

Popsicle Stick Christmas Trees



Here's what you'll need to make these ornaments (see bag in pack):

- 3 lollipop sticks
- square of brown card
- Gold star
- A piece of ribbon
- Tiny pom poms
- PVA glue (not provided)

Take a lollipop stick and put a drop of glue on each end.

Then position the other two lollipop sticks to make a triangle and .

Sandwich the ribbon (folded in half), cut ends sandwiched between the two lollipop sticks at the top of the triangle and glue together.

Peel backing off star and attach to top of the triangle. Glue the square of brown card to the bottom for the tree trunk.

Decorate by gluing on the tiny pom poms.

Hang up on your Christmas Tree when glue is dry!

Tealight snowmen



Heres' what you will need to make these ornaments (see bag in pack:

- Battery operated tealight
- Googly eyes
- A black marker (permanent)
- Red ribbon
- White ribbon
- Black felt
- Orange marker (permanent)
- PVA Glue (not provided)

Take the white ribbon, fold in half and tie a knot in the end to create a loop.

Take the red ribbon, thread it through the white ribbon and and tie it around the side of the tealight as a scarf, double knot to secure.

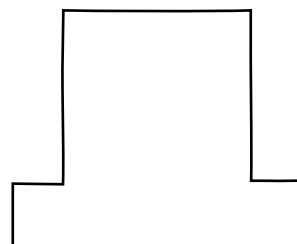
Cut a hat shape with template below out of the black felt. Glue the small piece of ribbon onto to the hat.

Glue the hat onto the tealight.

Glue the googly eyes onto the tealight.

Use the black marker to draw dots for the mouth on the tea light.

Hang on Christmas Tree!



MERRY

CHRISTMAS



Marshmallow Snowmen



Ingredients:

Chocolate
Marshmallows
Chocolate or black icing
Orange icing
Skewers or cake pop sticks

To make hats:

Melt chocolate.

Spoon out circles of chocolate onto greaseproof paper. Dip marshmallow in chocolate and place in chocolate circles. Allow to set.

To make snowmen

On each skewer, thread two plain marshmallows and one hat.

Use icing to draw faces and arms.

ENJOY!!!

Stained Glass Cookies



Ingredients:

- 300g plain flour
- 150g caster sugar
- 150g real block butter
- 1 large egg
- Few drops vanilla essence/extract (optional)
- Hard boiled sweets

Method

1. Weigh the flour and sugar into a bowl. Add the butter and rub in until it looks like breadcrumbs with no big lumps of butter visible.
2. Beat the egg with vanilla then add to the bowl, gather together using knife and then use your hands to knead the biscuit dough together. Don't overwork the dough.
3. Shape into a disc cover with cling film and refrigerate for 20 minutes.
4. Sort the hard boiled sweets by colour and crush.
5. Heat the oven to 160°C fan/Gas 4, line the baking trays with parchment.
6. Dust the work surface with flour, have the dough and roll out to the thickness of a euro coin, cut out dough using a shaped cutter, cut out the centre of the cookie.



7. Place cookies on a cooking tray lined with a silicone backing mat or greaseproof paper. Fill the centre with crushed hard boiled sweets.
8. Bake for 10-15 minutes until the biscuits are pale golden. Cool on the baking tray to firm up a little for 10 minutes then transfer to a wire rack.



Anchors' Christmas Quiz

1. What type of ticket must a child have to travel on the Polar Express?
2. Which Muppets characters tell the story in the film "The Muppet Christmas Carol"?
3. What is the name of Arthur Christmas' older brother?
4. Why did the Grinch hate Christmas?
5. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?
6. What are the four main food groups that Buddy the Elf eats?
7. Who is Mr. Poppy's aunty in the film "The Nativity"?
8. Which Frozen character sang "Do you want to build a snowman"?
9. Which movie character said, "the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear"?
10. In the movie "The Santa Claus", what does Scott Calvin accidently do?
11. How did Frosty the Snowman come to life?

