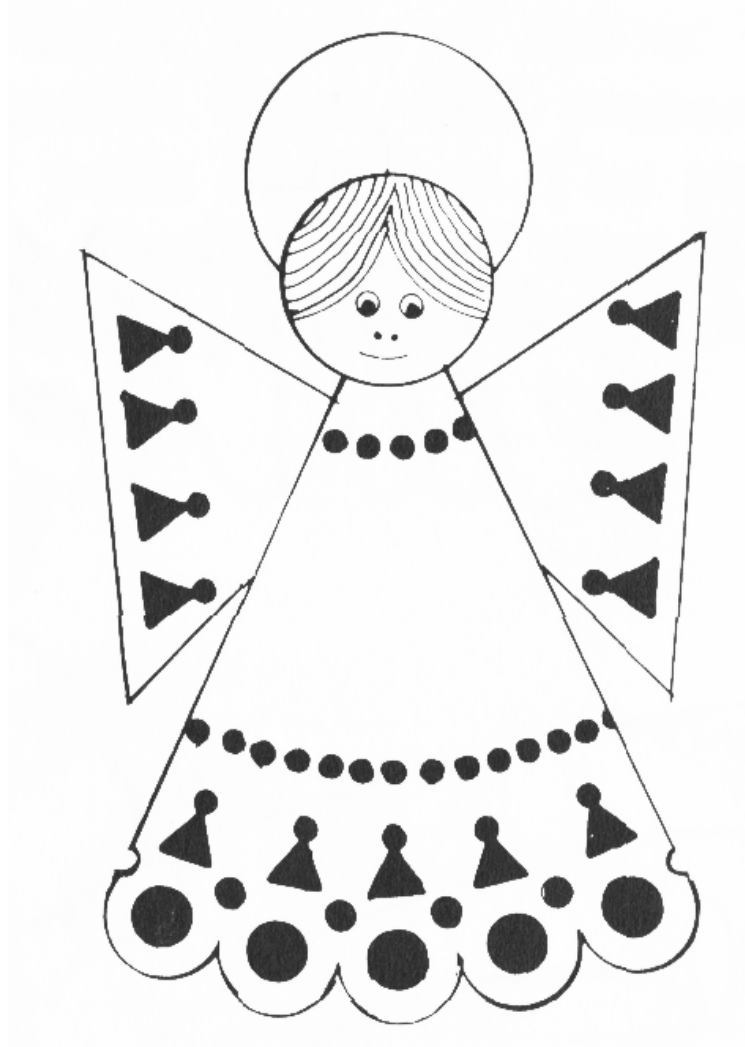


Christmas Activities



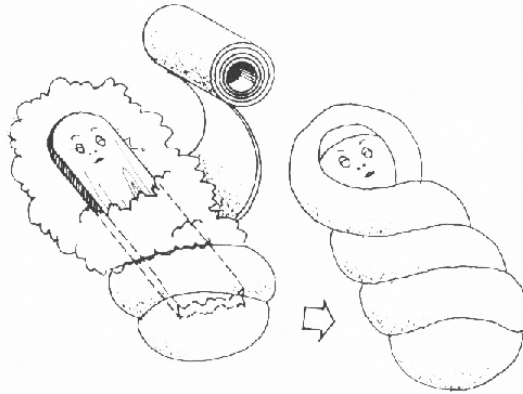
Activities for ages 5-12

1. Christmas angels from paper doilies

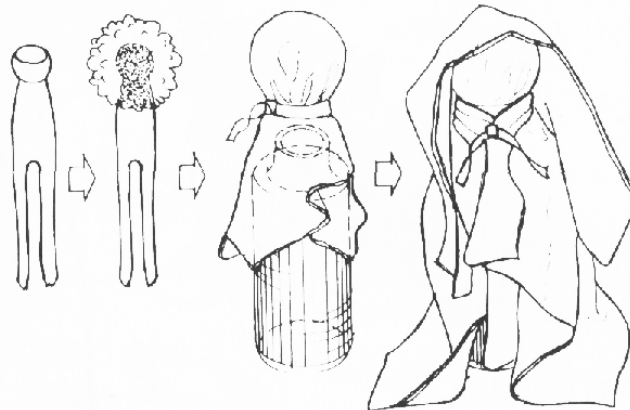


2. Nativity scene

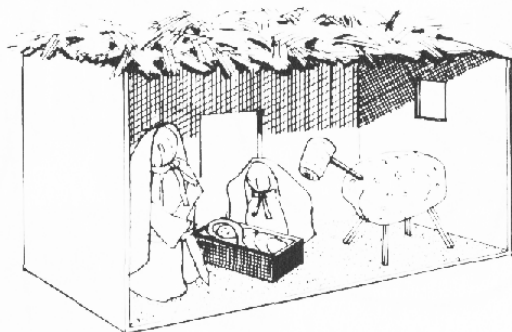
Make a nativity scene using plastic bottles dressed up as people. The bottles are dressed with fabric. Clothes pegs are another alternative. Animals for the stable are made from vegetables and toothpicks.



