

Suggestions for follow on activities after teaching the Christmas Story.

- **Follow the star** - can you make a trail of stars leading to baby Jesus?

Children use cut out paper stars (inside) or chalk (outside) to make a trail of stars for their friends to follow. Give them a baby to put at the end (either doll or baby Jesus from a nativity) to put at the end of the trail.

- **It's Jesus' birthday** - put out lolly pop sticks (or equivalent) with the play dough. Can they make a birthday cake with candles for Jesus?
- **Jesus in the manger picture.**

Take the hand print idea from the picture below. Print out pictures of the baby Jesus for them to stick on and have yellow wool for straw.



Print out a page with this Bible verse on for them to make for them to make their pictures on. "Mary wrapped Jesus snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger".

- **Play Chinese whispers to think about the shepherds telling everyone about Jesus.**

Use messages like "baby Jesus has been born". "His mum is called Mary" "Baby Jesus is in a stable" "It's Jesus' birthday" "An angel told us about baby Jesus" "We've found baby Jesus"

Or practise whispering then shouting one or two of these messages.

- **Make Jesus in a manger cakes**

Break up shredded wheat - mix with melted chocolate - pop some into a cake case - add a Jelly baby on top.

