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## Walks that Add Up

Something about fall makes you want to get outside and enjoy it before it becomes too cold to do anything. Taking a fall walk with your child is a great way to teach them how small things can add up to something big. Most small children will find an object of choice to pick up while on a walk and want to bring it home such as rocks, sticks, leaves, acorns, etc. Name something you see on a walk and they'll want to bring it home. Let's use acorns as an example. If your child wants to pick up an acorn (or 2 or 3) on each walk you go on through your neighborhood, challenge them to see how fast you can fill up a jar, baggie, or cup full of acorns. Count them as they go into your container of choice. Then each day you go on a walk, add to your collection and count the acorns as they go in. You can then ask for an observation from your child like "How has this container changed since our last walk?" "How many days do you think it will take to fill this container?" "How many acorns do you think fit in here?" etc. Questions like these really get your child thinking about big concepts like estimation, addition, growth, and spatial relations. Make sure to finish filling the jar with them so they can complete the challenge and feel that sense of accomplishment when you meet a goal.

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## Celebrate the Holiday Season with MidWest America

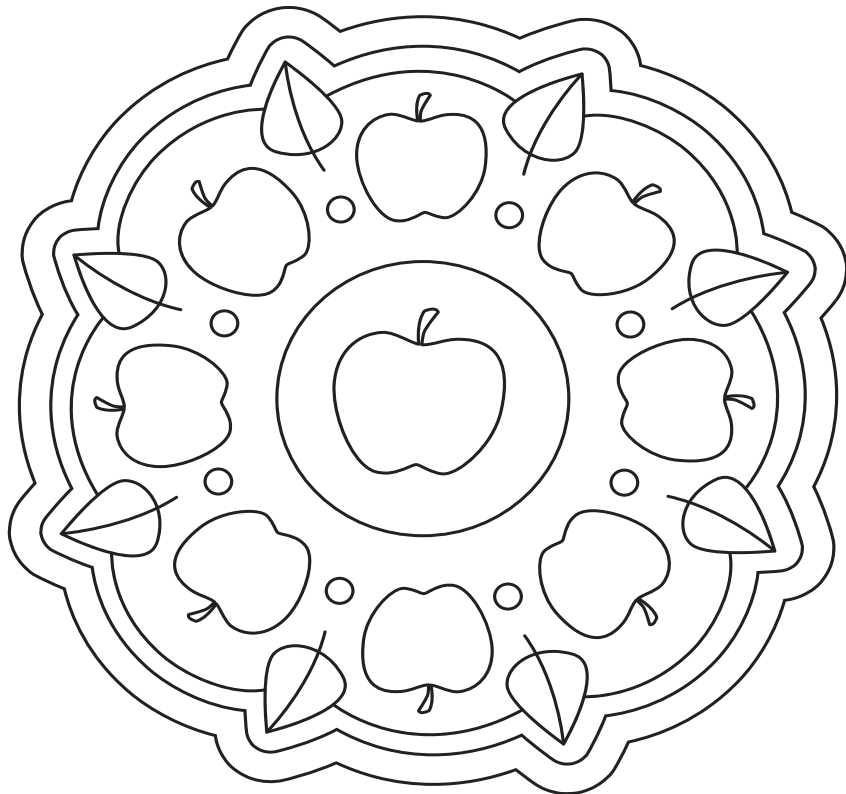
Fantasy of Lights is a Northeast Indiana Christmas tradition and we want to give your family the opportunity to see this year's outdoor display for free! The personal vehicle price is normally \$10, but we are offering **one pass** to each Growing Up MidWest family at **no charge**.

This 2-mile route through Fort Wayne's Franke Park has something new to see each year. There will be 8 additional displays for the 2022 season. Fantasy of Lights is open nightly through December 31st, so you can pick the best night for you to see the amazing light displays.

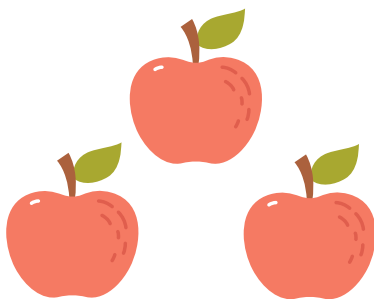
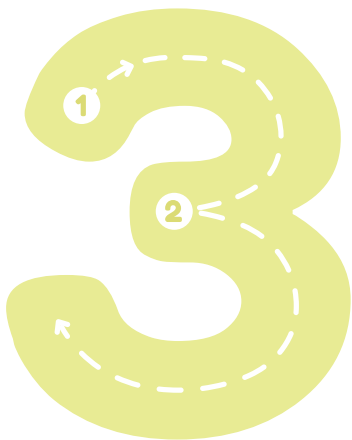
Each family that signs up for their free pass will automatically be entered to win a **Cozy Night at Home Gift Basket** filled with all the makings for a fun evening at home with the family! You can receive a **BONUS** entry in the drawing if you can name either of the long-time MidWest America sponsored light displays at the Fantasy of lights. You may provide either the name of the Christmas movie it highlights or provide a description of a key feature from the display.

Hurry, this offer is only available to the first 100 Growing Up MidWest members and their families. **To reserve your pass, have your parent or guardian call our Marketing Department at 260-482-3334 ext. 5800 or toll-free at 800-348-4738 ext. 5800. You will need to indicate the MidWest America branch where you would like to pick up your pass. All reservations for Fantasy of Lights passes must be made by Friday, December 2nd. Passes will be available for pick up at your preferred branch beginning December 7th.**





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