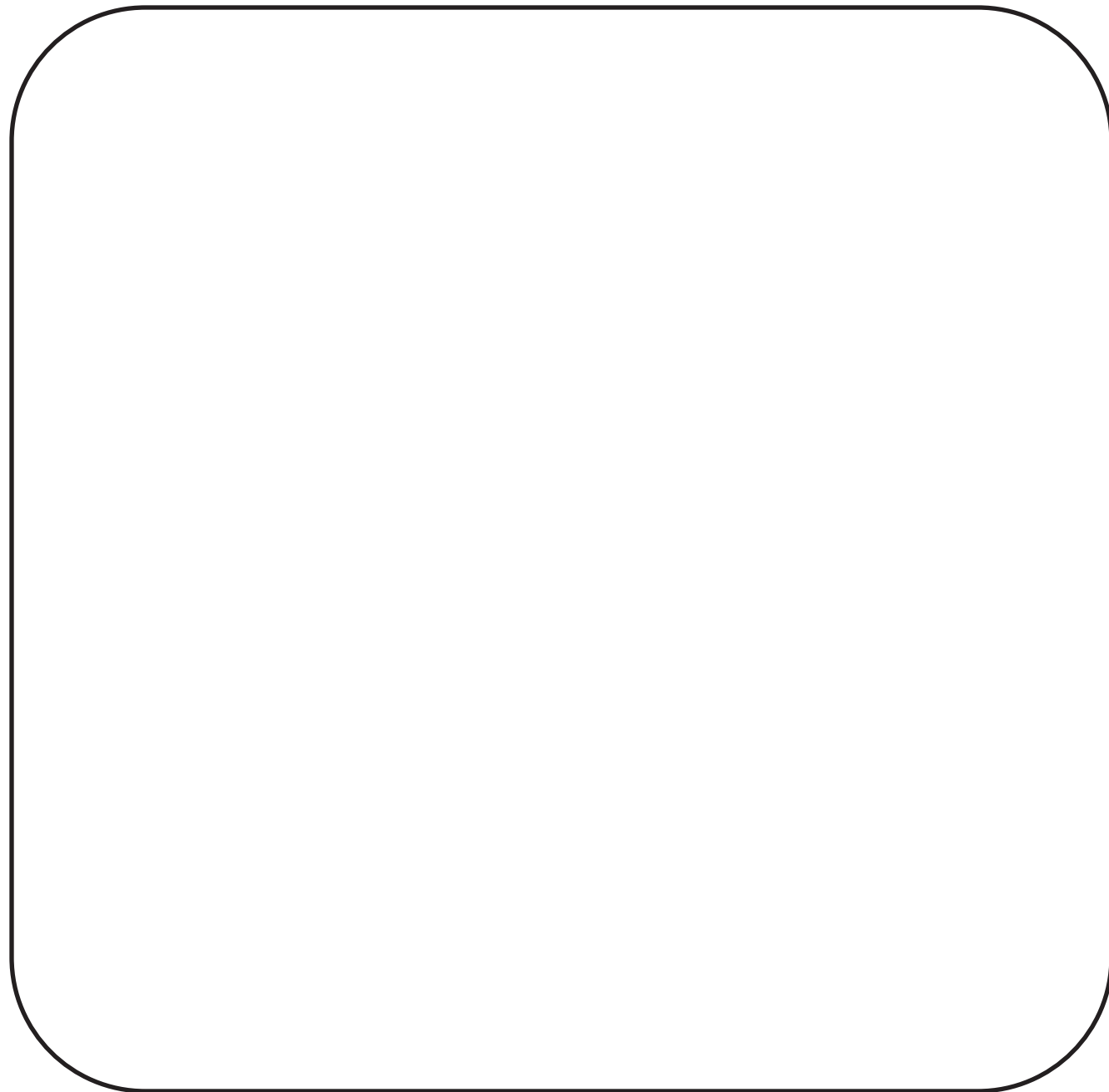
Show a Christmas tree at a Christmas tree lot. Add shoppers if you like.

Now waiting patiently on the Christmas tree lot
He watched with sadness as his mates got bought.
Customers looked him up and down, and they all
Said, "Too short!" "Too tall!" "Too big!" "Too small!"



