



BUMPER EDITION OF
CHRISTMAS RESOURCES

We're so glad you've got this resource in your hands!

Our team has gathered some of our favourite Christmas ideas to help make your prep time easier. You'll find clickable links (those underlined) throughout the PDF version, and for those who prefer a paper copy, we've added QR codes as well. All accompanying activity downloads, can be found on our toolkit.

Keep an eye out for this sign as you go — it marks our Salvo-created resources, whether they're local or shared from another Territory.



We've even done some of the hard work for you by including links to purchase items you may not have on hand. That said, we always recommend using what you already have, adapting where needed, and saving purchases as a last resort.

We'd love to see how you use these resources, so feel free to share in our The Salvation Army Australia Children's Leadership Network on Facebook.

If you have require any further support, please reach out to either your local Children's Secretary, or contact the team and someone will be in touch.

~ The National Children's Team



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mySalvos TOOLKIT

MYSALVOS CHRISTMAS TOOLKIT 2025



These resources are designed to help families connect with Jesus and explore why he is 'The Hope of Christmas'.

Use the devotionals, decorations and activity sheets as a family to discover more of the love, joy and hope Jesus brings and learn about the meaning of Advent with Evie, Jingle Paws and Grandpa.

Resources available

Kids activity sheets

Christmas gift tags

Family Advent devotional

Ready, Set, Wait - Christmas animation

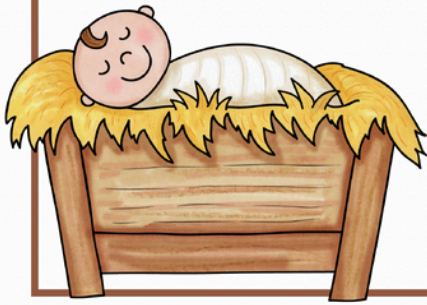
For the full range of Salvation Army Advent and Christmas resources, visit the [mySalvos Christmas Toolkit 2025](#).

Resource





Nativity Busy Book



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NATIVITY BUSY BOOK


Preparation:

- [Printable Busy Book - Buy Here for \\$3.00](#)
- Laminating Sheets
- [Velcro](#)
- Binding Machine



CHRISTMAS STORY BRACELET

Each color tells part of the story of Jesus' birth!

-  White – for the angel who told Zechariah that his wife would have a baby.
-  Blue – for Mary, who trusted God and believed what the angel said.
-  Brown – for Joseph, who listened to the angel and chose to care for Mary.
-  Gray – for the donkey that carried Mary to Bethlehem.
-  Gold bell – for Jesus! The bell reminds us to tell everyone the good news that Jesus is born! It's gold because Jesus is our King.
-  Star – for the bright star that shone above where Jesus was born.
-  White – for the angel who told the shepherds the happy news.
-  Green – for the shepherds who hurried to see baby Jesus.
-  Light purple – for the wise men who traveled a long way to find Him.
-  Yellow, purple, and red – for the special gifts the wise men brought for Jesus, our King.



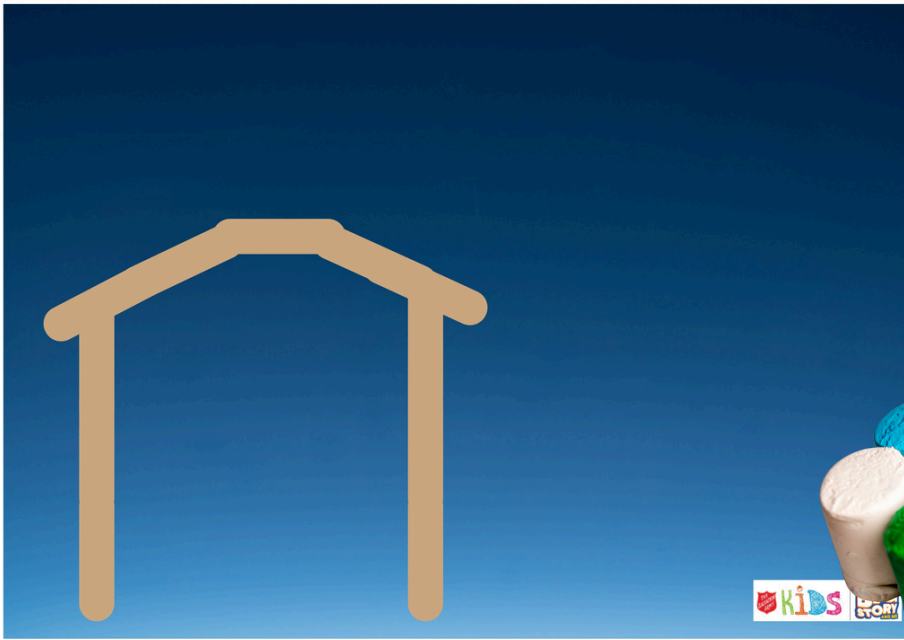
CHRISTMAS BRACELET STORY

Preparation:

