

December

## Christmas Lights



### Paired Experiences

1. NYC Rockefeller Tree Lighting
2. Crazy Xmas lights House
3. Vienna Christmas Market



### Complementary Activity: Decorating the Space with Lights

#### Materials Needed

- Lights, holiday decorations
- Hot chocolate, marshmallows & assorted holiday cookies
- Comfortable seating and blankets
- A collection of holiday-themed poems

#### Talking Points:

- Share personal experiences of holiday decorations
- What are some favorite movies that feature Xmas decorations?
- Discuss the history and traditions of holiday light displays.
  - Represents the triumph of light over darkness, during the winter
  - Tradition dating back to 17th century Germany

**Fun Fact:** First electrically illuminated tree was in 1882 by Thomas Edison. Now the Rockefeller Tree is one of the most famous, with over 50,000 multicolored LED lights on a tree that can be up to 100 feet tall.