Pop-stick baby.



Clothes-peg figures.



A finished nativity scene.

3. Pop-stick nativity scenes



4. Christmas cards



5. Framed wall-hangings

Choose old Christmas cards that depict the Christmas story. Stick the pictures in the centre of pieces of white card. Leave space around the edge for a decorative 'frame'. Tie ribbon at the top.



6. 3D shepherds



7. Salt dough decorations

Recipe for salt dough

1 cup plain flour
½ cup salt
approx 1/3 cup water

Mix the flour and salt together. Add water a little at a time. Work the dough until it holds together. Knead.

Roll out the dough and cut out shapes. use a table knife or cookie cutters. Pierce a hole in the top of each shape using a knitting needle. Bake 2 minutes in a moderate oven. Cool.

Decorate the shapes. Use paint or glued sequins and glitter. You can also write a Christmas messages on small pieces of paper cut according to the dough shape. Glue these on to the shapes.



8. Candle decorations

You will need:

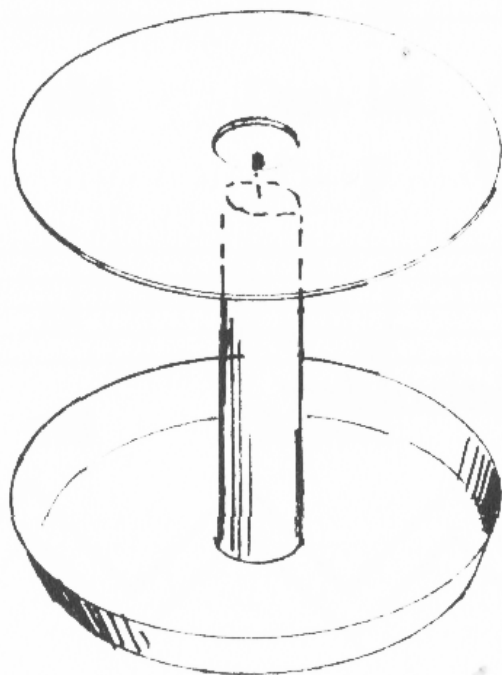
Plaster of Paris

Small aluminium plates with sides (pie plates)

Medium sized candles

Place candle on the plate. Make a circular card cover with a hole in the centre to hold the candle in position for when you pour the plaster.

Now fill the dish with the Plaster of Paris mixture, then place the cover on top, with the candle sticking through the hold. When the Plaster of Paris is completely dry, remove the cover. Spread craft glue over the surface of the set Plaster of Paris. Decorate with sequins, glitter, ribbon etc. You can also use sprayed or dyed curly pasta.



9. Christmas word search

X	S	Y	T	V	W	J	E	S	U	S
T	H	O	R	I	I	V	W	X	G	R
N	E	S	J	O	S	E	P	H	O	G
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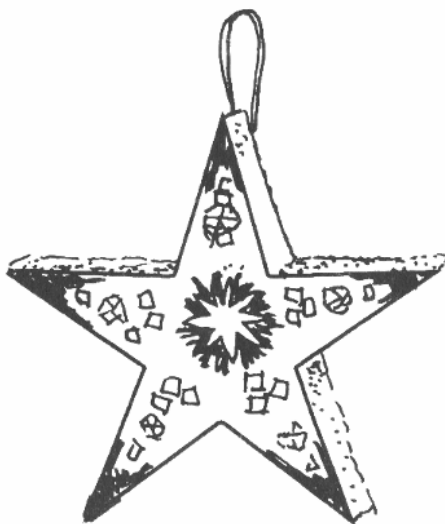
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Baby
Manger
Mary
Bethlehem
Jesus
Shepherd
Gold
East
Angel

10. Christmas stars

Cut stars from polystyrene packaging trays or from cardboard. Cover the stars with strong glue and decorate with glitter, sequins or coloured shapes.

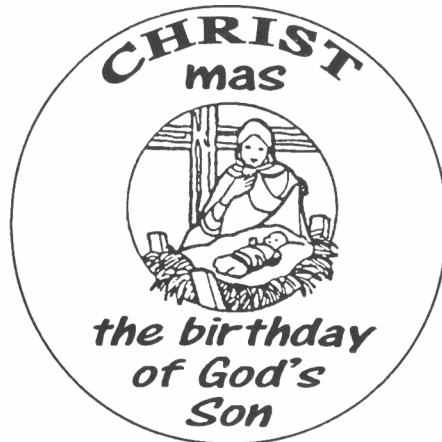
11. Block pictures

Make block pictures from old Christmas cards. Use wood off-cuts as a base. Cover them with gold paper and glue on pictures from Christmas cards. Use braid, ribbon or tinsel for a border.



