



Instructions:

MARY



Do:

This is your chance to meet 'Mary'! Watch the video and use the buttons to ask Mary different questions.

Reflect:

- How do you think Mary was feeling when the angel visited?
- How do you feel when faced with a big or scary task ahead?
- How should we be more like Mary?

Take Away:

We can learn from Mary's bravery and courage. She trusted God's plan even though it was scary and she didn't know what the future would hold. We can try and be more like Mary!



Take a BRAVE sticker to remind you to be more like Mary when faced with a challenge





Instructions:

JOSEPH



Reflect:

Aft Joseph was visited by an angel in a dream, he had some big questions for God. He didn't know how this would all work out and he had a lot of different thoughts.

Do:

What are your big questions about life, the world and God? Write them down on a piece of paper and peg it to the wall.

Take Away:

We all have big questions about life and God loves it when we come to him with these questions! God might not answer us straight away or in the way we expect, but he is always listening.



Take a colour-in bookmark to remind you to stay curious and keep asking the BIG questions!





Instructions: THE ANGELS



Reflect:

The angels came bearing good news of great joy and they sing praises to God for his gift of Jesus.

- What brings you 'great joy'?
- What are you thankful for?

Do:

Write down something you are thankful for on a strip of glitter paper. Then add it to our paper chain of angel 'halos' by stapling it into a circle.

Take Away:

It is good to practice being thankful and to praise God with joy!



Take a glow stick 'halo' to remind you of the angels joy and thankfulness to God





Instructions: THE STAR



Reflect:

The star shone brightly to guide the way for the wise men. It brought light into the darkness just like Jesus brings light into darkness.

- Who or what guides you in your decisions?
- How can you be a light in the world?

Do:

Decorate a star-shaped Christmas tree decoration using pens and stickers.

Take Away:

We can all be light-bringers in dark places!



Take your decoration home and hang it on the tree to remind you to be a light in the darkness





Instructions: JESUS



Reflect:

Jesus' birth meant that God had chosen to live amongst us as a human even though he was still God. He was called 'Emmanuel' (God with us).

- Why do you think God chose to come to earth as Jesus?
- Do you believe God is with you all the time?
- Who do you know that especially needs God to be with them at the moment?

Do:

Using two pipe-cleaners, make a stick person. Keep this with you to remind you that God is always close by. Or you could give it to a friend who needs God to be with them at the moment.

Take Away:

God promises that he is always with us and will never leave us.



Take your pipe-cleaner person home (or give it to a friend) to remind you that God is with you





Instructions: THE WISE MEN



Reflect:

The wise men each brought gifts to Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They offered what they had to honour Jesus.

- What gifts and skills do you have?
- How can you honour God with your gifts?

Do:

Write your gifts and skills on the presents wrapped in brown paper.

Take Away:

God gives us all different gifts and skills. We can choose to use them to serve others and serve God!



Take a gold coin to remind you of the gift of gold that the wise men brought to Jesus





Instructions: THE SHEPHERDS



Reflect:

The shepherds were poor nobodies but God had a huge plan for their story. Being there at the birth of God's son was beyond their wildest dreams!

- How do you think the shepherds felt?
- What are your big dreams?
- Do you believe God can make impossible dreams come true?

Do:

Take a ball of cotton wool. Hold it in your hands and think about what big dreams you have for your future. Ask God to show you his big dreams for your life too. Then glue your cotton wool onto the sheep to add your hopes and dreams to everyone else's!

Take Away:

God has amazing opportunities for all of us - we just need to dream big!



Take a candy shepherds crook to remind you of their story and to always dream BIG!





Instructions: THE INNKEEPERS



Reflect:

Mary and Joseph had nowhere to stay and would have been giving birth in the streets had it not been for a kind person who took them in. There are lots of people around the world who are searching for a safe place to live and don't have a home.

- Who else might be searching for a safe place to live?
- How would it feel for someone to say there was 'no room' for you?
- How can we 'open the door' like the innkeeper did and look after those who are homeless or refugees?

Do:

Look at the photos of refugees and homelessness. Write a letter of support to someone who is homeless or to a refugee. Try and think about what you can write that would make them feel welcome and cared for. Post your letter through the letterbox.

Take Away:

We all have a role to play to make others feel welcome and ensure no one is left out



Take a Christmas eraser to remind you of the letter you wrote

