



COME ALONG, CHRISTMAS!

FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

You've loved the calendar, now there is more to do with your family at home. Every 5 days you will meet a new character. For each one, you will find their little part of the Christmas story and some linked fun activities to do together. Pick and choose those that will best suit you and your family.

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE PARTY!



Pretend



Game



Craft



Media



MARY Days 1-5

The first Christmas began with Mary, an ordinary girl from an ordinary place. She was going to marry Joseph. One day God sent an angel to Mary with a special message. God was giving her a baby boy. He would be called Jesus. He would be the king forever, God's own son. What a shock for Mary! But she believed the message because she trusted God. We can trust God because he still loves to meet ordinary people like you and me.



Dress up in your favourite clothes and pretend to be going to Mary and Joseph's wedding.



Play a game of boo! Can you make someone jump and tell them something fun? The angel Gabriel surprised Mary and told her she was going to have a baby.



Cut out a crown shape from a piece of paper and decorate it because Jesus is God's promised king.



Fancy some songs and movement? Try this 22 minute Jingle Jivers session on YouTube about Mary being visited by the angel Gabriel.





JOSEPH Days 6-10

Joseph was excited to be getting married to Mary. But when he found out that Mary was going to have a baby, he was sad. Joseph knew it wasn't his baby. He went to bed sad. In the night, an angel told Joseph good news, "Mary's baby is from God, he is God's own son, sent to rescue us. Give him the name Jesus. His name means 'God saves.'" Joseph woke up happy because God was looking after him and Mary. God is still looking after us as well.



Sing 'If you're sad and you know it stamp your feet, if you're happy and you know it clap your hands', because Joseph was very sad and then very happy when he heard Mary was going to have God's son.



Play a game of 'Save the toy' because it is lost! When you find it, shout hooray!

Jesus came to save people who were lost from God.



Colour in the picture of Joseph with his tools (see page 04).



Discover what your name means. Jesus' name means 'God saves'.



SHEPHERD Days 11-15

It was the middle of the night, dark and quiet. There were shepherds looking after their sheep on the hills. Suddenly angels appeared. Light everywhere. Too bright. They had good news for the shepherds. God's king had been born in Bethlehem and laid in an animal's food trough. How strange! "Let's go!" they said. They ran all the way to meet the baby king. We can be just as excited this Christmas because this good news is for us as well.



Play with torches in a dark room because the angels appeared to the shepherds with bright lights in the middle of the night.



Make a stable at home with toys/-cardboard. Can you find some animals? What about a Mary, a Joseph and a baby Jesus? Put them into your stable.



Stick cotton wool onto a piece of paper to make a sheep. Don't forget to add the legs and face!



Fancy some songs and movement? Try this 25 minute Jingle Jivers session on YouTube about the shepherds being told baby Jesus had been born.





ANGEL Days 16-20

The angels were busy that first Christmas. God sent them with important messages. They had amazing news for Mary. Her baby was God's king. They had happy news for Joseph. The baby was God's son. They had good news for the shepherds, but not just for them. It was really good news for all people. The angels sang to the shepherds because this was the best message ever.



Pretend to fly everywhere like an angel for a day (instead of walking).



Do you have any decorations of angels up in your house? How many are there? When the angel visited the shepherds the whole sky was full, there were too many to count.



Colour in the stable picture and draw yourself in the picture too (see page 05).



Play this song and dance around the room because the angels gave the shepherds some amazing news that is for all people.



WISE MAN Days 21-25

Wonderful wise men from a land far, far away were busy searching the stars. There was a special star showing them the way to the new king. They knew they had to follow the star. It took them all the way to Jesus. He looked like an ordinary baby but they knew he was very very special. They gave him precious presents because they knew he was the king. Jesus is still the king. He can be our king.



Go outside at night to look for stars because the wise men saw a new star in the sky and followed it to find Jesus.



Help to wrap up some presents and put them under the tree ready to open on Christmas day because the wise men brought presents for Jesus. How many can you wrap up?



Decorate an A4 piece of plain paper that can be used to wrap up a small Christmas present. We are not told whether the wise men wrapped up their presents for Jesus.



Fancy some songs and movement? Try this 23 minute Jingle Jivers session on YouTube about the wise men following the star to find Jesus.



JOSEPH



When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. Joseph married Mary.

[Matthew 1:24 ICB](#)

STABLE



And the shepherds saw the baby lying in a feeding box.

Luke 2:17 ICB



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