

Christmas Ideas

Activities & Crafts

allfreecrafts.com

<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/christmas/index.shtml>

All Free Crafts offers free Christmas crafts to make easy homemade Christmas decorations, Christmas ornaments and easy homemade gifts.

catholicmom.com

http://www.catholicmom.com/advent_kids.htm

Advent and Christmas Crafts and Activities For Children

billybear4kids.com

<http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/christmas/crafts.htm>

Christmas Nativity- Scroll down to this craft. A simple nativity scene comprising of Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and a lamb - great for gluing to a stable background.

Stable background- <http://www.msssbible.com/devotions/adventtreasurehunt/advent8.htm>

**If a large nativity scene is needed, this is a very simple nativity scene that would be easy to enlarge by tracing the pictures on transparencies and using an overhead projector to enlarge the pictures to whatever size you want. You can make the characters on cardboard or poster board and paint them. For the stable, use the picture to form the stable out of pieces of scrap lumber or cardboard.

daniellesplace.com

http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible_themes_-_jesus.html

Crafts and activities about Isaiah predicts Jesus' Birth, Jesus was a Special Baby, Mary tells her Good News, Jesus Goes to Church, Jesus Grew and I am Growing, and Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness.

domestic-church.com

<http://www.domestic-church.com/>

Advent and Christmas references. Click on Fridge Art, then Advent and Christmas. Activities, crafts, coloring pages, puzzles, etc.

homeschooling.about.com

<http://homeschooling.about.com/od/holidays/ss/nativityprint.htm>

Nativity printables.

noelnoelnoel.com

http://www.noelnoelnoel.com/famfun/crafts/kids_craft/candleholder.html

Festive Candle Holder- Cute, easy craft made out of a baby food jar and tissue paper. Tip: Make a mixture of half water and half glue in a paper cup. Paint with a paintbrush or a Q-tip a small area on each jar with the glue mixture, then cover the area with small pieces of tissue paper. Use a variety of colored paper to cover the entire jar with two or three layers of tissue paper. Coat the finished jar with thinned glue to seal.

freekidcrafts.com

http://www.freekidcrafts.com/kid_christmas_craft_ideas.html

Christmas Crafts

kathyross.com

<http://www.kathyross.com/holproj.html>

Glitter and Sugar Ornament- A fun and easy way to make lots of pretty ornaments to decorate your Christmas Tree. A sample craft from Kathy Ross' book: The Best Holiday Crafts Ever!, page 144 & 145.

theideabox.com

<http://www.theideabox.com/>

Christmas crafts, games, activities, recipes, music/songs. Tons of great ideas! Click on: Holiday/Seasonal, then Christmas.

families-first.com

<http://families-first.com/kids/ross1.htm>

Melted Crayon Jars- An easy craft that students can make as presents for their loved ones.

kiddyhouse.com

<http://www.kiddyhouse.com/Christmas/wreathplate.html>

Paper Plate Christmas Wreath- An easy and fun craft that all kids can make.

christiancrafters.com

<http://www.christiancrafters.com/page6.html>

Several Christmas crafts posted here.

homeschoolzone.com

<http://homeschoolzone.com/pp/crafts/candycane.htm>

Story of the Candy Cane- Print out this story and glue on colored construction paper and give each child a candy cane to tape onto card.

victorious.com

<http://victorious.com/reports/ccane.htm>

Colorful version of the Candy Cane Story you can copy and print out.

creativeladiesministry.com

<http://www.creativeladiesministry.com/candycaneprint1.html>

Attach this to some candy canes to give to family, friends, children you teach or even co-workers.

Shine On- Students make punched-tin candleholders. (Bible Story Crafts & Projects Children Love by Kathy Ross, page 71).

Birth of Jesus Story Wheel- Children turn their story wheel dial to retell the Birth of Jesus story they learned over and over again. Even though this comes from a preschool craft book, it is appropriate for older children to do. (Preschool Christian Crafts by Linda Standke, page 37, 38, 39, 40, and 44).

Baby Jesus in a Manger- A little manger with baby Jesus is just right for little hands. Even though this comes from a preschool craft book, it is appropriate for older children to do. (Preschool Christian Crafts by Linda Standke, page 47 & 48).

Paper Bag Manger Scene- Children will delight in having their own crèche to celebrate the story of Jesus' birth. Even though this comes from a preschool craft book, it is appropriate for older children to do. (Preschool Christian Crafts by Linda Standke, page 49-52).

Coloring

teacherhelp.org

<http://www.teacherhelp.org/chris.htm#color>

Several Christmas coloring pages posted here.

silk.net

<http://www.silk.net/RelEd/christmascoloring.htm>

Christmas coloring pages.

coloringbookfun.com

<http://coloringbookfun.com/christian/>

Christian coloring pages.

christiancoloring.com

http://www.christiancoloring.com/christmas_coloring1.htm

Christmas Christian coloring pages.

sermons4kids.com

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_scene_colorpg.htm

Jesus is born manger scene #1.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_scene_abda_colorpg.htm

Jesus is born manger scene #2.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_scene_wph_colorpg.htm

Jesus' birth manger scene #3.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_scene_intouch_colorpg.htm

Manger scene #4.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/mary_jesus_colorpg.htm

Mary and baby Jesus.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise_men_colorpg.htm

Wise Men worship Jesus.