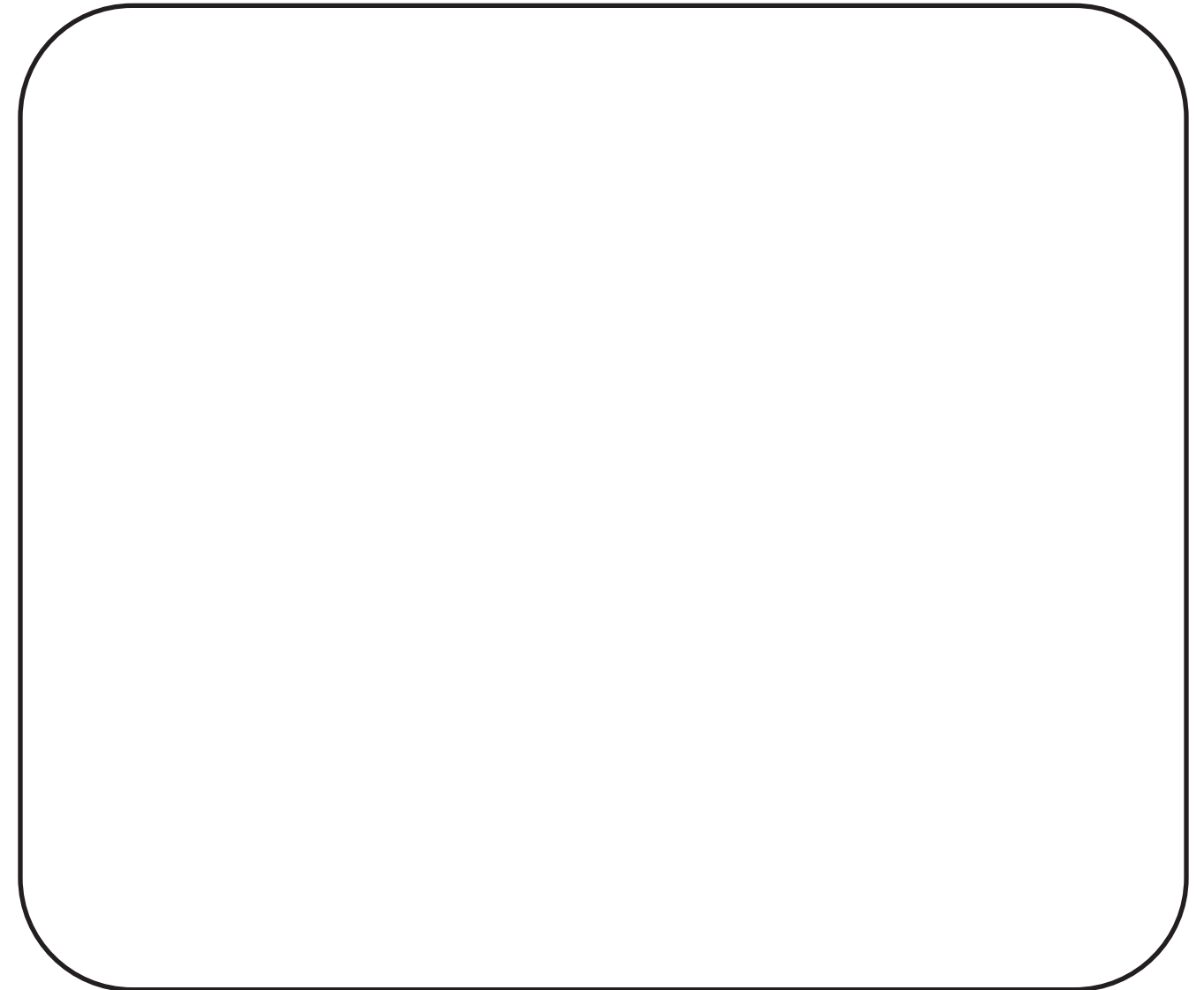
This is your chance to draw pink Christmas trees. Why not?

And as Christmastime neared, he often feared
That he'd end up spending the holiday among the weird
Pink flocked trees no one wanted year after year,
And he asked himself, "What am I doing here?"



