

# GETTING THE CRIB READY FOR JESUS

## BACKGROUND

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and a time of preparing for the birth of Jesus. This time helps us get ready for Jesus' arrival into our hearts. One way we remember this by is setting up a crib to get ready for Jesus arrival. Find a manger or create your own using the instructions below and each day of Advent add some more hay to fill the manger. By Christmas Day it will be ready for Jesus to lay upon.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print out and cut the star and baby Jesus template on card. (If you have a baby Jesus figure you can use this instead.)
2. Cut about 8 cm off the top of the paper bag. Round the corners and draw a window shape on each side.
3. Open the bag and carefully cut out the windows. Cut out the dies of the bag down to about the bottom of the windows.
4. Fill the bottom of the bag with small pieces of crumpled newspaper.
5. Glue the top of the bag together, and glue the star in place.
6. Cut out the yellow paper into little strips for hay, crumple them and each day add some hay to the manger.
7. On Christmas Day add Jesus into the manger full of hay.

## YOU WILL NEED:

- Printed out Jesus and star template
- Lunch size paper bag
- old newspaper
- yellow construction paper
- Scissors
- Card
- Pencils & Marker Pens
- Glue/Tape



