

Welcoming Jesus – The Shepherds

Sunday 27th December 2020



Opening Prayer

Dear God, Thank you Jesus that you came as a baby for us, for me. Please fill me afresh with Your love, joy, and peace as we read the wonderful story ever told and as it blesses me help me to be a blessing to my family and friends and those around me. in Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Luke 2:15-21

15Then the angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. We will see these things the Lord told us about.”

16So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph. 17And the shepherds saw the baby lying in a feeding box. Then they told what the angels had said about this child. 18Everyone was amazed when they heard what the shepherds said to them. 19Mary hid these things in her heart; she continued to think about them. 20Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking Him for everything that they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

21When the baby was eight days old, he was circumcised, and he was named Jesus. This name had been given by the angel before the baby began to grow inside Mary.



As the Shepherds obeyed the Angel, a messenger from God, we too, when God calls us to do something should obey Him, He will give us the faith to do it.

Even today, we are still supposed to tell others about Jesus. Did you know some kids don't even know that Christmas is Jesus birthday and that's why we celebrate? What a great way to tell others about Jesus. Just ask them why we celebrate Christmas. If they don't know it is Jesus birthday, tell them! You can even tell them the Christmas story so they can know about Jesus too!

This may be difficult to do as we are not meeting up with too many of our friends at the moment, but if we talking to our friends on the phone, we could mention it.

Prayer

Father God, 2000 years ago when the angels appeared to the shepherds and told them to go to Bethlehem, to see the baby Jesus. The shepherds didn't wait, they didn't doubt but went straight to Bethlehem and found the baby. It really filled their hearts with joy, and they felt so blessed they couldn't keep it to themselves but spread the news to the whole town. Please help me to have faith to hear from You, to share my faith to others and not to doubt how ever difficult this maybe. Because the shepherds were afraid when they saw the angels, but the angels told them not to be afraid, so when I feel afraid, help me to remember not to fear but to trust in You. Thank You that you are our greatest gift. Amen.

