

Nativity Story 30th November 2020

This week we will be starting to learn the first Christmas story. We have been busy learning Nativity songs at Nursery, maybe you could sing them at home.

It is important to remember the story of Jesus being born and why we celebrate this each year. Here are some simple clips of the first Christmas story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UP_2yp16A8k

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks1-the%20christian-story-of-the-first-christmas/z7fp382>

- You could draw each of the nativity characters to retell the story, maybe you could use an empty box as the stable, maybe you have a few farm animals you could put in the stable with Mary and Joseph.
- Make nativity role play masks to get children on their feet and engaging with the Christmas Story. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-378-nativity-role-play-masks> Here are some if you would prefer to print some. You could ask the children to think about and discuss how each character might feel at different points in the story, talking about emotions is important eg How would Mary and Joseph feel when all the inns were full? Were Mary and Joseph proud when the Kings came to visit? How did the shepherds feel when the angels appeared?
- Make nativity character speech bubbles, what might each character say? You could draw pictures as well as write.
- Draw a story map of what happens in the Christmas story, if you draw each part on a separate card, you could order them and then play a game by taking one away and ask your grown up to tell the missing part. Here is a story map to help you.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/christmas-nativity-story-map-activity-t-tp-2660536>

- The kings and shepherds brought gifts for baby Jesus. Think what sort of presents you might give to a new born baby. Maybe your grown up could show you photos of how you've changed since you were a baby.
- The kings travelled such a long way to find baby Jesus by following a star. What can we use to help us find our way. Maybe your grown up could find your home on Google maps, or they might have paper maps and atlases to look at. You could draw a map of your home and garden, get your grown up to follow a route around. Here are some pictures of how the stars look at night, some people use them to help find their way to travel.

<https://www.google.com/sky/>

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Have a lovely week everyone, more Christmas work for you next week!

