

The Nativity: A Christmas Symbol

To her firstborn, a son, wrapped him snugly and laid him in a manger, because there was no room at the inn". Luke 2:7

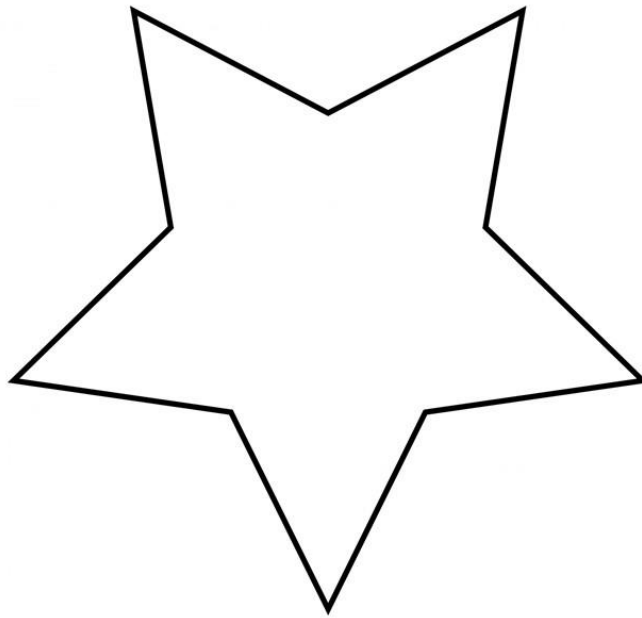
In the Christian faith we celebrate Christmas to remind us that God sent his "only begotten Son", the promised Messiah. Nativity sets are used to depict the birth of Jesus. The word Nativity in Latin means "to be born. In the early 1300s churches started to use Nativity sets and at first, they included real people and animals but later they were replaced by wooden figures.

A Nativity set can come in many different forms but usually include a stable, a manger, animals as a donkey, sheep, cows, shepherds, the wise men, angels, Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus.



Making your own Nativity scene:

- Color the attached Nativity pieces
- Create your own stable out of a Kleenex box or something similar
- Glue the pieces you have colored and cut out so they can stand up, you might want to make the manger out of a small matchbox
- Use the star at the bottom of this page for the top of you stable
- Just use you imagination.



Figures for the Paper Bag Manger Scene

Color all the figures you plan to use for your manger scene, and then cut them out.

Fold them on the dotted line so that they can stand up on their own.

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