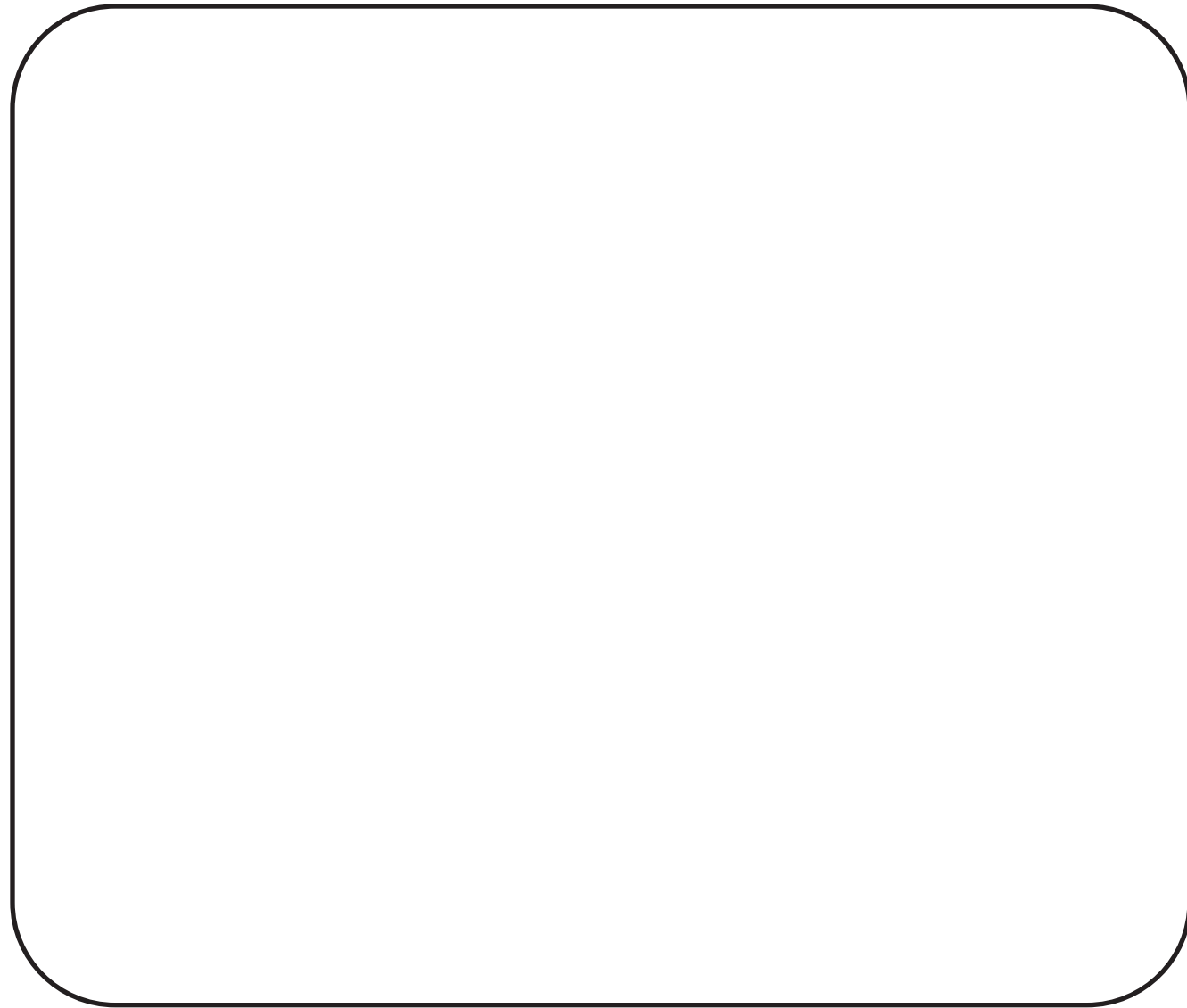
Show a family taking a special Christmas tree home.

His question was answered by a family named Hurley
Which numbered five, all dark haired and curly.
They loaded him up and when they got him home,
Placed him in the den where he was never alone,