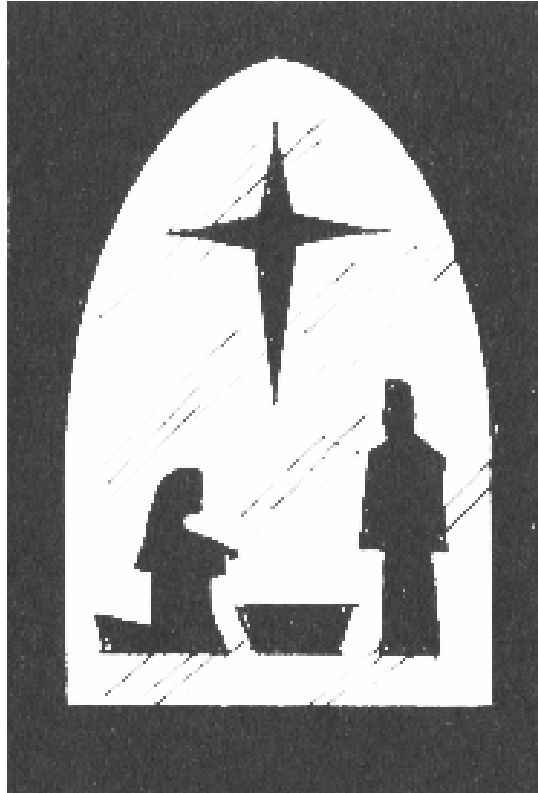
12. Christmas badges

Photocopy the following circles and colour the drawings. Now cut out circles from coloured cardboard, slightly larger than the paper circles. (You can draw around a lid). Glue the paper circles inside the coloured cardboard circles. .Punch a hole at the top and thread ribbon through. Pin to clothing using a small safety pin.

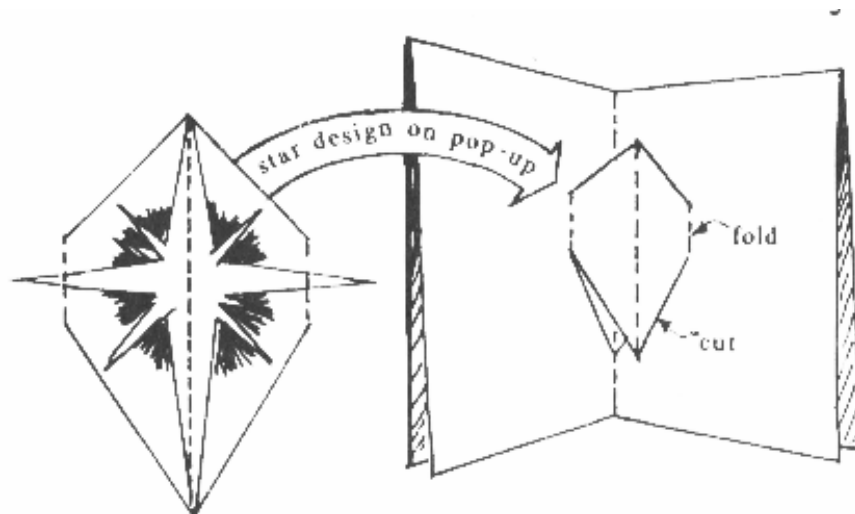


13. Cellophane 'stained glass' windows

- a) Cut out a window frame from heavy black paper.
- b) Place coloured cellophane at the back and tape it in position.
- c) Cut out the silhouettes and glue them on top of the cellophane.



14. Pop-up Christmas cards



15. Tissue paper collage stable scene



16. Gift boxes

Collect milk cartons. Cut down to the size you prefer. Cut the top of each carton to form triangular shapes as shown. Cover with plain coloured paper and decorate your carton with Christmas symbols or messages. Wrap some sweets /soap etc in cellophane and place inside the carton. Punch holes at the points of the four triangles. Thread ribbon through the four points, bringing them together and tie in a bow.



17. Christmas crossword

ACROSS

1. Direction from which the wise men came.
2. A feeding trough for animals.
3. The name of an angel.
4. _____ is the 'Light of the World'.
5. An angel appeared to them.
6. The name of a jealous king.
7. Mary gave _____ to Jesus in a stable.
8. The mother of Jesus

DOWN

1. The wise men are also known as the _____
2. The gift brought by the wise men.
3. All the rooms were full in this place.
4. A shed for animals.
5. The birthplace of Jesus.
6. There was no _____ in the inn.

