**Small Hands Crafting**

Cut a piece of construction paper in half lengthwise. Fold one of the halves accordion style. Tape the two ends together to make an accordion fan. Add small pieces of gathered orange and yellow tissue paper to make the flame in the middle of the flat side of the accordion fan.

**Diwali**

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**Fun with Light: Movement for Diwali**

Diwali is the festival of light and a time for celebration and togetherness. This is an entertaining game for both children and adults to enjoy.

You will need:
- Paper Flames
- Paper bowls

Set up two cones far enough apart from each other to have a relay race. Divide the group into two teams. At the starting line, have a container with all of the paper flames. At the finish line, set up the bowls that will need to be "lit". As the race starts, players will race individually to take their flame to the bowl. The team that lights all of the Diyas first will be the winners.

**Edible Diyas**

- Cucumbers
- Carrots
- Red Pepper (optional)
- Tomato (optional)
- Humus (optional)

Cut the cucumbers into round slices and then cut each slice in half to make half circle slices. Cut the carrots into circle slices. To make your Diyas lay the cucumber on the plate with a carrot circle just above the flat side. The cucumber is your candle dish and the carrot is the flame. To make a pretty presentation, circle the edible diyas around a plate and put, red pepper, tomato, or even humus in the middle for dip.

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