Games

childrensministry.com

<http://www.childrensministry.com/article.asp?ID=588>

Bethlehem or Bust- Kids will enjoy this fun relay during the Christmas season.

kidssundayschool.com

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Preschool/Games/1game11.php>

A Search for Jesus- A fun yet simple game for younger children about searching for baby Jesus.

sundayschoolnetwork.com

http://sundayschoolnetwork.com/christmas_games.html

Eight Christmas games posted here.

The Birth of Jesus Game- A simple and fun board game for younger children to find Jesus in the stable. (Super Bible Game Book by Linda Standke, page 56 & 57 for game board and page 55 for directions).

Pin the Star on the Stable- Teach the Christmas story with this simple game of Pin the Star on the Stable. Great for younger children. (Super Bible Game Book by Linda Standke, page 47).

Lessons

bibleresourcecenter.org

<http://www.bibleresourcecenter.org/vslItemDisplay.dsp&objectID=0BAC9AA1-9665-42EE-9F26FC8C8AB50386&method=display>

Jesus' Birth lesson with: Overview, Objectives, Incorporating the Text: Suggested Discussion Points, Classroom Activities, Follow-Up/Assessment Questions, Take-Away Activities, etc.

calvarychapel.com

http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum_n.htm

Several Christmas lessons listed with memory verses, circle the correct words, true or false, fill in the blanks, puzzles, and color sheets.

dltk-bible.com

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/guides/christmas-index.htm>

The Christmas Story (Taken from Matthew and Luke) lesson with memory verse, teacher's guide, angel printables, Christmas Bible Reading Chart, coloring pages, crafts, games and puzzles, Christmas Nativity Felt Board, puppets, or coloring templates, Christmas plays, prayers, and songs, Christmas printables, recipes, take home sheets, etc.

sspm.gc.adventist.org

http://sspm.gc.adventist.org/Beginner/2004/Q4/Teacher/BEGLTG_Q4_04_Lesson3.pdf

Baby Jesus is Born lesson with references, memory verse, objectives, room organization, room decorations, activities, crafts, snacks, etc.

whnazarene.org

<http://www.whnazarene.org/vslItemDisplay.dsp&objectID=E1E9A8FE-0F6E-47B1-96A4C2E8E1B7C629&method=display>

December Lessons: Four December Lessons (Jesus is Born, The Shepherds Hear About Jesus, The Wise Men Follow A Star, and God Made Winter), songs, 30+ Christmas Games & Activities for all ages, recipes, Things to Make (Puzzle Wreath, Peppermint Candy Frame with Poem, and Hand & Foot Angels). In the Treasure Trove you'll find 20 Great Storytelling Tips, A fun story to use when passing out gifts or White Elephant items, the M&M Story, A few last-minute Preschool Program Parts, How to Have a STAR Christmas Party, and a neat idea for a MadLib Christmas lesson! A Teacher's Helper Article that deals with discipline and a fun look at The Night Before Christmas, Technically Speaking.

kidsclubs4jesus.com

<http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/L1-10/Lesson%202.pdf>

Angelic Visit lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they

can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

<http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/L1-10/Lesson%203.pdf>

To Bethlehem lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

<http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/L1-10/Lesson%205.pdf>

Birth of Jesus lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

<http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/L1-10/Lesson%206.pdf>

Mary and Jesus lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

<http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/L1-10/Lesson%207.pdf>

Escape to Egypt lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

<http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/L1-10/Lesson%204.pdf>

Three Wise Men lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

kidssundayschool.com

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Lessons/1birthchrist01.php>

Lesson One: Gabriel Visits Mary

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Lessons/1birthchrist02.php>

Lesson Two: Joseph's Dream

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Lessons/1birthchrist03.php>

Lesson Three: Journey to Bethlehem

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Lessons/1birthchrist04.php>

Lesson Four: Visit of the Magi

msssbible.com

<http://msssbible.com/newtestament/jesusbirth.htm>

Jesus' Birth with tons of resources for illustrating the story, coloring pages/activity sheets, crafts, and songs.

<http://msssbible.com/newtestament/shepherds.htm>

The Shepherds Worship Jesus with tons of resources for illustrating the story, coloring pages/activity sheets, crafts, and songs.

<http://msssbible.com/newtestament/escapeegypt.htm>

Escape to Egypt with tons of resources for illustrating the story, coloring pages/activity sheets, crafts, and songs.

