

Station Five – God born in a stable!

Introduction



The shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about the child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them' Luke 2:16-20

It was amazing: a bright new star appearing in the sky. Prophecies from thousands of years before coming true. Shepherds running around a city talking about angels. The Saviour of the world, born in an animal shelter to an ordinary family. And yet, there was more to come. No-one knew just how amazing this baby was going to be when he grew into a man

Craft preparation

You can choose to get members of the congregation to cut out all of the pieces for each mouse, or give participants a pair of scissors to do it themselves. If you are pre-cutting the pieces are best put in an envelope so that they don't get lost in the bag. If not, then you will need enough pairs of scissors to allow cleaning in between uses

- Template for finger puppet mouse
- Felt tips to draw eyes (or you could use spare googly eyes)

Craft Instructions

There were probably a few animals watching as Jesus was born, and visited by excited strangers. Make a finger puppet mouse who saw it all! What tales can they tell?

Roll the quarter circle piece to form a cone and stick the two straight edges over each other to fix it in place. Put it on your finger and stick the whiskers underneath the front tip. Draw eyes near the pointy nose. Stick the ears above the eyes and curl to make them stick up. Wrap the tail strip around your finger to make it curl then stick on the inside edge of the cone

Scene setting

Required

- Introduction sheet
- Craft instructions
- Story – printed/videoed or read in person

Optional

- Manger with straw bales
- Nativity sets
- Reflection questions

Reflection questions

- What is the most amazing thing about this story?
- What do you think the shepherds told people as they returned to their sheep? What would you say?

Soundtrack

Noel by Chris Tomlin <https://youtu.be/5Vwu-t7QRaE>

Story

Stable mouse's tale

Extra ideas

**Ask congregation members to bring in their nativity sets and create a display showing all the different styles in which we remember this amazing event. You could even burn some Frankincense essential oil
Read 'The Sleepy Shepherd' by Stephen Cottrell**