Christmas Bark Paintings

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- water
- black marker
- acrylic or craft paint

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a Modest Style

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—President Thomas S. Monson

**Journal Junction**

This month, write how you feel about Jesus Christ. You can write your testimony or favorite scriptures about Him. Why is He important to you? Write about things you did this past year to follow our Savior’s example.


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