- Download & Print Story Card for each person
- Pony Beads (For each person you will need - 2 x white, 1 x blue, 1 x brown, 1 x grey, 1 x green, 1 x light purple, 1 x yellow, 1 x purple, 1 x red)
- Small bell - 1 per child
- Yellow star - 1 per child
- Bead Cord
- Chenille stick
- Zip Lock Bags



You could use this in a program setting, or make them up in a pack as a family take home kit




Make your own nativity
Read the story and each time you hear a person or animal or special thing, see if you can make it with playdough and add it to the scene.



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT PLAYDOUGH MAT

Preparation:

- Download & Print Mat with Story & laminate
- Make a batch of playdough



You could use this in a program setting, or make them up in a pack with a tub of playdough

PLAY DOUGH

Ingredients

- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup fine table salt
- Food colouring
- 2 tablespoons oil (vegetable oil, coconut oil, and olive oil will all work)
- 2 cups plain flour
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar

Method

1. Pour boiling water and salt into a jug or large pot and stir
2. Add a few drops of food colouring and your oil
3. In separate bowl, mix flour and cream of tartar until it starts to thicken
4. Now you can mix everything together! Add more food colouring if you haven't gotten the colour you want quite right
5. Wait for the mixture to cool slightly and knead with your hands
6. Play!



FELT NATIVITY SET

BUY THE PDF PATTERN

PDF pattern to make your own felt Nativity Set, with each individual decorations approximately 11-13cm tall.

If you have a craft group, you could ask them to make these for you to use in your setting. They can be hung, used as individual gifts, allow Kids to re-tell the Christmas Story, ideas are endless.



START

MOVE BACKWARD 1 SPACE

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 2 SPACES

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 1 SPACE

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 2 SPACE

FINISH

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Players take turns to roll a dice.
- Play in clockwise order.
- Move your token along the path. Follow the instructions on each square.
- The first player to reach the last space wins the game!

PLACE JOURNEY CARDS HERE

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 1 SPACE

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

LOSE A TURN

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 1 SPACE

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 1 SPACE

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 2 SPACES

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 1 SPACE

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

LOSE A TURN

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

MOVE BACKWARD 2 SPACES

DRAW A JOURNEY CARD

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM GAME

Game Preparation:

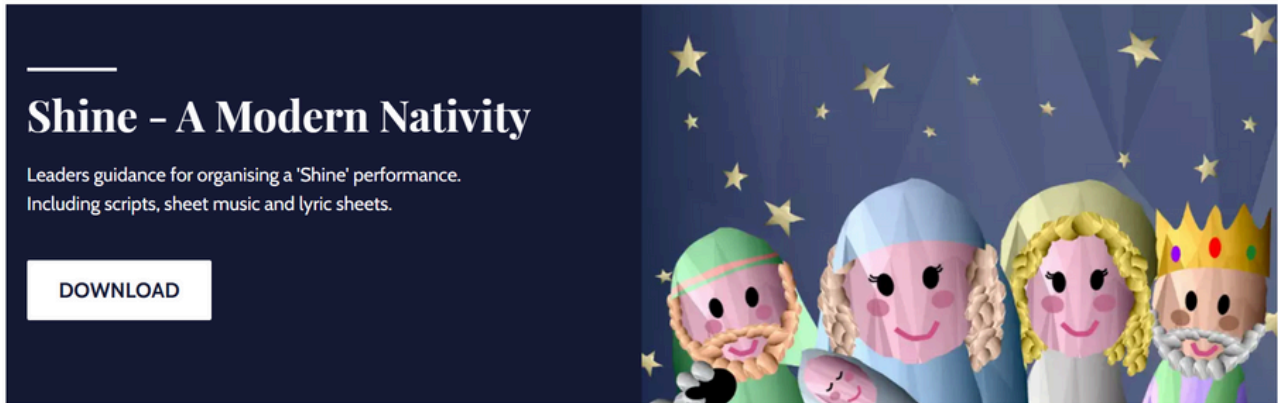
- Download, Print & Laminate Game Board
- Print & Laminate Journey Cards

To Play you will need:

- 1 Set of Game Board & Journey Cards
- Dice
- Tokens for Players (4 - 6)

SHINE- A MODERN NATIVITY PLAY

SHINE



Welcome to Shine - A Modern Nativity musical for children.

