

Baby Jesus Christmas Tree Ornament

Background

Advent and Christmas are a joyful time of year, but between family gatherings, presents and great food it's understandable how for some children the reason why we celebrate becomes lost.

Children have an extraordinary capacity to learn through play. In preparation for Jesus being born, through this activity children are reminded they are loved by Jesus.

You will need:

- Printouts of the following pages (card would be best)
- Card
- Colour pens/pencils
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape
- Paint
- Hole punch
- Ribbon

Instructions:

1. Print out the outlines of baby Jesus, cut out and colour in.
2. Set up the paint (whatever colour you decide). Cover your hand in paint and make a handprint on a plain piece of card.
3. When the hand print is dry, grab a small cotton bud and paint on a bed of hay in the palm of the handprint.
4. Glue or tape baby Jesus on top of the bed of hay.
5. Cut around the hand print, making sure to leave a border around the outside. Write the year, "Jesus loves..." and finish it off with your name.
6. Use a hole punch to make a hole at the top, thread some ribbon through and tie together. Hang on Christmas tree.



