

# God chose to live as **One of Us**

## **Christmas Resources for Children and Families 2012**

### ***Interactive messages:***

Below you will find interactive messages that can be used with children and families during your service, family service or other events throughout the Advent season.

### ***Christmas Day: Upside Down Town***

For this message you will need:

- To download the PowerPoint story 'Upside Down Town'

Before you share the story, say to everybody:

→ 'I wonder if you have always listened to advice or information that someone has tried to share with you because it was important.'

Share the story with the congregation. Then say:

→ 'I wonder if you would have followed the man that came into town doing something that was totally different to everyone else.'

This story reminds me of God's big story—His story of love for us. Throughout history we can read in the Bible how God was trying to connect and communicate and love His people. Did they always listen? Did they always get the message? Sometimes they would get the message and then quickly forget. God decided that He needed to send His son so that they would get the message and hopefully understand clearly and follow Him.

Just like in the story, it took the man to come in to the town to convince the people that this was the right way to live. Having Jesus born as a baby and living with us, people were able to see and understand God's heart in a better way because of the way that Jesus lived, the things that He did, the important messages that He taught and the sacrifice that He made. God's will for humans became clearer to lots of people.

'I wonder if you can see and understand God's heart, His love for you and for me and all of the world because of Jesus and the way He came to live as one of us.'

*(Conclude with John 3:16.)*