

# DECEMBER 2024



## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### Old Red's Christmas

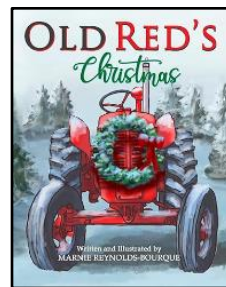
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*One day a friend stops by to see Red and her family... will Red help the friend at a Christmas tree farm?*

Old Red has been spending her days performing chores on the family farm and being loved. Then one day a man stops by to ask for Red's help at his tree farm for the holiday season.

*Will Red help with the chores at the Christmas tree farm during the holiday season?*

If you and your family enjoy "Old Red", then you will also be entertained reading about her new adventure saving the day at a Christmas tree farm during the busy holiday season. Read along and enjoy the festive illustrations of a bright red tractor helping a friend!



#### Fun Facts:

- Americans spent around \$5.6 billion on Christmas trees in 2023, which is 8.67% higher than in 2022.
- In 2023 25-30 million real Christmas trees were sold in the U.S. 43% of American households buy a real tree.
- For every Christmas tree cut in Georgia, five are planted in its place. Georgia consistently ranked the Top Forestry State in the Nation.
- 1 acre of Christmas trees provides the daily oxygen requirements for 18 people!
- The top 5 counties, by value, producing Christmas trees are: Morgan, Jackson, Rabun, Baldwin and Butts.
- To find a Christmas Tree Farm in Georgia visit [Georgia Christmas Tree Association](#) or Georgia Farm Bureau's [Certified Farm Market](#) website.
- The Murray Cypress is the most common Christmas tree grown in Georgia.

#### Videos:

- [AgVentures at Skipper Family Farm in Bibb County](#)
- [AgVentures at Berry's Tree Farm in Newton County](#)
- [Christmas Tree | How Does it Grow?](#)
- [Why Do We Have Christmas Trees? | COLOSSAL QUESTIONS](#)
- [Christmas Tree Farm | Nature Boom Time](#)

#### Activities:

- [Christmas Tree Card: Use fingerprints to add green to the tree and then use Q-Tips to add ornaments/lights](#)
- Lessons: Discover Christmas Trees [K-2](#) and [3-5](#)
- [Gumdrop Christmas Tree Challenge](#)- Build, then measure to see what group has the tallest gumdrop tree
- Handmade Ornaments: [Popsicle Stick Christmas Tree Frame](#) | [Air Clay](#) | [Salt Dough](#)
- Christmas Themed Coloring Pages: [Option 1](#) | [Option 2](#)
- Bookmarks: [Option 1](#) | [Option 2](#)
- Recipes: [Christmas Tree Waffles](#) | [Christmas Tree Dirt Cups](#)
- Craft/Food Activity: [Christmas Trees Made from Ice Cream Cones](#)
- Craft: Make [puffy paint](#) and then paint the Christmas tree. Activity page with [Christmas tree template and facts](#)



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