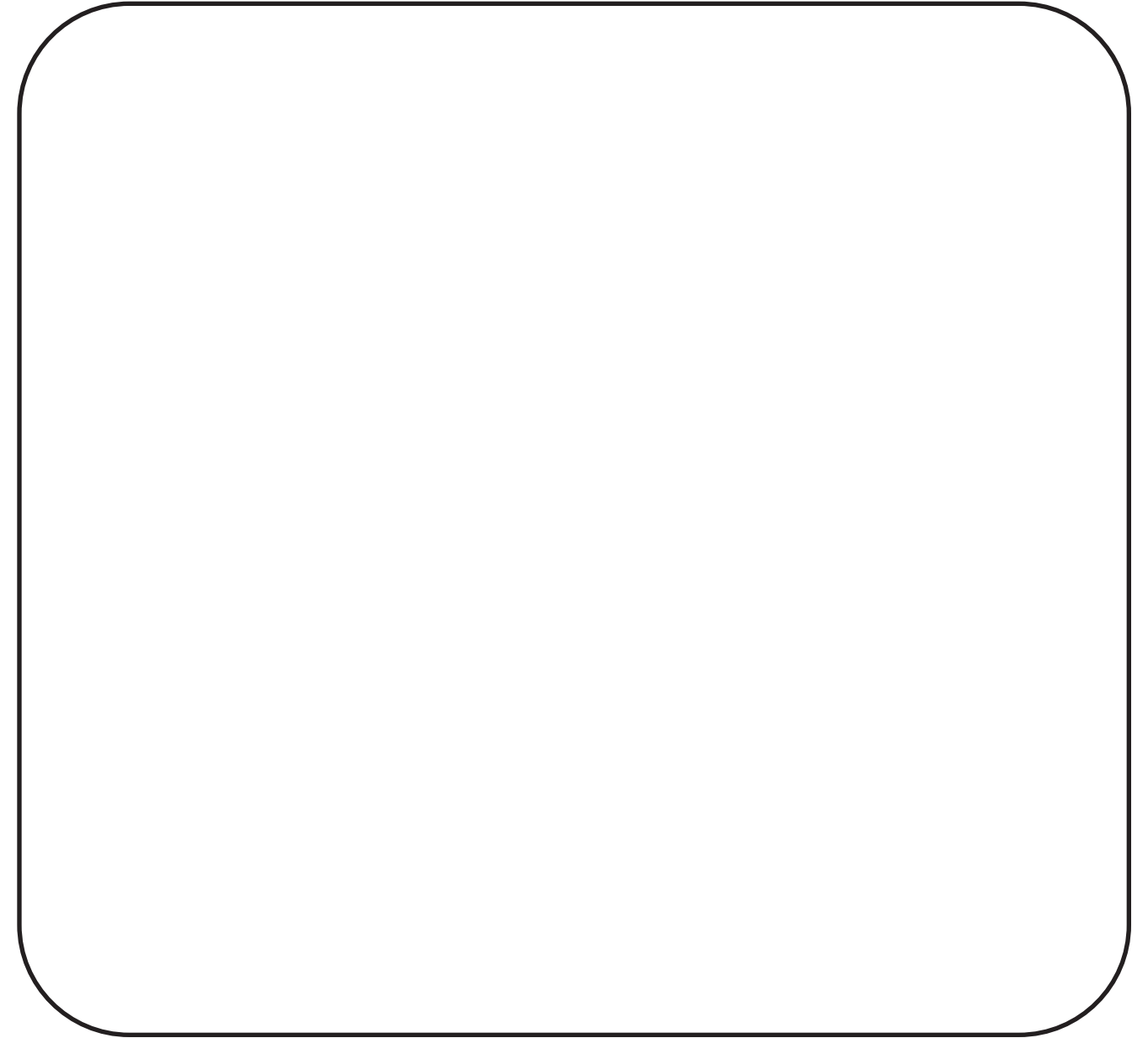
This is where the family decorates the tree - and so can you. Make it the most beautiful tree you've ever seen, with all your favorite decorations.

Dressed with antique treasures of hand-blown glass,
Which hung beside trimmings the kids made in class,
With a pipe cleaner star. And it must be mentioned
He certainly loved being the center of attention.
The family said, "It's our best Christmas tree ever!"
"Have we had a better one?" "No, no, never."
They played festive songs, and sang in harmony,
That old classic carol, "O Christmas Tree!"