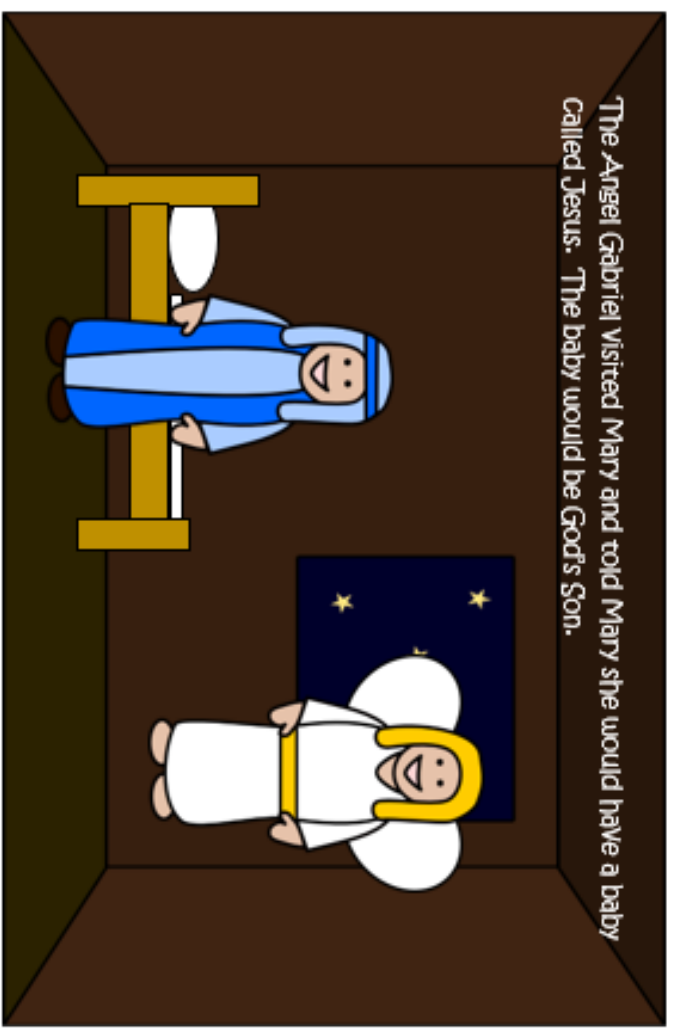
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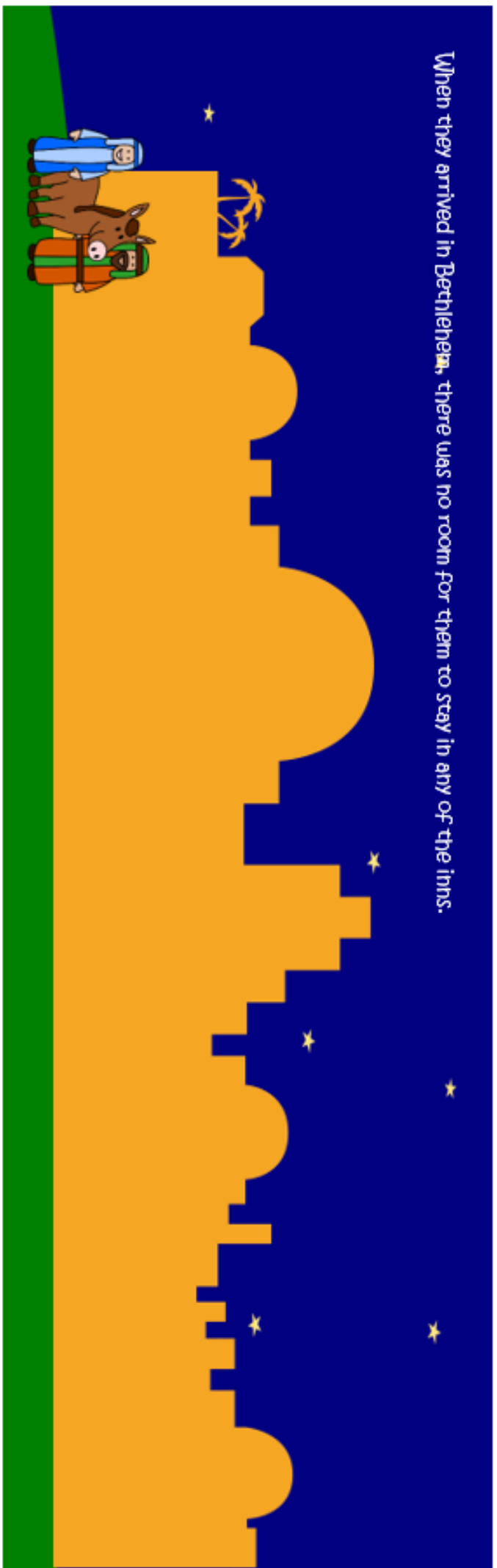
Anchors' Bible Quiz

