

Advent and Christmas Resources

2025

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are available.**

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This year the Church of England's Christmas theme revolves round a single word: Joy!

The great joy of Christmas, of course, is the good news the angel declared to the shepherds - the news of Jesus' birth as Emmanuel (God With Us).

They have their usual logos that you can use in your own publicity, including digital packs. There are downloadable resources including activity sheets for children, digital Christmas card templates, icons, social media covers and templates, 'What's On' and 'Keep in Touch' flyer templates, poster templates, and PowerPoint templates from AChurchNearYou.com (login required).

- **A directory of resources for use at home, church and school:** Provided by members of the Parachurch Organisations Network of the Growing Faith Foundation, be inspired by [this range of resources](#) for children, young people and families.

There are Christmas episodes from the Cheeky Pandas: These [free resources](#) feature cartoons, songs and Bible stories to help you engage the children in your church with the Christmas story.

Trails and Outdoor Christmas

A way for households to visit scenes taken from the Nativity story displayed in houses or shop windows, front gardens or other places in the local area. What a great opportunity for local churches to work together. Options include a downloadable map with the scenes marked on, a quiz sheet to fill in, QR codes to link to resources for activities at home & answers. A simple way would be to use the church grounds and run over a weekend where people could offer hot chocolate to those coming. If later in the day families could use torches to look for 'clues'.



It could even be themed around Christmas Carols. People choose a carol of their choice and decorate their window for that carol. Each night a new carol is revealed (from the

1st-24th December like an Advent Calendar). Again, produce a map of all the windows so that people can see when and where the windows will appear.

[Muddychurch](#) have plenty of outdoor trails that you can use.

Together @ Home have a Nativity trail utilising all the senses which is completely customisable both with QR codes and without.

There are stickers available for those who complete the trail from –

Stickers

[QR NATIVITY TRAIL | Together at Home \(tath.co.uk\)](#)



Posada Los Posadas (The Inns) is a South American tradition where Mary and Joseph move from house to house during advent, ending up in the church. This could be a great way to send an Advent story bag around your church families and build community.



Spiritual Child Network has designed a trail to be set up in the church building. It could be a stand alone event or combined with a kids group or club session.

[Christmas trail \(spiritualchild.co.uk\)](#)

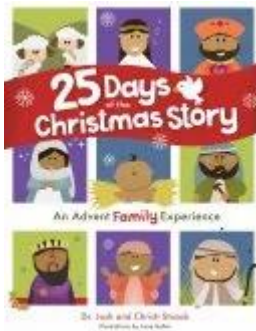
Roots has put together a trail. There are plenty of ways to invite your community to join in a journey around your town or church grounds.



- Over a week, with QR code posters in shop windows. Participants fill in their activity sheet in their own time and return it on (perhaps at a Sunday service) to collect their prize.
- In one afternoon/evening, with volunteers dressed up as the six nativity characters.
- As a hybrid event in one afternoon/evening, using volunteers and some stations with QR code posters.

Either free with subscription of £12. [Resource](#)

Advent for Families

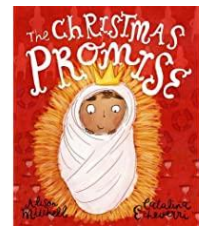


Each of the 25 days highlights a different person, place, or object from the Christmas story. All devotions include an easy-to-read story, character trait, activity, and more—each designed to reinforce the main theme of the day.

The family can choose simply to read each day's story or to go deeper and engage with each day's features. [25 Days of Christmas](#)

The Christmas Promise Book and Advent Calendar

Designed for families of 5-11s to discover the Promises of Christmas afresh together. It comes with a booklet containing 25 devotions for December to help families explore the Bible together in the run up to Christmas.



Each window in the Advent Calendar opens to reveal illustrations of the events of the first Christmas.

It matches the illustrations in The Christmas Promise storybook.

There is also a book with 3 sessions and a family service if you wanted to use this with your Sunday Club. [Link](#)

[Devotional Dippers](#) | [Eden.co.uk Christian Shop](#) are a fun way to take a family through Advent available through Eden.



Care For The Family have a Smalltalk sheet to encourage families to share Christmas activities together

[Small Talk](#)



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Chat Mat – Bath and Wells Diocese have these sheets to colour with lots of interest and detail for all ages. Free to download. Easy for a Christmas giveaway – or a conversation starter with children or young people.

