

**Theme: The Christmas Story**

**Age: 3**

Star                      Shepherds/Sheep                      Stable                      Mary & Joseph                      Baby

|                       | Monday                       | Tuesday                          | Wednesday              | Thursday                     | Friday                  | Saturday                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Song                  | Silent Night                 | Silent Night                     | Silent Night           | Silent Night                 | Silent Night            | Local Church Services   |
| Bible Verse           | St. Matthew 2:9-10           | Luke 2:8-9                       | Luke 2:7               | Luke 2:4-6                   | Luke 2:11-12            |                         |
| Art                   | Glitter Star                 | Shepherd Toliet Paper Roll Craft | Wiseman Crown          | Shoe Box Nativity            | Mary & Baby Jesus Craft |                         |
| Giving Project        | Christmas Star Sugar Cookies | Shepherd Coloring Page           | Clothing/Toy Donations | Pinecone Bird Feeder         | Park Clean Up           | Local Creche Displays   |
| Science/Math/Language | Printable Mini-Book          | Lamb Paper Plate Craft           | Puzzles                | Mary and Joseph Tracing Page | Manger Color Match      |                         |
| Snack                 | Star Sugar Cookies           | Cheerio Sheep                    | Graham Cracker Stable  | Haystacks                    | Pretzels & Juice        | Local Christmas Pageant |

**Materials:**

Glue  
 Glitter (any color)  
 Safety Scissors (if your child will help cut)  
 1 C. Butter  
 1 1/2 C. Confectioners' Sugar (Powdered)  
 1 Egg  
 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract  
 1/2 tsp. Almond Extract  
 2 1/2 C. All Purpose Flour  
 1 tsp. Baking Soda  
 1 tsp. Cream of Tartar  
 1/4 C. Granulated Sugar (optional)  
 Paper Plate  
 Plastic Wrap  
 Star Shaped Cookie Cutter  
 Frosting  
 Cookie Decorations (optional)  
 Toliet Paper Tube  
 Crayons or Markers  
 Envelope  
 Postage  
 Address of Famiy Member or Friend  
 Paper Plate (or cardboard circle)  
 White Cotton Balls  
 Paper Plate  
 Washable Gold or Silver Paint

Gem Stickers  
 Washable Brown Paint  
 Shoe Box  
 Cardstock Paper  
 Tape  
 Foam Brush  
 Pinecone  
 Peanut Butter  
 String  
 Bird Seed  
 Gloves  
 Trash Bags

**Snack Ingredients:**

1 Tbsp. Butter  
 1/3 pkg. Mini-Marshmallows  
 Handfull of Mini-Marshmallows  
 3 1/2 C. Mini Marshmallows  
 2 C. Cheerios  
 White or Dark Chocolate Chips  
 Pretzel Sticks  
 Coated Almonds  
 Graham Crackers  
 Frosting  
 Shredded Wheat Cereal  
 11 oz. Butterscotch Morsels  
 3/4 C. Creamy Peanut Butter  
 2 5oz. Cans Chow Mein Noodles



# Shoe Box Nativity Scene

## Materials:

Washable Brown Paint

Foam Brush

Shoe Box

Nativity Scene Templates

Cardstock Paper

Tape



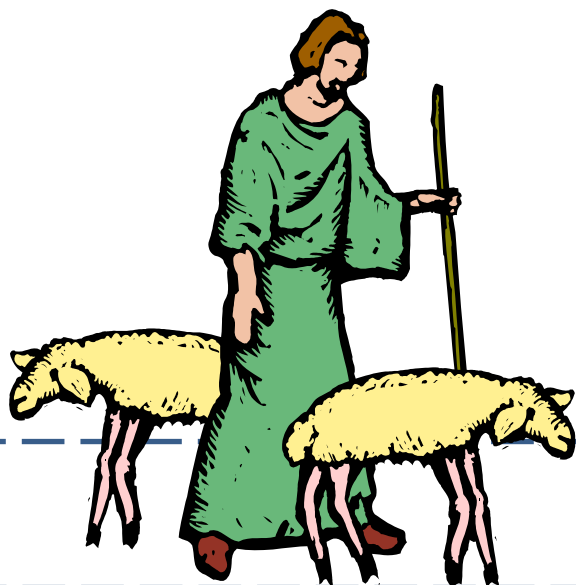
## Instructions:

Help your child to paint the inside of the shoe box with the brown paint. Let dry.

Print the nativity scene templates on cardstock paper and cut out.

Attach the ends of each tab with tape, creating a “base” for each figure to stand up

Allow your child to tell you the Christmas story using their nativity scene.