1. Who gave birth to Jesus?
2. Which city did Mary and Joseph travel to for the census?
3. Who appeared to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby?
4. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
5. What sign were the shepherds supposed to look for when searching for Jesus?
6. Who followed a star to find baby Jesus?
7. Where was Jesus laid after he was born?
8. What gifts did the wise men bring to baby Jesus?
9. Who was the one trying to kill Baby Jesus?
10. What else did the wise men do aside from give Jesus gifts?
11. Where did Jesus' family flee to from Bethlehem?

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When they arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room for them to stay in any of the inns.



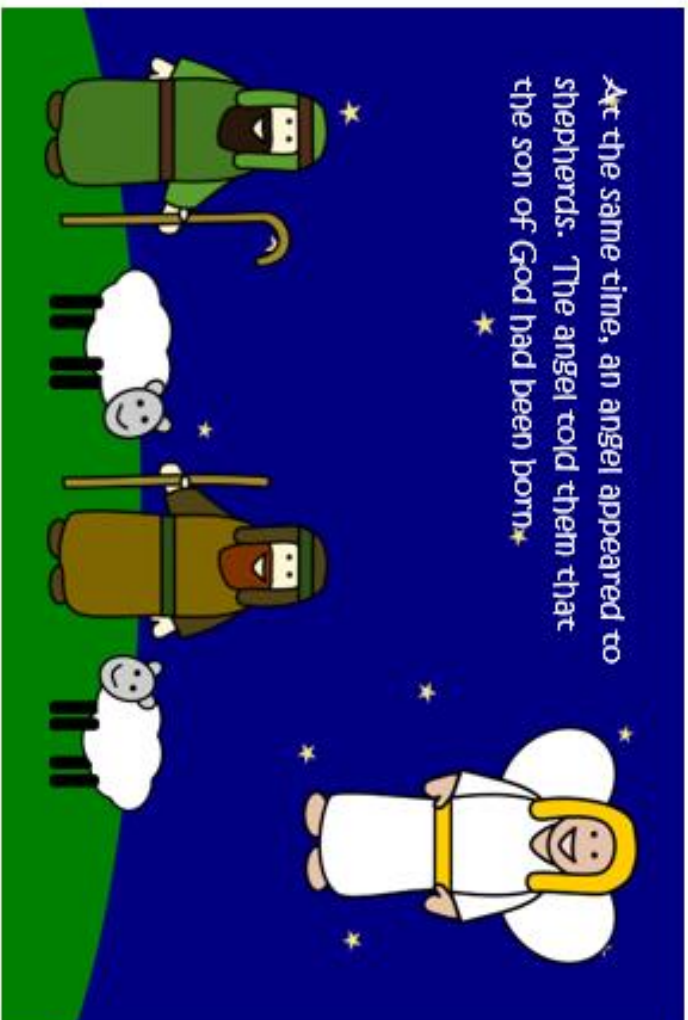
A kind innkeeper in Bethlehem let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable.



