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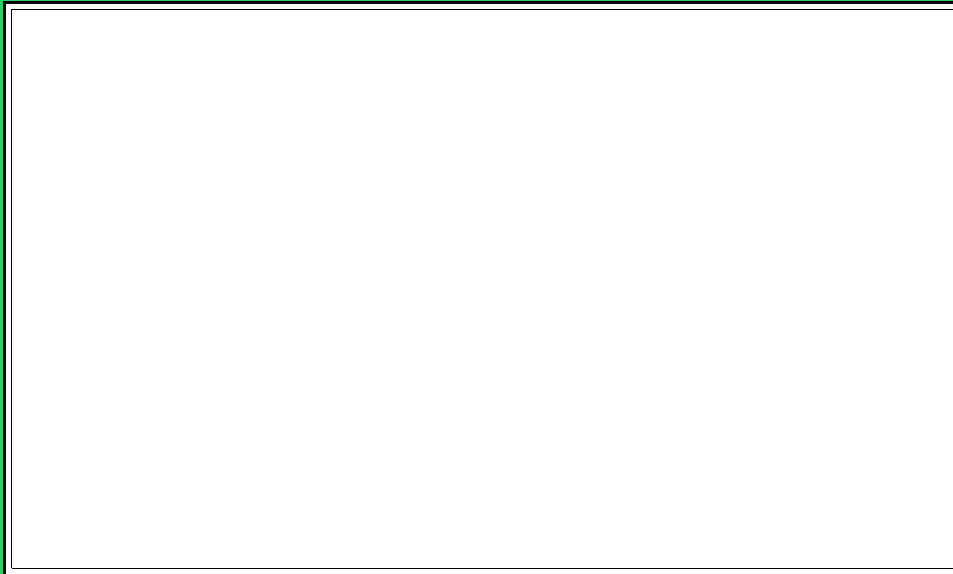
A note to parents:

Yule is one of the eight Pagan sacred days or Sabbats. It is usually celebrated on the Winter Solstice which is around December 21st in the Northern Hemisphere and June 21 in the Southern Hemisphere. The Winter Solstice is the time when the sun's light begins to return during the cold days of the Winter. Modern culture also recognizes this time as the end of the calendar year. The 12 days of Yule celebrates a symbolic journey of the sun through the 12 months of the coming year to help bring good tidings to all. Each of the 12 days of Yule represents one of the 12 upcoming months. For each day, a candle is lit and we honor something for which we are grateful in our lives. Each of the 12 days also honors the houses of the zodiac into which the sun will enter in the next year. The quality of each of these houses is used as the subject of recognition for each of the 12 days. The following is a list of the houses of the zodiac and their correspondences.

- 1st House = self
- 2nd House = possessions
- 3rd House = communication or place
- 4th House = home
- 5th House = pleasure and creativity
- 6th House = health
- 7th House = partnerships or loved ones
- 8th House = change or cycles
- 9th House = philosophy or learning
- 10th House = career or life path
- 11th House = friendships
- 12th House = the subconscious or mysterious

This is the season of Yule:  
The time when we honor  
the return of the sun's light  
and set our hopes  
for a bright and joyous new year.  
The 12 days of Yule celebrate  
the rebirth of the sun  
and its symbolic journey of blessings  
for the coming year.

Activity: draw or paste a picture of what Yule means to you in the space below.



On the first day of Yule  
we light 1 candle  
to bless who we are.

Activities:

- 1) Color the candle below then *light* it by coloring the flame.
- 2) Draw or paste a picture of yourself in the space below.
- 3) Offer a blessing to you and your loved ones.