This resource brings together a script for younger children (ages 4 - 7) and older children (ages 7 - 11), music, demonstration tracks, backing tracks and lyric sheets - all that you need to put on this charming and modern version of the Nativity.

Includes:

Backing tracks
Song Demo's
Lyrics Videos

Resource



A STARRY NIGHT

A STARRY NIGHT | SALVATIONIST



Full 12 minute video - see below for individual scene videos. If you would like to add subtitles to the video click the 'cc' in a box button on Vimeo.

Share the Christmas story through narration, music and art!

This resource has been created to be easy to use and adapt for multiple settings. The video tells the Christmas story around the song 'A Starry Night'. It features a narrator, a Salvation Army brass band and art.

Resources available:

Full 12 minute video

Four short scene videos

A short thought - written to reiterate the message behind A Starry Night

Plus more.....

Resource



CHRISTMAS CLIPS



THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS: A KIDS CHRISTMAS ANIMATION

In this Christmas kids animation, Cousin Koala and friends talk about the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas isn't just about presents, lights and food. Christmas is a birthday party for Jesus. A day we can be thankful for the joy and love that Jesus brings to all people. Merry Christmas!

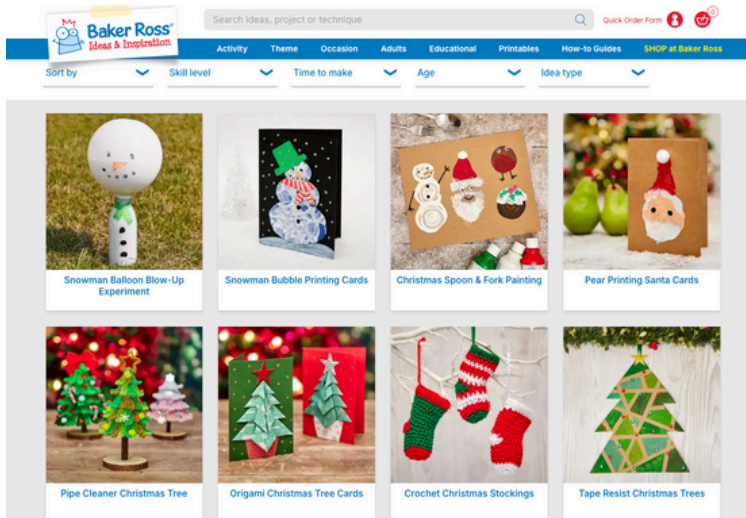
KIDS CHRISTMAS ANIMATION



Resource



WEBSITES WITH FREE DOWNLOADS



BAKER ROSS

Free Craft Hub for top trends, ideas, inspiration and how-to guides

CLEVER PATCH

Clever Patch are specialists in education and event craft. Need some inspiration? They've got hundreds of craft ideas and free downloadable craft templates waiting for your creativity!



DEEPER KID MIN

Deeper KidMin is an online source that equips ministry leaders to grow kids deeper in their relationships with Christ through creative, engaging, and affordable resources



YUMMY & FUN CHRISTMAS GIFTS



FERRERO ROCHER WREATH

How to Video

Lindt or Ferrero Rocher

Clear Cellophane

Sticky Tape

Ribbon

Curling Ribbon



BUBBLES

Bubble Wands

Ribbon

Printable Tag



M&M CHRISTMAS STORY GIFT

Packets of M&M's

Ribbon

Printable Tag



REINDEER NOSES GIFT JAR

Maltesers

Ribbon

Candy Jar or Gift Bag

Jaffas (or Red Lolly)

Printable Tag

WON-DOH-FUL CHRISTMAS

Playdough Tubs

Printable Tag



DOWNLOAD THESE RESOURCES HERE

JENGA NATIVITY




What's needed:

- [Avery Crystal Clear Labels \(Laser\) L7563*](#)
- [Download Labels ready to Print](#)
- [Kmart wooden Tower Game \(Jenga\)](#), - 1 set will do 6 Nativity Sets.
- [Kmart 4 pack craft polyester drawstring bags](#) - 1 bag per set
- Hobby Knife

How to print:

Print labels onto L7563, follow these steps to assist in ensuring they print correct.