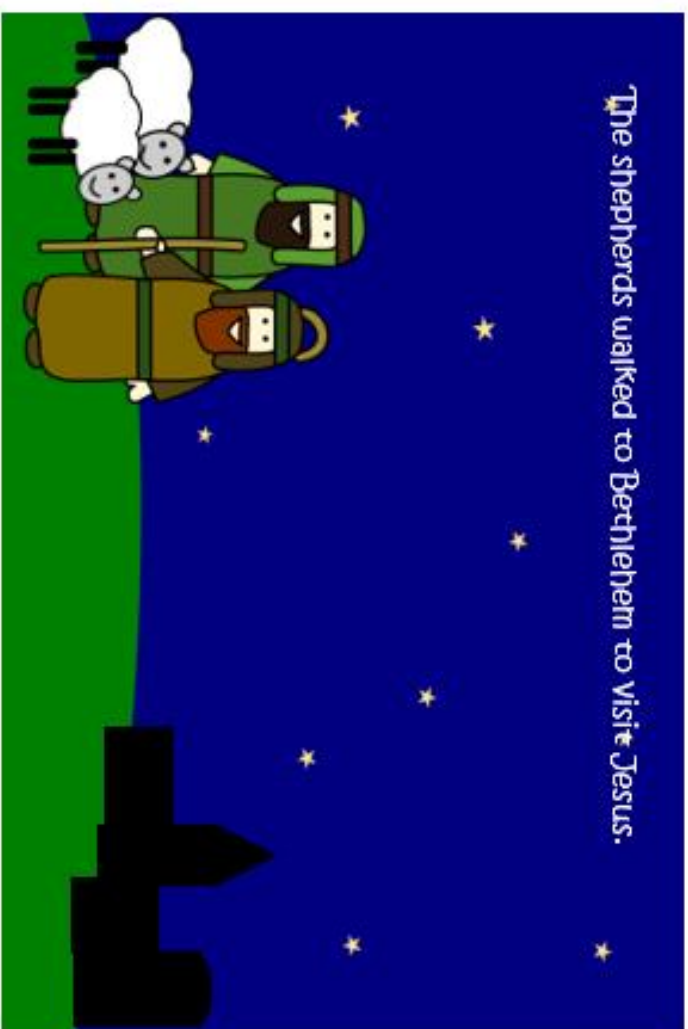
Baby Jesus was born in the stable.



At the same time, an angel appeared to shepherds. The angel told them that the son of God had been born.



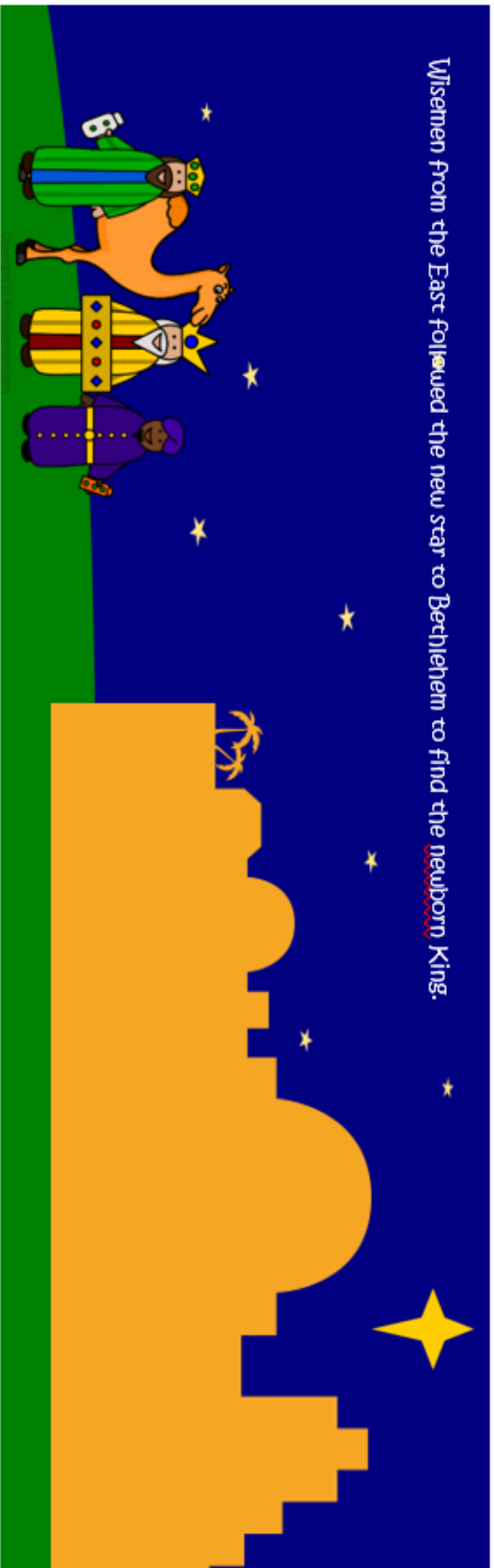
The shepherds walked to Bethlehem to visit Jesus.



