

Sunday Club at Home

Hi Everyone

I hope you had a good Christmas and new year; we are sadly coming to the end of our series of the Christmas Story All Wrapped up for Christmas, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Today we are going to explore the Story's End



Here is a picture of all the Characters in the Nativity story. We have met and explored them all over our series. All these people were invited to be part of the amazing story of Jesus birth. They're all so different, but they all had an important part to play. Can you pick out your favourite character? I wonder if you were writing the nativity story which people would you keep in the story and which ones would you take out, and why?



We have looked at lots of maps during our journey through Christmas.

Can you see where people who were in the story came from and where did they travel too.

Can you point out where Bethlehem is or Nazareth where Jesus grew up.

Could you draw a map of

where you have travelled from home to school? Where else have you travelled.

This is a picture of what a stable would have probably looked like in Jesus time. The family would live above the stable and the animals below, all



under one roof. When the visitors got to the stable, they found the baby Jesus wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a manger in a dirty smelly stable. Can you imagine finding God's special gift to the world in a smelly stable. Could you build a stable like this with Lego or other building bricks? What Animals would you have in your stable?

All these people had an invitation to be part of God's Big Story and it changed their lives for ever.

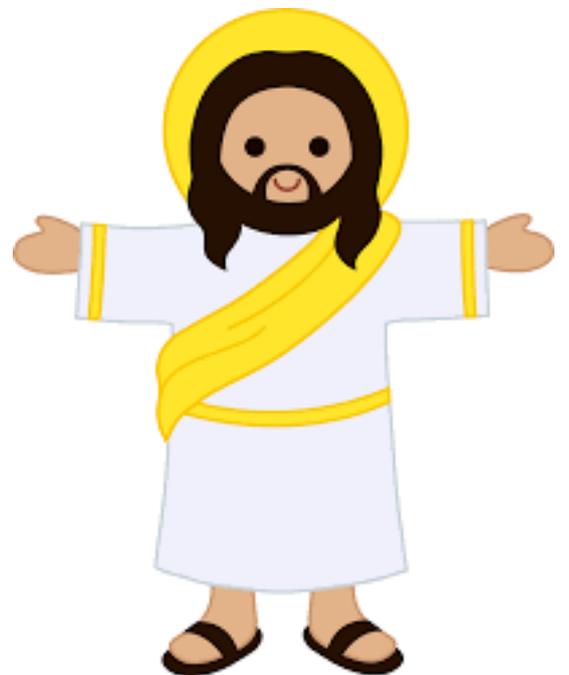


Mary was an ordinary young girl, who became the Mum of Jesus God's special Gift.

I wonder, how do you think Mary felt? ask Mum how she felt when she had you?

Joseph, who like everything to be tidy and in order, married Mary- even though she was pregnant with a mystery baby – and ended up raising God's Son.

Joseph like things to be tidy – I wonder are you tidy? Is your bedroom tidy? I wonder if you could bring God's Son up? Can you draw a picture of how you think Joseph looked, I wonder if you think that Joseph looked like this, and I wonder what he would look like today?





The shepherds were poor, not liked, homeless. Then they realised that they mattered too when God invited them to come and see the Baby Jesus and to celebrate at the stable.

The wise men were from another country and religion. They realised that they too were included in God's big Story as they received an invitation in the sky to go and find God's Special King. I wonder which one of the wise men would you be? I wonder if God invited you to be part of his Big Story would you go?



The Angel was a messenger from God, the angels went to Mary to tell her the good news, to Joseph to tell him not to worry and to look after Mary and the new baby. They went to the shepherds to tell them the good news of Jesus being born and with instructions to follow the star another important person in God's Big Story.

Story time

Let's remind ourselves of the whole story

Nativity- the whole story

[The Story of Christmas - The Beginners Bible - Bing video](#)

We can also read the story in the bible or some story books

Here is the story for our younger children

This is an interactive story so please join in.

The special message

The Angel Gabriel went to see Mary (make a surprised face)

"God wants to give you a special baby" he told her. (pretend to rock a baby)

The baby will be God's own Son, Jesus".

Mary didn't understand (Shrug your shoulders)

But she still obeyed God (nod you head)

Mary was supposed to get married to a man named Joseph

He didn't understand either (make a confused face)

So, God's angel visited him, too (make a surprised face)

"Mary's telling the truth" the angel said (cross you heart)

"She will have baby – God's own Son!" (point up)

"Okay" said Joseph "I will not be afraid! I will marry her after all. And Mary will be my Wife!" (make a kissy sound.)

Away in a Manger

Mary and Joseph went on a trip (walk in place)

It was a very long way. (walk slow)

Finally, they came to Bethlehem, soon it was time for Mary to have her baby (make a baby noise)

But there was no space for them! Bethlehem was crowded.

(press yourself right up next to somebody)

So, Mary and Joseph stayed with the animals (make barn animal sounds)

And that's where God's own Son, was born (Pretend to rock a baby)

Activities

Make a Heart

You will need

Card

Colouring Pencils/ felt tip Pens

Ribbon

Scissors

Sticky tape

What to do

Draw a heart on the card.

Then cut it out

Write or draw in the centre of the heart what has made Christmas special to you.

Then decorate the outside of the heart.

Then take the ribbon and make a loop and attach it to the back with sticky tape.

You could put it on the wall in your room to remind you of Christmas, or put it in your box.

Make a Star

You will need

Card

Colouring Pencils/ Felt tip Pens

Sticky tape

Ribbon

What to do

Draw a star as big as you want

Then think about what you want to do in 2021 and either draw or write your hopes and dreams in the middle.

Then decorate your star as you want.

Then take the ribbon and make a loop and attach to the back of the star this could also go on your wall as a reminder of what your hopes and dreams for this year are.

This is the end of the nativity story, but the beginning of Jesus story.

I wonder what we will explore next week?