Printing Tips

- 1** Select the **Print Icon** and in the print settings on the left, scroll down and click **More Settings**. Then select **Actual Size**. 
- 2** In your printer **Properties** or **Preferences** change the **Paper** or **Media Type** to **Labels** or **Cardstock**.
- 3** Select the correct **Paper Size** and print a test sheet on plain paper.
- 4** For best results we recommend printing via your manual feed or bypass tray where available

How to make:

- The label is bigger than the Jenga block so you will need to peel and centre your design and press firmly in place.
- To remove excess from the side of block use a sharp hobby knife to trim off the edge by holding the blade to the block.

Note: be careful not to cut yourself & you might need to use some fine sandpaper if the block is a bit rough, so it is safe for children.

Once you have your set store them into the drawstring bag.

* If you are unable to purchase the labels through the provided link, here are some other options, however these come with a bigger cost. You might like to see if another Corps is interested in doing this and go ½ on the cost of labels.

Labels:

- Officeworks sells Avery Crystal Clear Laser L7563 packets at \$91
- InkStation.com.au sells the same labels for \$48.50 with postage being around \$10 so much cheaper

Note: The sheep has been replaced
sheep with an angel

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Preparation:

- 7 Boxes to hide each Jenga Nativity character. Box 7 has a Mirror
- [Download & Print the Story Cards](#)
- Jenga Blocks Nativity (1 set per child)
 - * you can omit this and have other things in boxes for kids to receive. The boxes just add another layer of interaction into the story. Or use the What God Wants for Christmas resource if you have one.



Presentation how to:

The idea is to tell the Nativity story in an interactive way using 7 boxes with the main characters and a mirror. Read the rhyming story, using the actions for children to do, these can be omitted if using for older children.

At the end of each page, you open the box to reveal part of the nativity or give out a Jenga Nativity block.

The last box is to contain a mirror, get kids to look at it as you share the last part of the story to reflect what God wants for Christmas.

Note: This is a rewrite of the **What God Wants for Christmas** kit

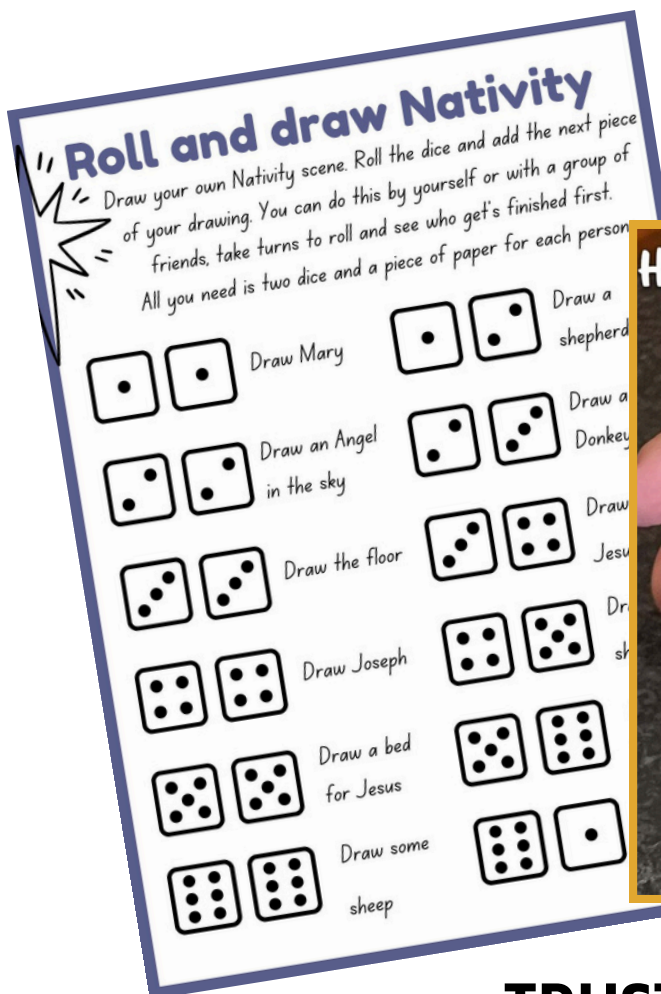


This kit is no longer readily available, but you might find one in your ministry area. The language in the script was a little dated so Deb had a play around with a more rhyming version for younger children.

BONUS RESOURCES



FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR



ROLL & DRAW NATIVITY



TRUSTED CHRISTMAS SLIME