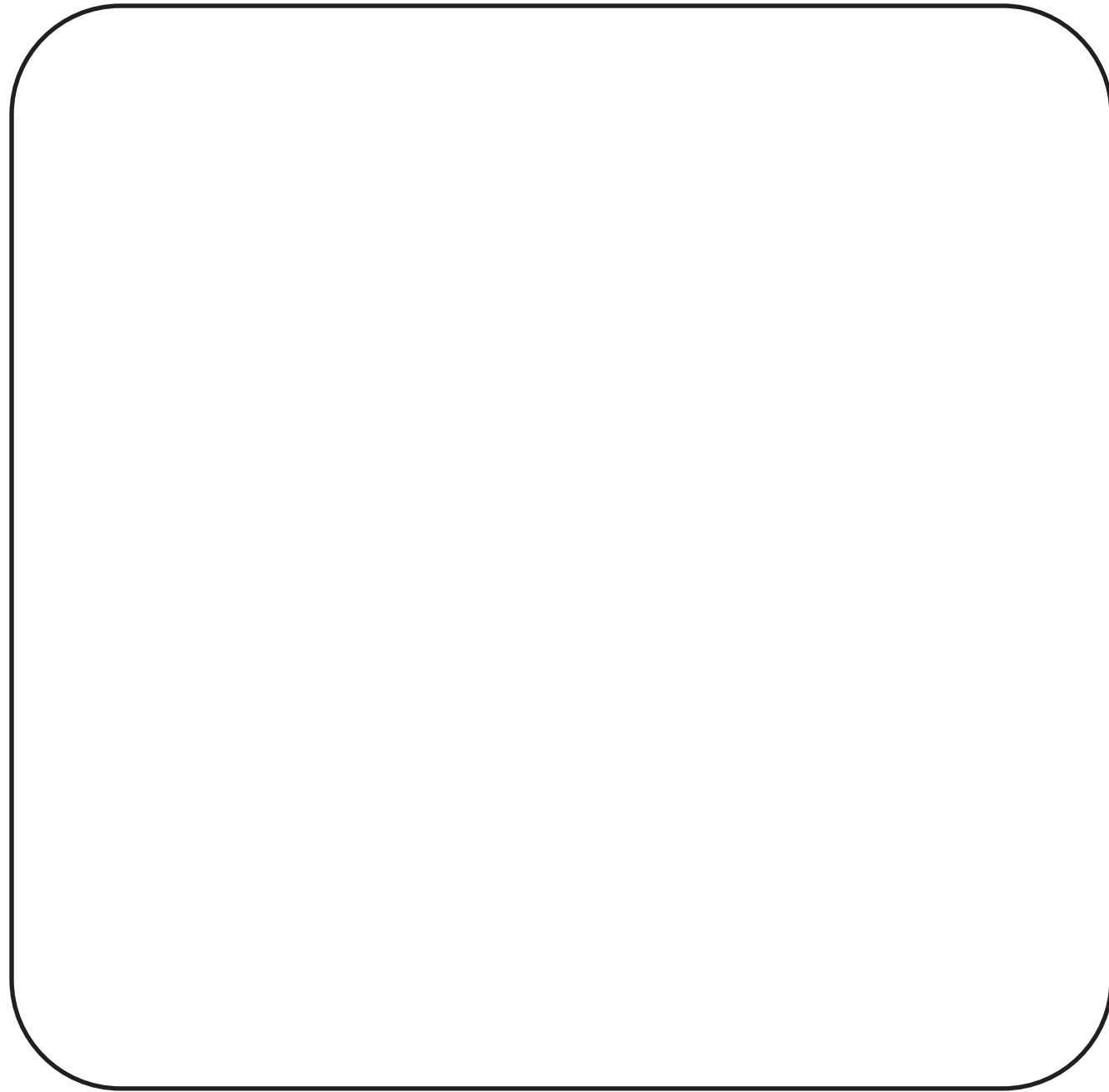
Here the family sees how special the tree is and they name him Engelmann.

The kids strung popcorn (though they ate nearly a mile)
 But as they draped it... it seemed to smile,
 Under two shiny balls - "Wait, did one of them wink?"
 Asked one of the kids. "You know, what I think?
 This isn't an ordinary tree. We have to give him a name."
 So they thought and they thought, but nothing came,
 Till one read his species name on his tag. "Let me introduce,
 The one! The only! Engelmann, the Spruce!"