Christmas Word Search

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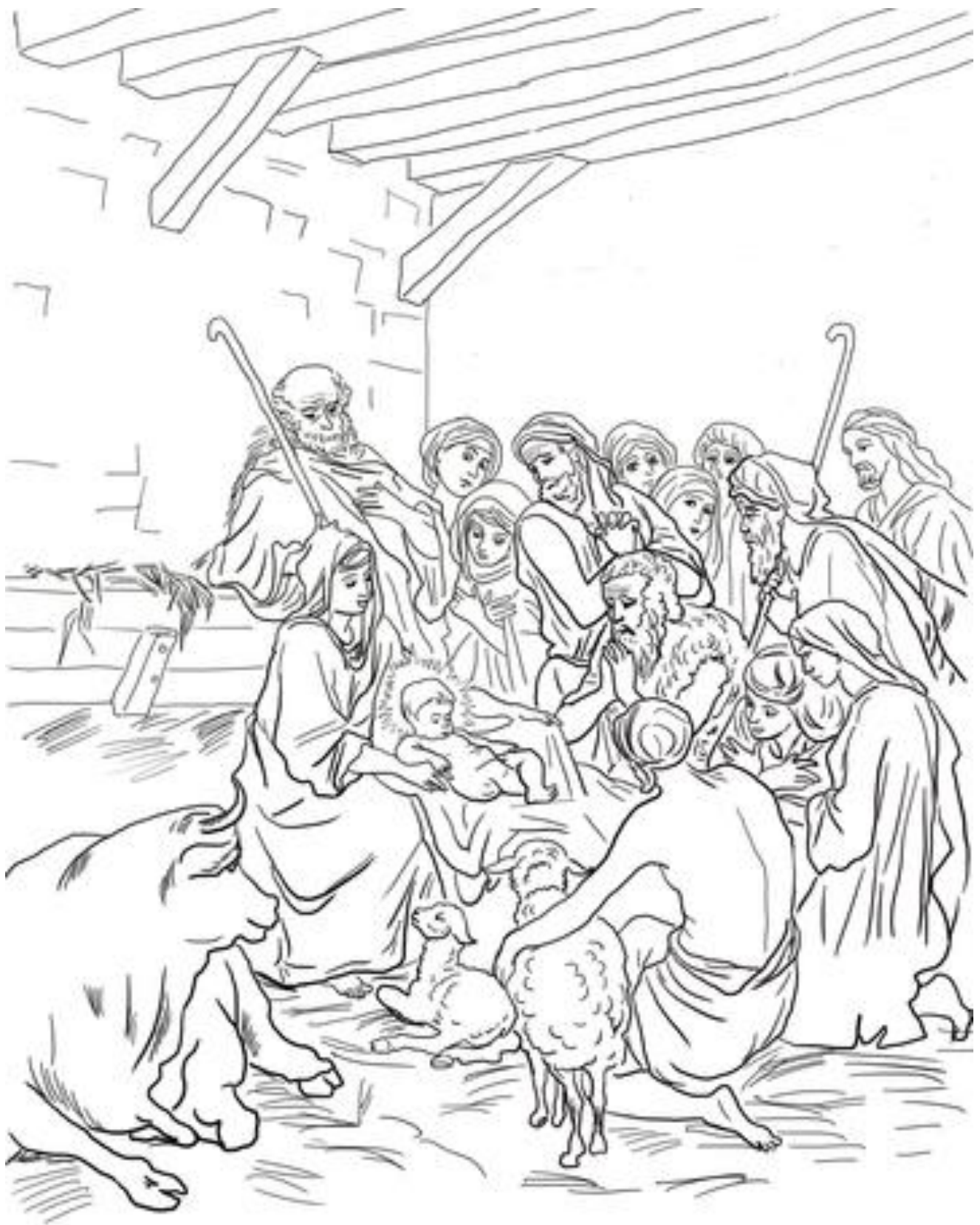
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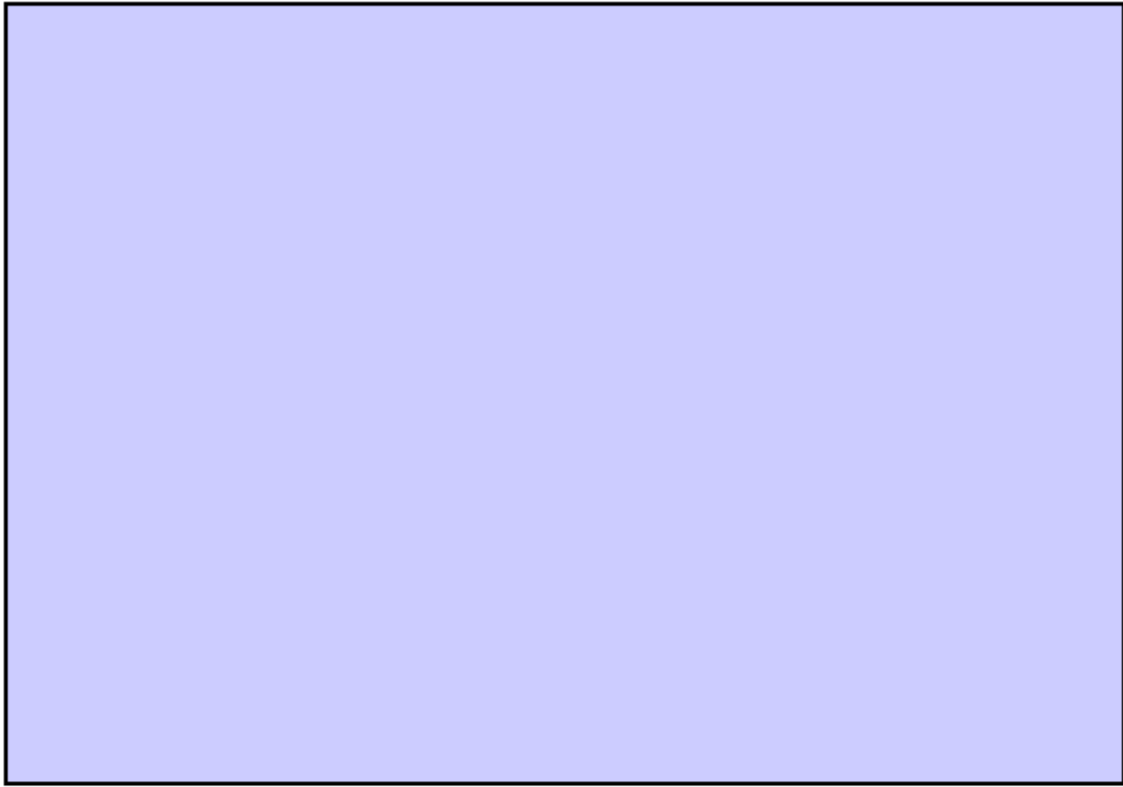
Make your own Shepherd

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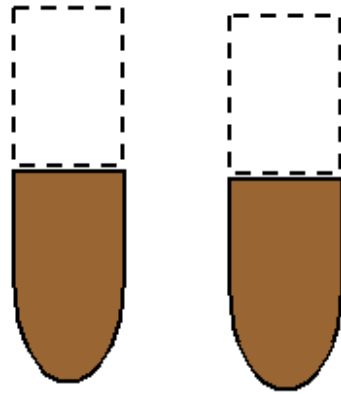
- toilet paper roll
- printer
- glue
- scissors
- something to colour with
- paper

Instructions:

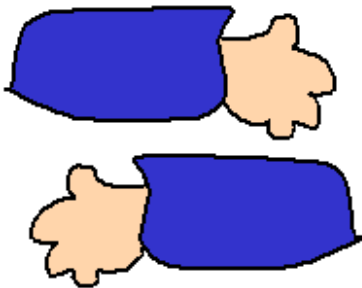
- Print out the template of below.
- Cut them out carefully.
- Glue the large rectangular piece around the toilet paper tube.
- Glue the thin rectangle (belt) around the middle of the tube.
- Glue the head onto the top of the tube and the arms on the sides.
- Fold the tabs of the feet and glue them under the tube to make a 3 D effect.
- Glue the sheep into the shepherd's arms or onto the front of the tube near his feet.



belt



Fold tabs
and glue
under top
roll for feet



Glue beside
feet or in
arms