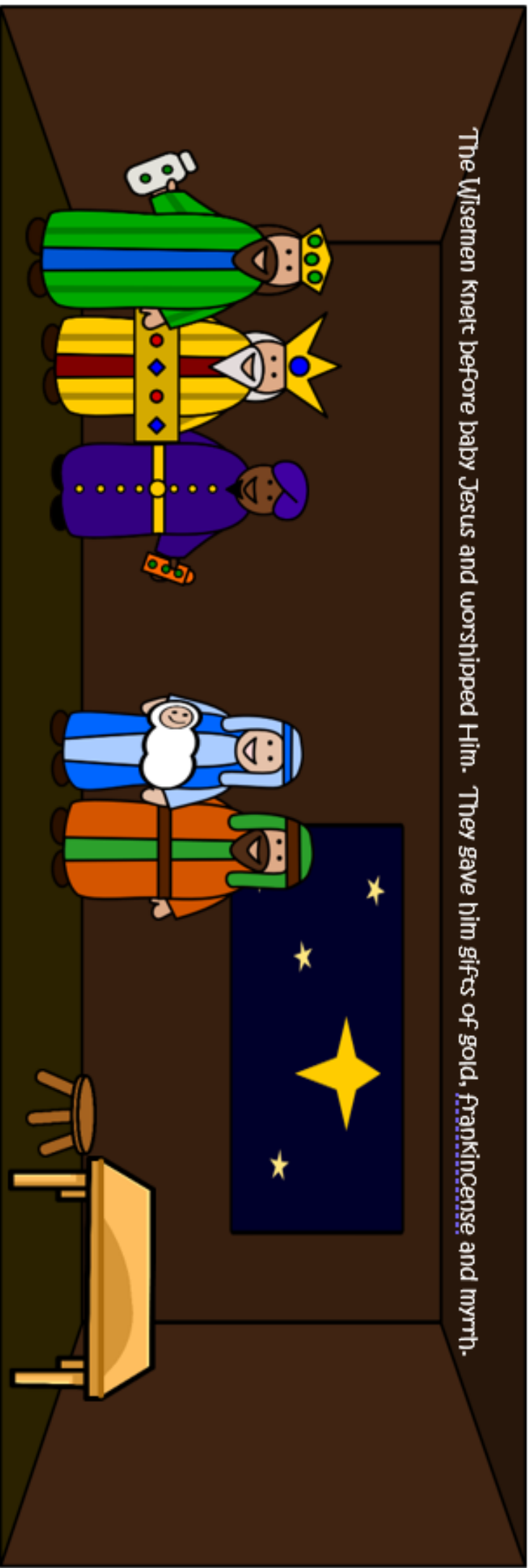
The shepherds found the baby Jesus laying in a manger just as the Angel had said.



Wise men from the East followed the new star to Bethlehem to find the newborn King.