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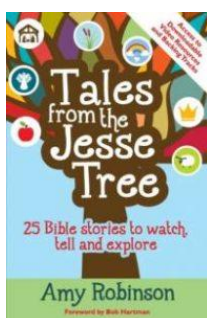
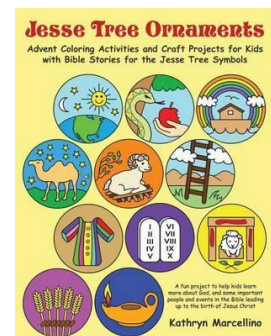
Godforkids app has created an i-spy Christmas colouring sheet to go with their Christmas book 'Where does God live'

<https://www.godforkidsapp.com/shop>

Jesse Tree

A Jesse Tree is traditionally used in advent to tell the story of the Bible until the birth of Jesus. There are lots of resources which can be used either within families or church. Make a few simple decorations each week within Sunday Club, telling the stories as you go!

Try Pinterest for different ways to make the decorations.



This is a book that the whole family can enjoy with or without the actual Jesse Tree. For each of the 25 stories there's a script, storytelling ideas to bring it to life, and ideas for further exploration. Your average family might find itself only using half the content or less – but that's fine. For school groups and assemblies, you'll find ideas to link the story in with other areas of the curriculum.



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Christmas on a Sunday Morning



A simple version of these amazing stones would be great to help with storytelling and free-play. Use acrylic pens and varnish if desired. Or print them from here.

[Nativity Stones](#)

And these look fun using artificial grass and odds and ends to decorate.



[Arts and Crafts Shop | Baker Ross](#) has a good selection of Nativity Crafts



Edible Nativity

Building Faith have loads of Christmas and Advent ideas. This interactive way of telling the nativity story would be popular.

[Resource](#)



Lego Nativity Instructions

[LEGO Nativity Set Instructions - Frugal Fun For Boys and Girls \(frugalfun4boys.com\)](#)



Or print the complete nativity characters either to colour yourself or already done. Free from Herdy

[Colour in Nativity](#)



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Lego Christmas Story in stop motion from GoChatter. They charge for the download but looks excellent. If you subscribe to Energize you can download this free of charge.



Faith In Kids uses the Go Chatter resource for Christmas Brick by Brick with ideas for community and church use. [Brick by Brick](#)

The Christmas story with Playmobil

[Playmobil Nativity](#)



Sensory Tray Bible has ways to share the Christmas stories to meet the needs of people of all ages, all abilities and all stages of life. Includes all you need to know to make these simply and easily.

[alma autism](#)



Candy Cane Christmas This is a good place to start for a straightforward talk for all.

Pinterest

[Advent and Christmas \(pinterest.co.uk\)](#)

[Advent and Christmas \(pinterest.co.uk\)](#) [Sunday School- Happy birthday Jesus! \(pinterest.co.uk\)](#)

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/charles1481/christmas-ideas-for-citc/>



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Etsy has a printable set of these characters for a small cost.

[DIY Nativity Scene Printable Toilet Paper Roll Templates | Etsy](#)



RedTedArt has a download for a nativity set wither precoloured or colour them yourselves. They seem to need some payment but not much.

[Printable Cone Nativity](#)

Toddler Resource Faith in Kids has [Come Along, Christmas!](#)

A simple retelling of the first Christmas showing how the birth of Jesus offers ordinary people an extraordinary encounter with God.

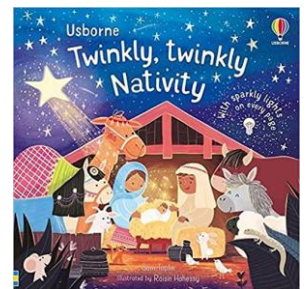


With ideas for sessions, children's podcasts, advent calendars and training videos for the whole team.

Books

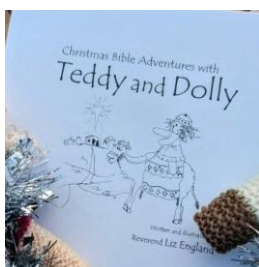
This book is ideal for Toddler storytelling – with lights on every page.

[Twinkly, Twinkly Nativity](#)



And if you are giving books away the website **tenofthese.com** has some great ones from £1 each (order 50). Some have sold out but call them for more information.

[Giveaway](#)



Christmas Bible Adventures with Teddy and Dolly resource book for practitioners and ministers.

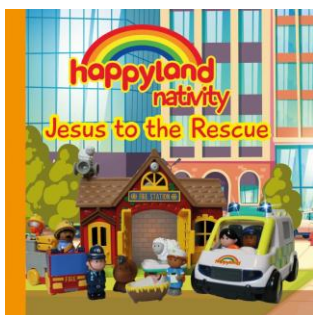
8 stories that have the same message as the Bible stories and keep very young children's attention! Use any Teddy and Dolly to take you through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, for church sermons, all age talks, baptism talks, Christmas carol and Christingle.