<http://msscrafter.com/miscellaneous/christmas.htm>

The Christmas Story: Crafts and story ideas here concern the nativity - not the jolly red-suited fellow!

paoc.org

http://www.paoc.org/ministries/Children/FKO/FKOArchive/Dec06_2002.html

Jesus is Born lesson with story, craft, and puzzle.

http://www.paoc.org/ministries/Children/FKO/FKOArchive/Dec07_2001.html

God's Gift of Love lesson with story, game, and craft.

http://www.paoc.org/ministries/Children/FKO/FKOArchive/Dec5_2000.html

BIBLE STORY: "The Prophesied King" Part 1 lesson with stories, pop quiz, and puzzle.

http://www.paoc.org/ministries/Children/FKO/FKOArchive/Dec13_2000.html

Part 2 lesson with stories, snack, and craft/coloring page.

http://www.paoc.org/ministries/Children/FKO/FKOArchive/Dec14_2001.html

The Christmas Story 2001 lesson with story, puzzles, and craft.

http://www.paoc.org/ministries/Children/FKO/FKOArchive/Dec13_2002.html

The Christmas Story 2002 lesson with story, puzzles, and craft.

Music/Songs

kididdles.com

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/a037.html>

Away in a Manger Song- With Lyrics and audio.

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/c043.html>

Christ Was Born on Christmas Day Song- With Lyrics.

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/g031.html>

Go Tell It On The Mountain Song- With Lyrics.

Puzzles

kidsdomain.com

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/xmas/word/cross2.gif>

Christmas Crossword Puzzle- Make all the words fit into this crossword. Word bank provided.

angelicsong.net

<http://www.angelicsong.net/Christmascrossword.pdf>

Christmas Crossword Puzzle

Solution- <http://www.angelicsong.net/Christmascrosswordsolution.pdf>

teacherhelp.org

<http://www.teacherhelp.org/chris.htm#worksheets>

Several puzzles posted here.

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Puzzles/1puzzle04a.php>

The Magi Search for Jesus word search.

activityvillage.co.uk

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/the%20christmas%20story%20word%20search.pdf>

Christmas story word search.

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/christmas%20maze%202.pdf>

Christmas maze #1.

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/christmas%20maze%204.pdf>

Christmas maze #2.

sermons4kids.com

http://www.sermons4kids.com/angel_dot2dot.htm

The angel appears to Mary dot to dot

http://www.sermons4kids.com/mary_angel_jumble.htm

The angel appears to Mary jumble.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/mary_angel_wordsearch.htm

The angle appears to Mary word search.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/christmas_spiral_puzzle.htm

Christmas spiral puzzle.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/christmas_crossword_puzzle.htm

Christmas cross word puzzle.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/christmas_candle_dot2dot.htm

Christmas candle dot to dot.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/christmas_word_jumble.htm

Christmas word jumble.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_maze.htm

The birth of Jesus maze.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_wordsearch.htm

The birth of Jesus word search.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_jumble.htm

The birth of Jesus jumble.

An Angel Tells Good News- Connect the dots in the picture to see who brought Mary good news. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 9).

Joseph Cares for Mary- In the space draw a picture of what the angel told Joseph in his dream. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 10).

A Trip to Bethlehem- Look at the two pictures. The second picture has 6 missing parts. Circle the missing parts. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 12).

Angels Tell Shepherds the Good News- Match the angels. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 13).

Wise Men Visit Jesus- Find the matching pictures and draw lines to them. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 14).

Go to Egypt- Help Joseph take Mary and Jesus to Egypt (maze). (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 15).

The Angel Speaks to Mary- Begin at start and write down every other word as you follow the arrows around the crown. You will see part of the angel's message about the soon-to-be-born king. (Red Hot Bible Puzzles by Nancy I. Sanders, page 34).

Jesus' Birth Announcement- Use this code to see what the angles said. (Wa-a-ay Cool Bible Puzzles by Nancy I. Sanders, page 34).

The First Christmas Gift- To find out what the first Christmas gift was, write the first letter of each picture on the line above the picture. (Wa-a-ay Cool Bible Puzzles by Nancy I. Sanders, page 35).

The Flight to Egypt- Flip the page with this maze to help Joseph and his family travel to Egypt. (Wa-a-ay Cool Bible Puzzles by Nancy I. Sanders, page 37 & 38).

Quiz:

pastors.com

<http://www.pastors.com/article.asp?ArtID=3281>

A Christmas Quiz: How much of what we know is really just tradition? Printer friendly format available.

Skits

kidssundayschool.com

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Skits/1skit07.php>

The Birth of Jesus- A lively skit about the people and times during the Birth of Jesus.

kidssundayschool.com

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Skits/1skit08.php>

Not What I Wanted- Have you ever been disappointed by a Christmas Gift?

sundayschoolnetwork.com

<http://sundayschoolnetwork.com/skits.html>

Several Christmas skits posted here.

christiancrafters.com

<http://www.christiancrafters.com/skits.html>

Look under Christmas Skits.