## Year A - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Luke 2:1-14



### **Christmas Book**

Print out the following pages double-sided and hand out to the children. Let them colour in the pages and cut along the dotted line. Follow the instructions to fold the pages into a book.

If this activity isn't something you have time in your context, you can always hand them out and ask them to complete them at home.



Advent Candle Today we add the last candle to the wreath, the white Christmas candle. If you began the wreath craft at the beginning of Advent you can add the last candle to it today.



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### Luke 2:10-11

Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy.

This very day in King David's hometown a Saviour was born for you.

He is Christ the Lord

### **Christ Candle**

The (optional) fifth candle represents light and purity and is called the Christ Candle.

It is placed in the middle of the Advent wreath and is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Christ Candle is lit every night until the Feast of the Epiphany.

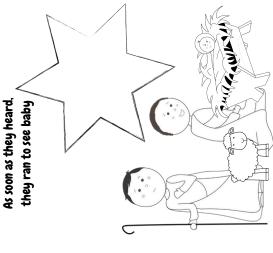


Christmas is the feast of God's love for us. The divine love that inspires, guides and corrects change, and overcomes the human fear of leaving behind "security" in order once more to embrace the "mystery".

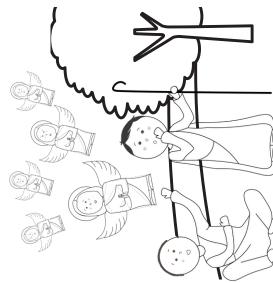
A happy Christmas to all!

Pope Francis, December 2019

When they saw him they were amazed because they knew that he was God's special son!



This was such great news that a whole host of angels went to tell some shepherds who were watching their sheep.



was born and a star came to rest above the place where he lay.

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While Mary was still pregnant, they had to travel to Joseph's home village of Bethlahem to be counted.

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and told him not to worry because it was true

that the SOS in Mary's womb

At first, Joseph was troubled when he heard the news, but an angel visited him in a dream

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH



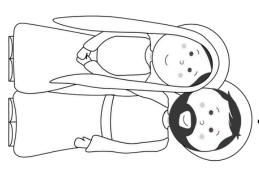
which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10–12

and myrrh.

Then some wise men, who had followed the star, came to see Jesus. They worshipped him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense

MARY and JOSEPH over much



They were betrothed to be married.

One day the angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her God had chosen her to be the mother of God's son, Jesus!

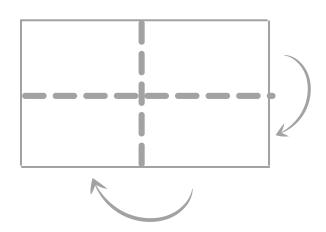
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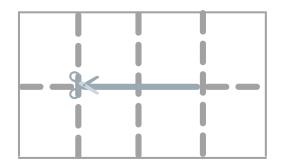
Mary was amazed! She shared the news with Joseph and she went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth who was expecting a baby too!

## How to make your mini book:

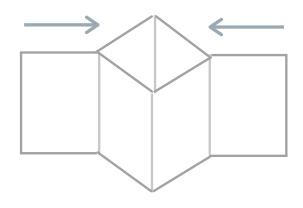
Step 1: Fold your A4 piece of paper into quarters and crease well from both sides of the paper.



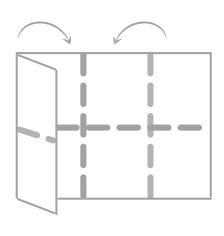
Step 3: cut along the centre fold shown by the bold line.



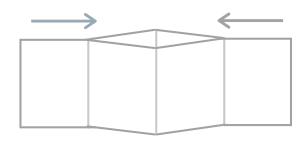
Step 5: Continue pushing it together until it forms four pages



Step 2: Fold sides into the middle and crease well from both sides of the paper.



Step 4: Fold in half then push ends towards each other to open the middle.



Step 6: Colour and write in your pages and fold together to form your story book.