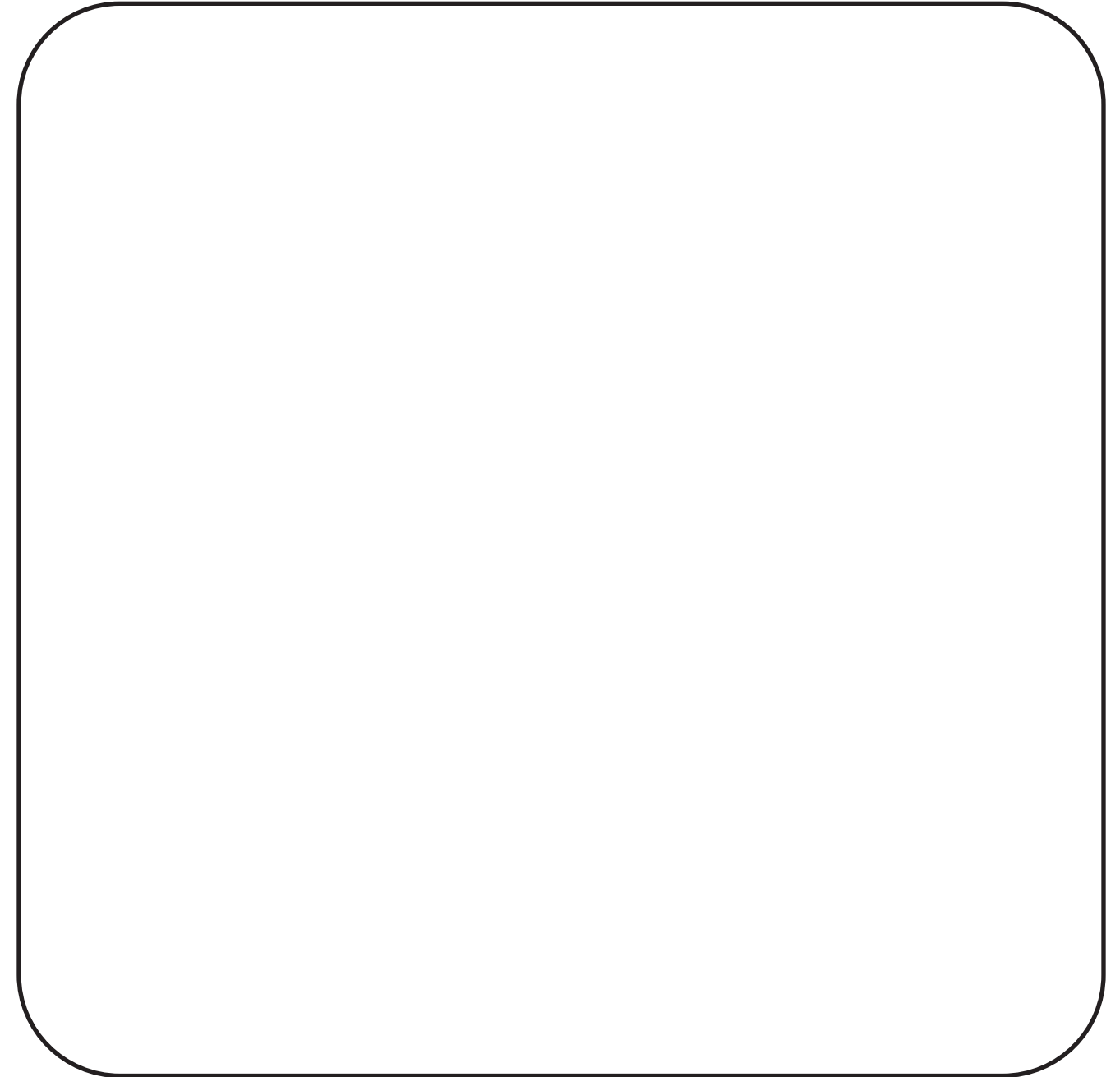
The family gathers around Engelmann to make and wrap Christmas gifts.

Each day they watered him to keep him fresh
 And lay under his boughs to rearrange the crèche.
 Spent nights camped at his foot, under a sheet
 Watching holiday films like "Miracle on 34th Street."
 They gathered beneath Engelmann to craft homemade gifts,
 Gluing and knitting and wrapping in shifts.



Show the children studying the gifts and wondering...

Each night they laid gifts 'neath his aromatic boughs,
"Here's another one, Engelmann. Why, look at you now!"
As each box was positioned, his lights blinked with pride
While the children just wondered what must be inside.



Did the tree move? Maybe. It definitely rang its bells. Show the children's surprise.

"What do you think, Engelmann?" of a box made of shells,
And the tree answered... by ringing its bells.
The children's eyes widened, "I think he approves."
"Who would believe it? But I just saw him move."

Pages 10-45 are not shown in this sample.

Do-it-yourself illustrations are a delightful activity for young readers and artists.

Follow this special Christmas Spruce from the forest to the Hurley home and beyond.

Christmas with Engelmann is great, but what's a young tree to do when it's all over and the kids go back to school?

Engelmann - facing the holiday trash heap - is no ordinary tree. He makes a run for it.

When your drawings are done, please send your favorites to Engelmann's website - www.footloosechristmas spruce.com - to be considered for online display.

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