# Glitter Star

## Materials:

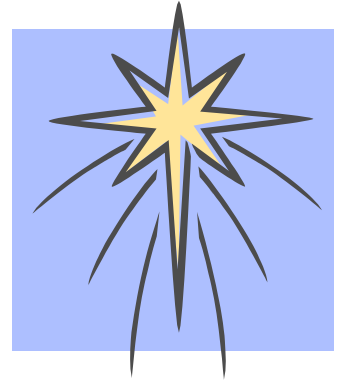
Star Template:

<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/treeornaments/ss/StarOrnamentPattern.htm>

Glue

Glitter

Safety Scissors (if your child will help cut)



## Instructions:

Print star template. Cut out, or help your child to cut out.

Give your child the glue and let them make any design they want on their star.

Sprinkle with Glitter and let dry.

Tap off excess glitter and display!

## St. Matthew 2:9-10

“When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.”



## Luke 2:11-12

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”





## Luke 2:7

“And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”



The Birth of Jesus, by Carl Heinrich Bioch, used by permission of the National Historic Museum at Frederiksborg in Hillerød, Denmark

## Luke 2:4-6

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.”



# Star Sugar Cookies

## Materials:

Sugar Cookie Recipe:

[http://allrecipes.com/recipe/marys-sugar-cookies/detail.aspx?event8=1&prop24=SR\\_Title&e11=sugar%20cookies&e8=Quick%20Search&event10=1&e7=Home%20Page](http://allrecipes.com/recipe/marys-sugar-cookies/detail.aspx?event8=1&prop24=SR_Title&e11=sugar%20cookies&e8=Quick%20Search&event10=1&e7=Home%20Page)

Paper Plate

Plastic Wrap

Star-Shaped Cookie Cutter

Frosting

Cookie Decorations (optional)



## Instructions:

As a part of our Christmas celebrations each year, I try to instill in my children the importance of looking outside of ourselves and seeking out those who may be lonely or in need. It's never too early to practice being kind!

We try to think as a family of someone who may be in need or who does not have family close by them during the holidays. While making the cookies, talk about kindness, giving, and other values that you want to instill during the holidays.

Take your child along to give the cookies to person/people you've selected and be sure to praise them for their kindness and love!

And be sure to save some for ***you and your child!***

# Shepherd Coloring Page

## Materials:

Coloring Page Template:

[http://www.supercoloring.com/wp-content/original/2008\\_12/the-shepherd-in-a-christmas-play-coloring-page.jpg](http://www.supercoloring.com/wp-content/original/2008_12/the-shepherd-in-a-christmas-play-coloring-page.jpg)

Crayons or Markers

Envelope, Postage and Address of someone to send the picture too (optional)



## Instructions:

If it is challenging for your child to “give away” their pictures you may want to print out more than one. That way they can keep one for themselves and make another one to give away. (Baby Steps!!)

Print the shepherd coloring page. Encourage your child to color the picture any way they choose. If they wish, they can dictate a note for you to write on the back.

Present your gift to someone who would appreciate some holiday artwork, or mail to a friend or relative who they would like to be kind to!

# Pinecone Bird Feeder

## Materials:

Pinecone

Peanut Butter

String

Bird Seed



## Instructions:

Tie the string around the pinecone to form a loop (so that you can hang your bird feeder outside!)

Help your child to carefully put peanut butter all over the pinecone.

Roll in bird seed.

Hang outside in a tree or near a window so that your child can watch the birds enjoy their treat!



# Park Clean Up

## Materials:

Gloves

Trash Bags



## Instructions:

Go to a favorite park, trail or other area you enjoy, and help by picking up garbage and litter.

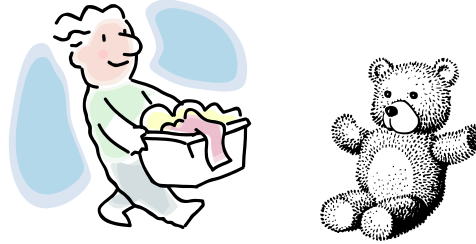
Be sure to wear gloves, and be sure to go over basic safety precautions like not reaching into areas we can't see into or picking up anything sharp.

# Clothing & Toy Donation

## Materials:

Bags

## Instructions:



\*\*Some of my kids have not been ready to do this at age three, but some of them have!

We go through our toys and clothes and choose those that we do not need anymore, to give to a charity or shelter that can bless others with them.

I never force my kids to donate stuff they are not ready to let go of, but I do encourage them to find things that others could use, if they are not!

Also, it's a great way to make space for the new stuff that is coming with Christmas.

If possible take your child with you to donate the items so that they can see their contributions making a difference.

# Graham Cracker Stable

## Ingredients:

3 Square Graham Crackers per stable

Frosting

Shredded Wheat (optional)

## Instructions:

Put frosting on two sides of two of the graham crackers squares. Attach them to the third square to form a triangle (like an A-frame).

This is your “stable.” You can also break apart some shredded wheat cereal and add “hay” to your stable.





## Luke 2: 8-9

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.”



# Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night

All is calm, All is bright

Round yon virgin, Mother and child

Holy infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

