

Worship 2 Go

Drawing School and Home Together

Thanks to all those people who have made some of the resources collated here available to share

Follow the Star—part 1

The Christmas story

You can find this in the Bible in the book of Luke, chapter 2, verses 1-19, and the book of Matthew, chapter 2, verses 1-12.

This week you can find lots of activities to help us to follow the star to find comfort and joy. These are designed to do during Advent, the time leading up to Christmas and maybe when school breaks up too. There'll be more next week!

Daily Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the amazing nativity story, that tells us about the birth of Jesus. Thank you that sent the angels to the shepherds and the star to guide the wise men. Please guide us as we try to share your love with others and may God's blessing be in our hearts at this time of year. Amen

Wondering

I wonder what the Christmas story helps you think about

I wonder if you feel like any of the characters in the Christmas story

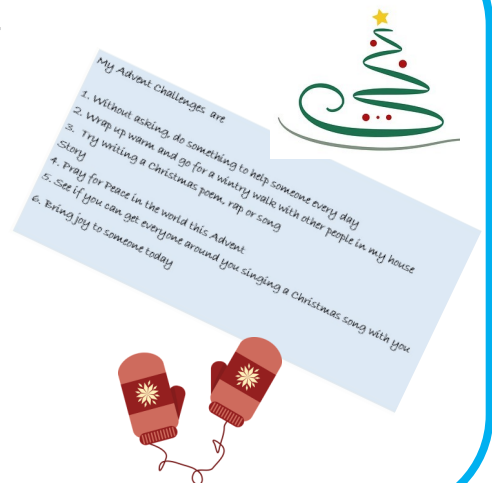
I wonder who you can share the Christmas story with this year



Advent Challenge

Make yourself a list of 6 challenges you will do over Advent (you can add more if you like). Here are some to get you started. What will you add?

1. Without asking, do something to help someone every day
2. Wrap up warm and go for a wintry walk with other people in my house
3. Try writing a Christmas poem, rap or song story



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Sorry Stars

Make a star shape—you could cut it out or make an origami one. Advent is about getting ready. Sometimes we get things wrong. Sometimes we do and say things that hurt other people. Saying sorry is admitting that we are wrong and that we want things right again. It can actually help us to feel better, bring comfort to us. Do you need to say sorry for something? Write or draw a sorry thought or prayer on your star and then put it in the recycle bin as a sign of giving it to God. If you actually need to say sorry into a person then ask God to be with you as you do that.



Star Decoration

Make a star, decoration—it can be from anything you have about—and write this pray on it somewhere ***Star of wonder, star of light, may God's blessing be in our hearts this Christmas*** Hang it up somewhere, maybe on a tree if you have one. Perhaps you could try and remember to say the prayer every day.



Star Guide

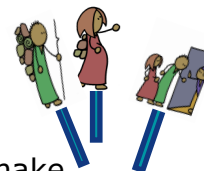
Sailors used to use the north star to help them find their way at night. Take a piece of paper then write or draw on it people who might travel for work, for example ambulance drivers or firefighters or anyone else you can think of. Then fold your paper into a boat shape and put it somewhere to remind you to pray. You could decorate it too if you like.



Homemade Nativity Sets

Why not have a go at making your own nativity set to tell the Christmas story? There are lots of ways you can make your own Nativity set:

- Make people from old fashioned pegs
- Draw characters on kitchen towel or toilet paper tubes
- Draw characters on paper, stick them on the end of a straw to make simple puppets
- Paint stones
- Make an old shoebox or similar into a stable and keep everything in there



Paper Chain Thank You Prayers

This is a great activity for the whole household. Simply write or draw a thank you pray on a strip of paper then add it to the chain. People can add their prayers to the chain at any time



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