CHRISTMAS



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| Christmas |
| Faith | * Jesus is the Son of God
* Mary is the Mother of Jesus
* The Holy Family
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| Values / Morality | * Concern for others
* Gratitude for what we have
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| Points for Discussion | * Annunciation
* Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus
* Shepherds
* Kings
* Gifts
* Giving presents
* Sharing and caring
* Helping people less fortunate
* Joy of Christmas
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| Prayers | * I want to Look for Jesus
* Thank you God for Jesus
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| Sacred Space | * Red cloth
* Candle
* Religious Advent Calendar
* Advent Wreath
* Crib
* Nativity story-book
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| Children's Bible Stories | **Suggested links with scripture:*** Birth of Jesus (based on Luke 1-2)
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| Songs & Nursery Rhymes | * Away in a Manger
* Down in Bethlehem
* Babies
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| Books | God's Littlest AngelBy Alan and Linda ParryPublished by Tynedale House PublishersISBN-10: 0842311777Silent Night (My First Nativity Story)Illustrations by Julie FletcherAvailable from Marks & SpencerThe Christmas StarPublished by Priddy BooksThe Christmas Bible StorybookA Bible Friends Bible StoryPublished by Scripture UnionISBN-10: 1844272915The NativityIllustrations by Estelle CorkePublished by the Book StudioLittle Owl and the Star (A Christmas Story)By Mary MurphyPublished by Walker Books LtdISBN-10: 0744588022The Christmas Story Book and JigsawIllustrated by Stephen HolmesPublished by Haldane Mason LtdISBN-10: 1905339658Baby Jesus (Book and Play Puzzle)Published by LadybirdWhat Happened at Christmas?By Alan and Linda ParryPublished by Tynedale House PublishersISBN: 9780842383776 |
| Links with Family | * Mass on Christmas Day
* Nativity Play
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**Prayers**

**I Want to Look for Jesus**

I want to look for Jesus.

Live like Jesus

and love Jesus.

**Thank you God for Jesus**

Thank you God for Jesus;

is the prayer we say.

Thank you God for Jesus;

born on Christmas day.

**Songs and Nursery Rhymes**

**Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,

the Little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes

but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky

and stay by my bedside 'till morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay,

close by me for ever and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

and take us to Heaven to live with thee there.

**Down in Bethlehem**

Guess what! A baby boy was born.

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Guess what! A baby boy was born.

Down in Bethlehem.

We found him in a manger there.

We found him in a manger there.

We found him in a manger there.

Down in Bethlehem.

And wise men travelled from afar.

And wise men travelled from afar.

And wise men travelled from afar.

Down in Bethlehem.

The shepherds came with little lambs.

The shepherds came with little lambs.

The shepherds came with little lambs.

Down in Bethlehem.

And angels sang the night away.

And angels sang the night away.

And angels sang the night away.

Down in Bethlehem.

Guess what! A baby boy was born.

Guess what! A baby boy was born.

Guess what! A baby boy was born.

Down in Bethlehem.

**Babies**

Rock the baby in my arms,

hold him snug and tight;

lay him in his little cot and gently kiss good night.

Dear Father God keep babies safe, in your loving care;

thank you for sending Jesus for all of us to share.

Rock the baby in my arms,

hold him snug and tight;

lay him in his little cot and gently kiss good night.