

Communication and Language

Read the story of "The First Christmas" - the Nativity story, if you do not have a book version then watch the story by following this link,

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0jowcq_ZTI&feature=emb_logo

Talk about the story, discussing what happens in the story and who is in the story.

Physical Development

Sing some Christmas songs with actions (you can find these on the following pages in this pack).

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Remind your child that Christmas is celebrated because it is Jesus' birthday and that during the time of Advent we are trying even harder to be more like Jesus.

Discuss with your child how they can be more like Jesus and make the right choice at all times. You could make an advent promise.

Reading

Share at least one story a day, with your child.

Find your own Christmas books, either in your house or audio books on YouTube.

Hide letters of your child's name around the house (this could be on post-it notes). Ask your child to hunt for all of the letters and ask them what the letters are. Then arrange all of the letters in the correct order for writing their name.

Date: 7/12/20

Theme(s):

Christmas

"The First Christmas" - Nativity Story



Writing

Ask your child to create a birthday card for Jesus.

They can design their own card and decorate it then write their own name inside.

Number

Play the winter board game, on the following page. You will need a counter for each player and a die. Encourage your child to recognise the dice pattern and move this number of spaces.

Shape, Space and Measure

Decorate a blank Christmas tree using a variety of different shaped baubles and decorations.

You can create your own using materials and resources in your own house or use the template included in this pack.

Understanding the World & Being Creative

Create a Nativity stable manger scene, like the one in the story you read.

Use the picture in the book/story you used as a prompt.

This could be created: drawn, painted, chalked, 3d model using junk recycling.

Daily Tasks

Continue to encourage children to be independent with self-care tasks e.g. toileting and handwashing, getting dressed and undressed and putting on own coat and shoes.

Number Activity - Winter Board Game



Physical Development Activity - Christmas Action Songs



Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. (Cradle imaginary baby)

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, (Point up to the stars)

The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay. (Place hands together to create pillow and rest head on them)

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, (Rub eyes as if waking up)

But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky (Place hand above eyes as if looking into distance)

And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. (Make heart shape with hands and then place hands together in praying symbol)

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

Jolly Santa Claus

Santa Claus is big and fat (Pat belly as if it is big and fat)

He wears black boots and a big red hat (Pretend to pull on boots and point to hat)

His nose is red, just like a rose; (Point to nose)

And he is jolly from his head to his toes (Put hands on head and point to toes)

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star, (Stretch arms out and open and close hands to resemble a twinkle)

Way up high is where you are. (Stretch and point to the sky)

Shining bright for all to see, (Stretch arms above head and down to sides)

On the top of our tree. (Pretend to put the star on the Christmas tree)

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas star, (Stretch arms out and open and close hands to resemble a twinkle)

Way up high is where you are. (Stretch and point to the sky)

When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney, (Pretend you are pushing down to try and get out of the chimney)

He began to shout, (Use your hands to make it look like you're shouting)

You girls and boys, (Point to the different girls and boys)

Won't get any toys, (Move your finger from side to side)

If you don't pull me out.

There's soot on my back, (Dust yourself down from the soot)

And my beard is all black, (Touch your beard that's dusted with soot)

My nose is tickling too! (Rub and crinkle your nose)

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,

Achoo, Achoo, Achoo. (Make three big sneezing motions)

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer (Create antler ears with fingers and place on head)

Had a very shiny nose, (Point to nose)

And if you ever saw it (Use hands to create the shape of glasses)

You would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer (Point to all other reindeer)

Used to laugh and call him names. (Hold belly and make laughing motion)

They never let poor Rudolph

Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve,

Santa came to say (Act as Santa Claus talking to Rudolph)

Rudolph with your nose so bright, (Point to nose again)

Won't you guide my sleigh tonight? (Pretend you're sitting in Santa's sleigh ready to go)

Then all the reindeer loved him,

And they shouted out with glee (Bring hands up to your mouth and pretend to shout)

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer

You'll go down in history! (Make one big excited jump to end the song)



Shape, Space and Measure Activity - Christmas Action Songs