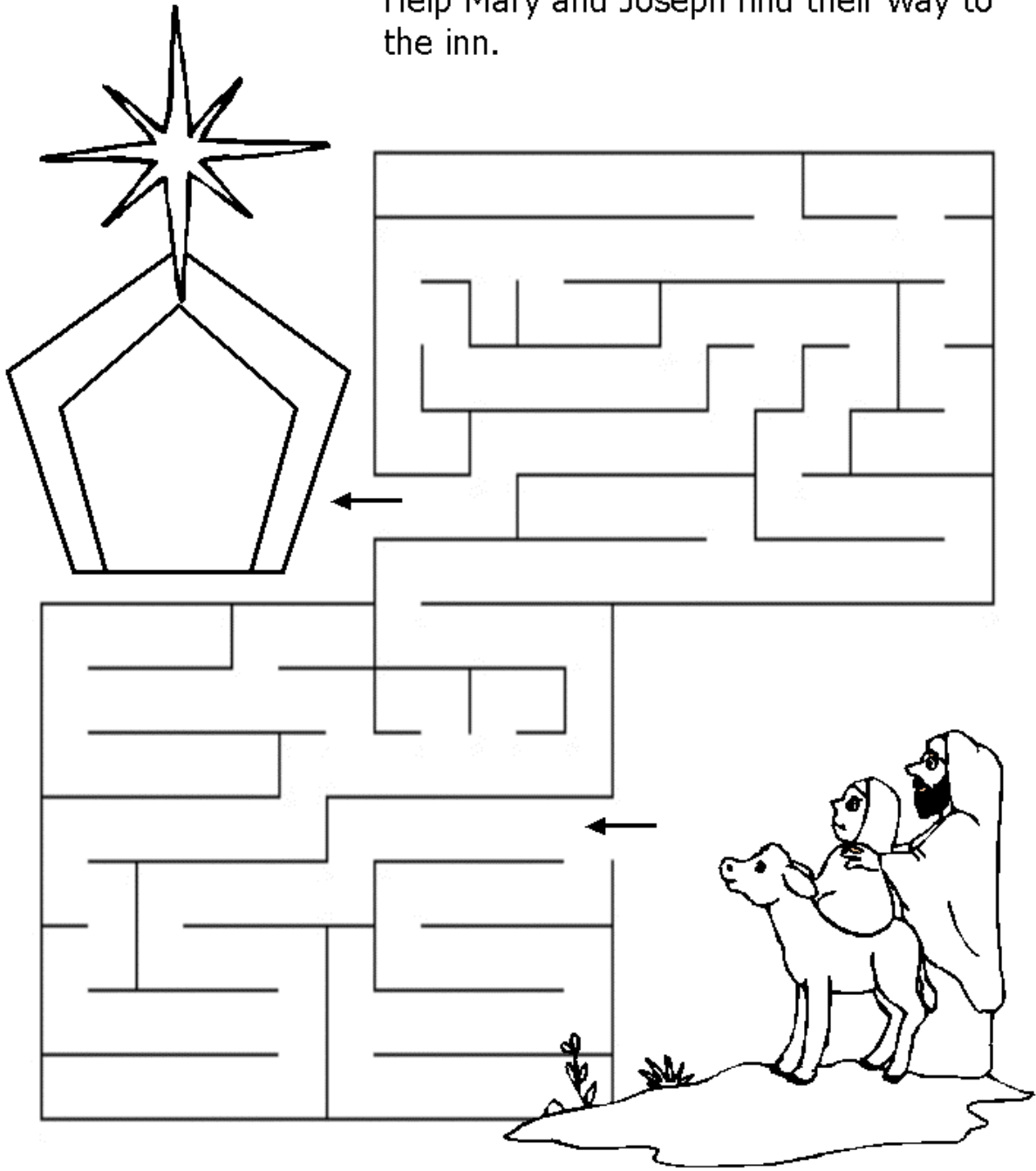


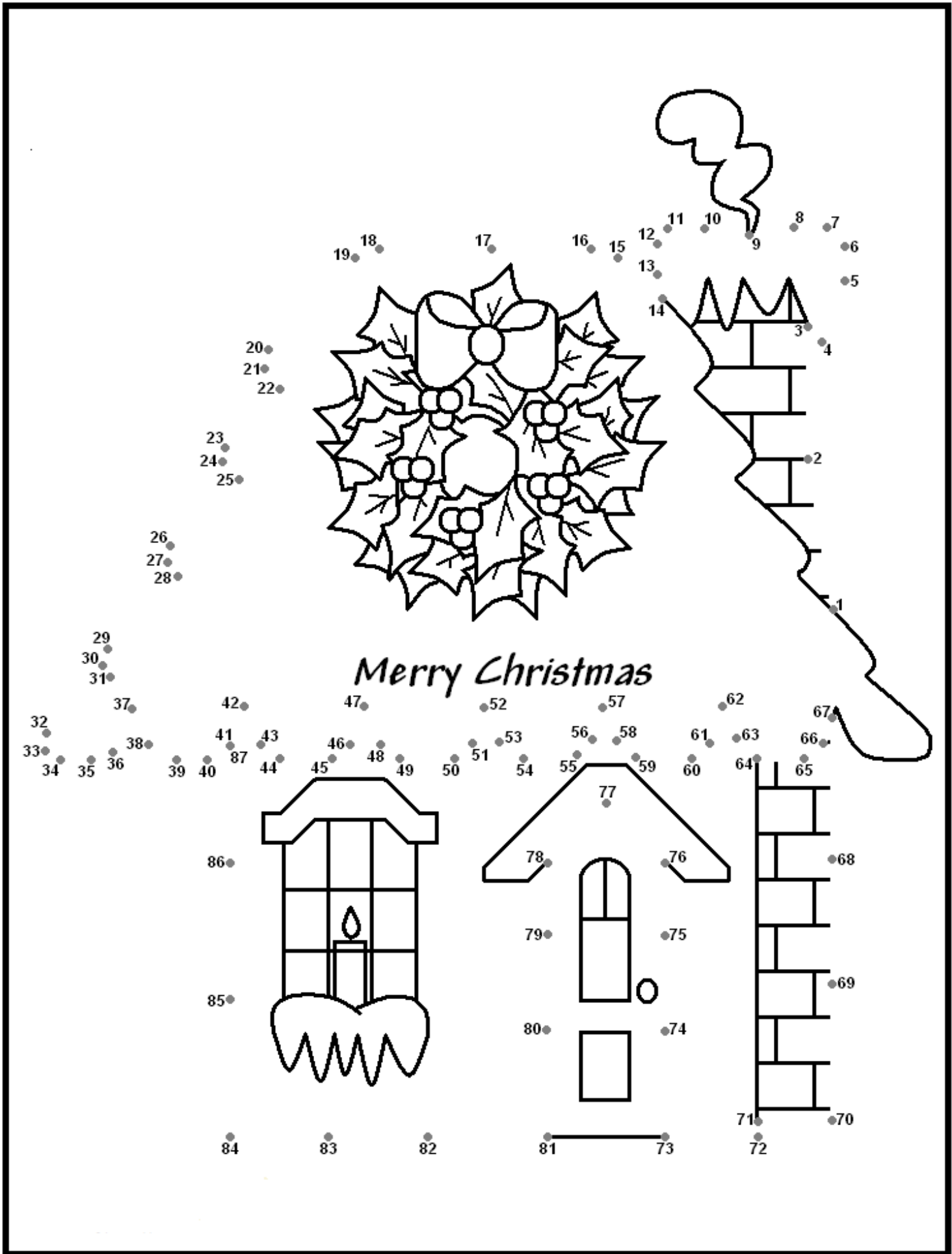
The wise men knelt before baby Jesus and worshipped Him. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



Christmas Maze

Help Mary and Joseph find their way to the inn.





BB Activity Pack Anchor Section

Wordsearch

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G K T C T J S N H F
J V L H A Q H G R J
J L I O B T E E I R
M E J O L N E L S D
M H S L E G P B T O
A O D U Q R O I M N
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Y E L L C D H J S E
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Christmas

