

# God is Lord and King Yr 4

## Christmas

At Christmas we celebrate Jesus who God sent into the world to save us. Through His birth and death, we have eternal life and peace with God. He is our redeemer.

### **Bible references:**

#### **Bible stories and passages**

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-40 – The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12 – The Visit of the Magi

Luke 2: 8-20 – The shepherds and the angels

Matthew 1 – Descendants of David through Jesus Christ

Numbers 24:17 – Star of Jacob, Star of David

#### **Memory verses**

Luke 2:11 – For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Matthew 1:21 – “Mary will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

Isaiah 9:6 – A child is born to us! A Son is given to us! And He will be our ruler. He will be called “Wonderful”, “Counselor”, “Mighty God”, “Eternal Father”, “Prince of Peace”.

Isaiah 26:3 You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.

# Art Year 4

## God is Lord and King

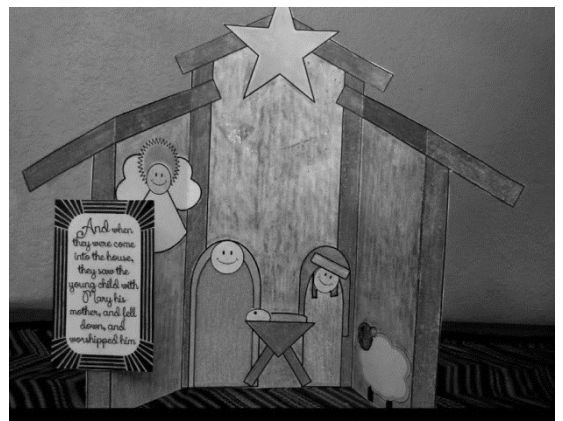
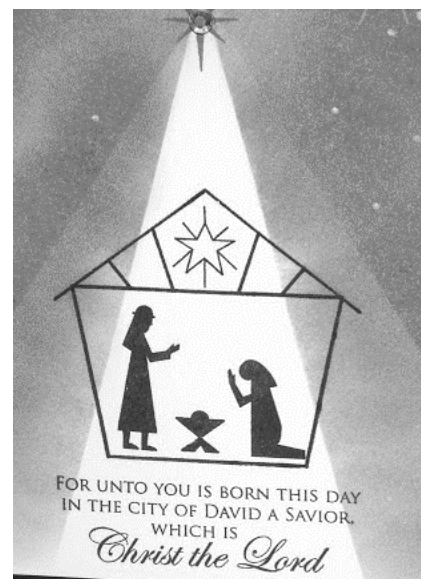
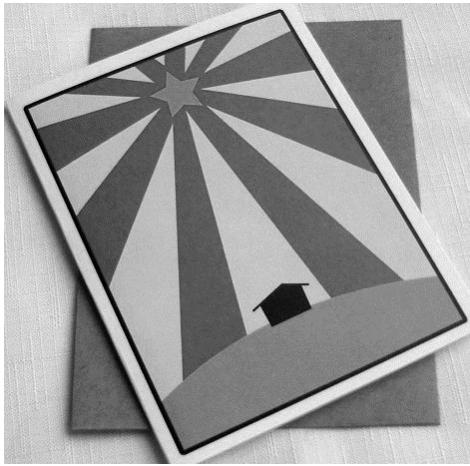
### Topic: Christmas

**Biblical connection:** God sent His son, Jesus into the world to be Lord and King in the lives of people.

**Bible art as a wall display:** The Christmas story

#### Make Christmas cards

Examples:



**Thinking Skills Lord & King Yr 4**

<p><b>Christmas 1</b></p> <p>Name 10 things that a <b>Christmas wreath</b> and <b>a key</b> have in common.</p>	<p><b>Christmas 2</b></p> <p>Old Testament prophecies told that a special star would appear when the King was born.</p> <p>List 5 reasons why God would use a star in this great event.</p>
<p><b>Christmas 3</b></p> <p>You and your family are stranded on an isolated island.</p> <p>List 5 ways you can celebrate Christmas.</p>	<p><b>Christmas 4</b></p> <p>Construct a new Christmas decoration.</p>
<p><b>Christmas 5</b></p> <p>Design a Christmas gift you could make for someone using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a sock</li><li>a piece of fabric</li><li>some string</li></ul>	<p><b>Christmas 6</b></p> <p>List 10 ways of helping people at Christmas.</p>

# A Savior is Born: Nativity Play

**Scene is dark. Narrator begins speaking.**

**Narrator:** It came to pass in those days, that a message went out from Caesar Augustus, that the whole country had to pay a tax. Joseph, was engaged to Mary, who was pregnant with a child from the Holy Spirit. Together they made the journey to Bethlehem to pay the tax. On the night they arrived, the baby was due to be born. They could not find a place to stay, so they had to spend the night in a stable at the back of an inn.

## Scene 1

**Baby Jesus is placed in the manger.**

**Narrator:** Mary gave birth to a son, and wrapped him in cloths that she had brought with her, and laid him in a manger, an animal feeding box, filled with straw.

**Song:** silent night (first verse)

*Enter sheep and shepherds.*

**Sheep:** baaaaaa, baaaaaaa.

**Shepherd 1:** It feels like there is something special going on tonight.

**Shepherd 2:** I agree. like there is something special in the air.

**Sheep:** baaaa, baaaaa.

**Narrator:** In the area there were some shepherds in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

*Single angel appears in the field.*

**Narrator:** Then the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were afraid. The angel said unto them:

**Angel:** Fear not: for I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people. for to you, this day in the city of David, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord. and this shall be a sign; you shall find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.

*The multitude of heavenly hosts appears!*

**Narrator:** Suddenly there was a whole host of angels praising God, and saying,

**Heavenly hosts:** “Glory to god in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

**Song:** Angels we have heard on high (chorus)

*Angels leave the scene. shepherds stay.*

**Narrator:** And it came to pass, when the angels had gone back to heaven, the shepherds said one to another:

**Shepherd 1:** Let us now go to Bethlehem, and see the baby.

**Shepherd 2:** Yes. what a wonderful night it has been. Let’s hurry!

*The shepherds walk around for a moment, then, baby Jesus is the center of attention. The shepherds stand by the baby.*

**Narrator:** So they hurried to the town, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And so the prophecy was fulfilled. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace.

**Song:** Silent night.

## **Scene 2**

*Make a sign and bring on stage: 'one year later'*

*Wise men with Herod*

**Narrator:** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of king Herod, there were some wise men from the east, travelling to Jerusalem. They went to king Herod and said:

**Wise man 1:** Where is the baby that is born king of the Jews?

**Wise man 2:** For we have seen his star in the east, and we have come to worship him.

**Narrator:** Herod sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search for the young child, and when you find him, come back and tell me where he is, so that I may come and worship him too.”

**Wise man 3:** Let’s go and find the baby king. We will bring him these valuable gifts to show our respect and love.

*The wise men walk around the scene for a minute then, come to the house where the 1-year-old Jesus is living with Mary and Joseph in a house.*

**Wise man 1:** The star has led us to him. now, let us go inside so we can worship him.

**Narrator:** When they were in the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him, and when they presented him gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

*The wise men leave so only the baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are left on stage.*

**Narrator:** More than 2,000 years ago, God sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior. Jesus Christ was born to save us from our sins, born so we can be born again and return to live with God someday. Let us rejoice greatly this Christmas season, for unto all of us a savior is born!

**the end.**