Books

Usborne Books has these board books currently on offer

Board Book

Jesus to the Rescue uses Happyland children's toys from Early Learning Centre to tell



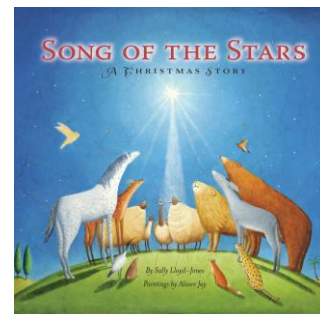
the Christmas story. There is a great animation, song and resources to use. [Happy land](#)

There is also a Happy Land Nativity script.

In the files of 1277 make them count Facebook page,

Song of the Stars for lovers of the Jesus Storybook Bible here is a Christmas book for the very young. And there is an accompanying nativity ask us for the download.

Song of the Stars



Songs for Christmas

[Baby Boy](#)

[Joy to the World actions](#)

[Hush There's a Baby](#)

[Your Love For Me](#)

[Oh What a Glorious Night](#)

[Let's Go To the Manger](#) A song aimed at toddlers

[The Angels Knew](#)

[All The Angels Sing](#)

[We're Going Home](#) A football/nativity song

[Feeling Like Christmas](#)

Little Donkey with signing



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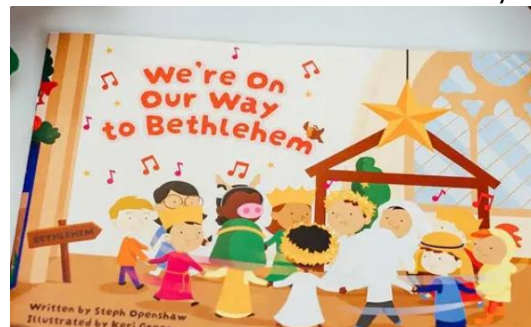
Games to Play

New Wine Kids leaders have put together some great ideas for Christmas games.

[Christmas games for family services and kids groups - New Wine \(new-wine.org\)](http://new-wine.org)

Nativity

The Bible Society always have great resources to use at Christmas. They have books which are great to give away at services some aimed at toddlers, others at primary age. If your church would struggle financially please do let them know as the Bible Society has a Mission Support Fund. They still have last year's nativity on their website.



Action Packed Nativity – ask the team for a short but fun-filled script.

A Doctor Suess Nativity – narrated by the cat in a hat.

[Suessical Nativity Script.pdf \(energize.uk.net\)](http://energize.uk.net)

We have a powerpoint for the **Chocolate Nativity**- you will have to provide your own confectionary though.

We also have nativity scripts for No Rehearsal Nativity, The Story of Michael Mouse and The Newest Angel.



The Scottish Bible Society (Bibleworld) have put together 2 intergenerational gathering resources for Christmas.

[Intergenerational Gatherings](#)

There are resources to tie in the InterGen parts of services with children and youth group resources to work together.

[Whole-Church resource](#)

Had to be There a new nativity from James Carey BBC comedy writer. At Christmas, we become family. Not only does God come to be with us, membership of God's family is opened up to all: lowly shepherds and Magi from the East, united with Mary and Joseph in worship of the newborn king. Can be adapted to suit a cast of 4 or as many as you like. You are welcome to pay but free if easier. [Nativity](#)



Mercifully Short - funny, short sketches for Christmas, a simple humorous delivery of the Christmas story

[Mercifully Short](#)

Talks and Skits Andy March has offered a number of different resources that were written for ministry in my church and school. There are monologues (from the perspectives of the key players in the story, including Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, Darrell the Donkey); skits and full services used at Christmas Eve, including When Santa Met Jesus.

It's all free to use - just let him know what you've used and found helpful.

[Resources](#)

ASD Friendly Nativity – a script for a service without sensory overload. A messy style with an aim to welcome those who would struggle with too much noise and chaos. Ask for the download

Christingle



Look at the **Children's Society** for leaflets, tape, stickers and advice at [Planning Your Christingle Celebration | The Children's Society](#) (childrenssociety.org.uk) as well as balloons

They have sheets to help you plan a Christingle for Primary schools, Nurseries (under 5's), Diddy Disciples (for under 7's) as well as suggested talks to remove some of the hard work.