Jesus

Sheep

School

Angel

Mary

Joseph

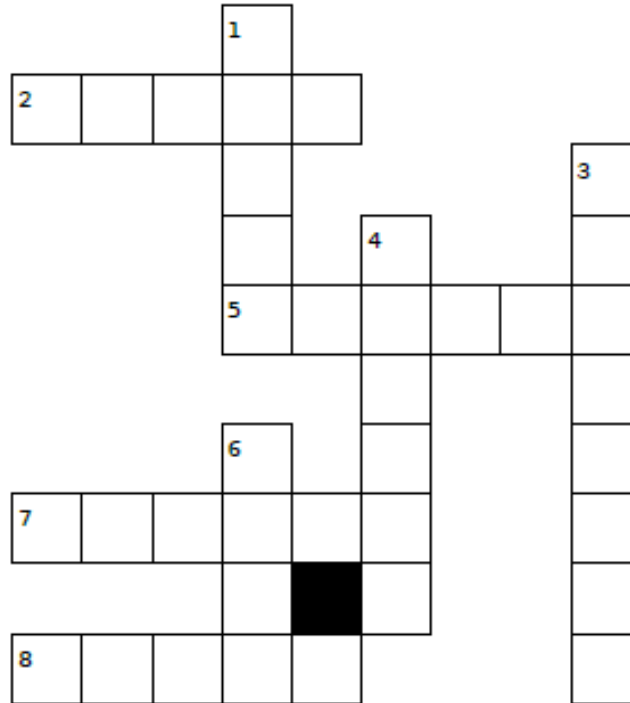
Home

Stable

Donkey



BB Activity Pack Anchor Section Crossword



Down:

1. We celebrate His Birthday at Christmas
3. We like getting these, especially at Christmas
4. Jesus Mary and Joseph, the Holy -----?
6. The place where you live

Across:

2. This person appeared to the shepherds
5. A house for a horse
7. Teachers work in this place
8. The shepherds were minding these



Christingle



What you'll need:

- Orange
- Red ribbon
- Sweets or dried fruit
- Cocktail sticks
- Tin foil
- Candle
- Sellotape
- Scissors
- Lighter/matches

How to make:

- 1 Using Sellotape fasten a piece of red ribbon around the centre of the orange.
- 2 Make hole in the top of the orange using a pair of scissors or a sharp pencil. You may need to get an adult to help you with this.
- 3 Cut a small section of tin foil and place this above the hole on the orange. This will be used to catch any hot wax.
- 4 Push a small candle through the centre of the tin foil and into the hole.
- 5 Stick four cocktail sticks, with sweets and/or dried fruits on them, into the four sides of the orange. Make sure the sharp ends of the cocktail sticks are covered with something.
- 6 Light the candle.
Please be careful with the lit candle and should only be lit with adult supervision. If you have a battery-operated candle this could be used instead.

Meaning behind each piece of the Christingle:

Orange	Represents the whole world
Red Ribbon	Represents God's love wrapped around the world and the blood of Jesus shed on the cross.
Fruits/Sweets	Symbols of God's creations and can also represent the four seasons.
Lit Candle	Represents Jesus, light of the world, who brings hope to those living in darkness.



Outdoor Activities for Anchors

Nature Bracelets

Using Sellotape, make a large loop of tape to go around your wrist. The sticky side of the tape should be facing outwards. This could be a little bit fiddly, so a grown-up might need to help you.

If you want, you could put one on both of your wrists, so you can make two nature bracelets.

Now go on a walk with your family, or explore your garden, and find pretty and colourful items which you can stick to your bracelet. Items might include leaves, daisies, petals, dandelions, grass, seeds etc.

Keep filling up the bracelet until it is full of bright and colourful natural objects.

What you Need:

Sellotape



Indoor Activities for Anchors

Cartoon Silhouettes

Think you can recognise all your favourite cartoon characters? What if you could just see their outline?

Find out by taking on the cartoon characters quiz.

For this activity you'll need to be able to see the cartoon characters worksheet. On here are the outlines of 15 cartoon characters.

See if you can work out the name of the character and the film / TV programme they come from.

Once you have completed the activity, look through the answers on the BB website www.boysbrigade.ie (available on 21st December 2020) and see how many you have guessed correctly. Award a point for the correct name and a point for the correct film / TV programme name. How many points can you score?

See how your score compares to a family member, by asking them to take on the quiz too.

What you Need:

Cartoon character worksheet and a pen/ pencil

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Cartoon Characters Quiz - Page 2



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