There is a **Messy Christingle** version [Messy Christingle 2020 | Messy Church](#)



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As well as a **Muddy Christingle** trail with optional QR codes

<https://www.muddychurch.co.uk/the-children-s-society-christingle>

DIY Christingles

Rather than having them pre-prepared why not make them during the service with the resources in a bag. Have candle, square of foil (for wrapping base of candle), cocktail sticks pre-loaded with sweets and hand out pre-holed and taped orange separately.

We have several scripts for unusual takes on the Christingle service which the author was happy to share. Do ask for info on Christingle meets Jumangi, Starwars, Mary Poppins, Dr Who or Professor Pops! You may have to adapt them to suit your cast but they sound very fun.

The Reflectionary has a treasure hunt and talk for your Christingle

[Christingle Treasure Hunt – The Reflectionary](#)

Lego stop motion animation for your Christingle service. Here's a link where you will be able to download it.

[How to make Christingle.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

Join the Christingle Organisers Forum on Facebook for ideas.

Christingle services will need robust risk assessments, do ask the team for some help on what to include.

Christmas in School

Tales from the Miracle Book have put together a series of videos of the Christmas story you could offer to your local school. Each film comes with an extensive downloadable resource pack full of teaching resources, games and worksheets, to unpack the meaning behind each story which can be used in both classroom and Assembly/Collective Worship settings.

They also have a Christmas script and production guide.

[Tales from the Miracle Book – Bringing RE to Life for a visual generation!](#)



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Christmas in a Box : Bristol Schools Connection allows primary school children to explore the stories of the characters in the Christmas story. Offer a set of boxes to your local school which they (or you) can use to tell the story. Each child also takes home a smaller Christmas in a Box. There is a complete list of what is needed and where to source it from.

[Christmas in a Box - Bristol Schools Connection](#)



involved.

The Christmas Journey is an interactive re-telling of the first ever Christmas that encourages children in **Year 2** to think about why this celebration is so special to Christians. It uses puppets, actors and all the senses to bring this story alive to the children.

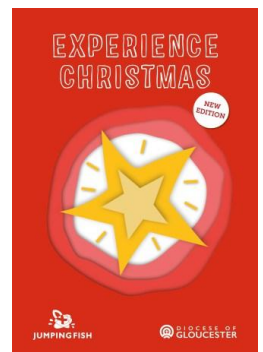
This is used all over the country including in local churches. Ask your CYP team to put you in touch to find out what is

Experience Christmas

This is a great way of retelling the Christmas story using 6 stations in a similar way to Experience Easter.

This has been run successfully with churches inviting their local school (community as well as church) to hear the Christmas story told in a memorable interactive way.

Experience Christmas – Jumping Fish Publications



Assembly Ideas

[SPCK Assemblies - Find an Assembly](#)

Rural Missions

Are holding a CYF Network Special – Online Christmas Event from 11-12:30 on the 20th November

“We’d love you to join us online for a festive gathering as we share ideas, encouragement, and inspiration for planning and engaging this Christmas season in children’s, youth & family ministry.

Bring a brew, connect with others across the country, and leave refreshed with new ideas and support for the busy season ahead.”

Websites with lots of Christmas ideas

GodVenture have a range of resources including a **Sticker Advent Calendar** – available individually and in packs with a discount. With large stickers that tell the story, along with the mini-book which comes with it.

There are Christmas Story cards, a nativity I-spy colouring sheet (A2 folded to A4) as well as an **Advent Party Pack** – with the planning

and prep done including an updated Excel spreadsheet with links to buy resources.

Godventure

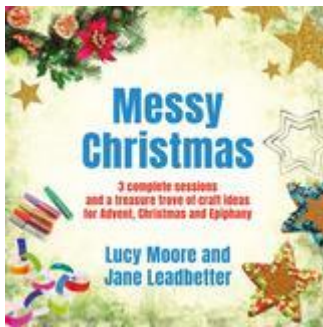


Sun Hats and Wellie Boots – has a variety of resources including 2 trails, advent scene to colour, stick puppets, nativity printables to colour, and these pictures to make your own set of nativity stones. As well as more craft ideas.

sunhatsandwellieboots.com



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Messy Church has their sessions on Christmas and advent available to purchase and download

[Messy Church Resources](#)

There are also 3 complete sessions for your Messy Advent, Christmas and Epiphany available as a book.

Faith In Kids has nativity plays, Crib services, talks and other ideas including Christmas Brick by Brick.

[Resources - Faith in Kids](#)

Free Bible Images has pictures you can use in this season.

[FreeBibleimages :: Find a story](#)