

A Star for a King Craft Instructions

You will need:

- Two card stars
- Sticky gold stars
- String or ribbon

As you stick gold stars on to the card stars, think about why a new baby born hundreds of miles away was so important to the star followers, that they travelled all that way to see him.

When you have finished hang one star on the tree and put one back in your bag to hang up at home to remind you of that epic journey



A King's City Craft Instructions

You will need:

- Card crown
- Two paper clips
- Self adhesive jewels

As you decorate your crown with the jewels wonder together about why Jesus is called a 'king'.

Roll the crown around your head and pin it with the paperclips so that it fits. The only crown that Jesus wore was made from thorns, and soldiers used it to mock him before they killed him. He definitely was a different kind of king!



God's message for Mary

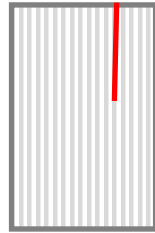
Craft Instructions

The angel came with good news about Jesus for Mary and for the whole world. Follow the instructions below to make a good news angel out of newspaper.

What good news do you think Jesus brings now?

You will need:

- A square of newspaper
- A length of ribbon



Fold the paper backwards and forwards to create a concertina.

Open the paper out and fold in half

Carefully tear along the red line shown above

Open up and re-concertina, pinching it together at the base of the tear

Spread the 'wings' either side, and loop the top to create a circle for the head



Tie the ribbon around the base of the tear and use it to hang your angel up



God's message for the shepherds

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You will need:

- A cotton wool ball
- Two googly eyes

Make your own sheep by sticking the googly eyes on the front of the ball of cotton wool.

Can you tell your sheep what the sheep on that hillside in Bethlehem saw that night?



God born in a stable! 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?

You will need:

- Template
- Double sided sticky tape



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



A refugee king Craft Instructions

Imagine having to pack all your belongings in a bag and hurry off to another country. What things would you insist on taking?

Take the bag of Christmas biscuit ingredients home and bake them according to the instructions.

Perhaps you could take them to eat on a journey or give them to someone who might be feeling sad, lonely or worried



Myrrh for a sacrifice

Craft Instructions

At Christmas we give each other gifts to remind us of God's gift to us—Jesus.

Make a gift tree decoration from a cross—another symbol that reminds us of Jesus

You will need:

- Wrapping paper in the shape of a cross
- Cardboard square
- Thin ribbon or string

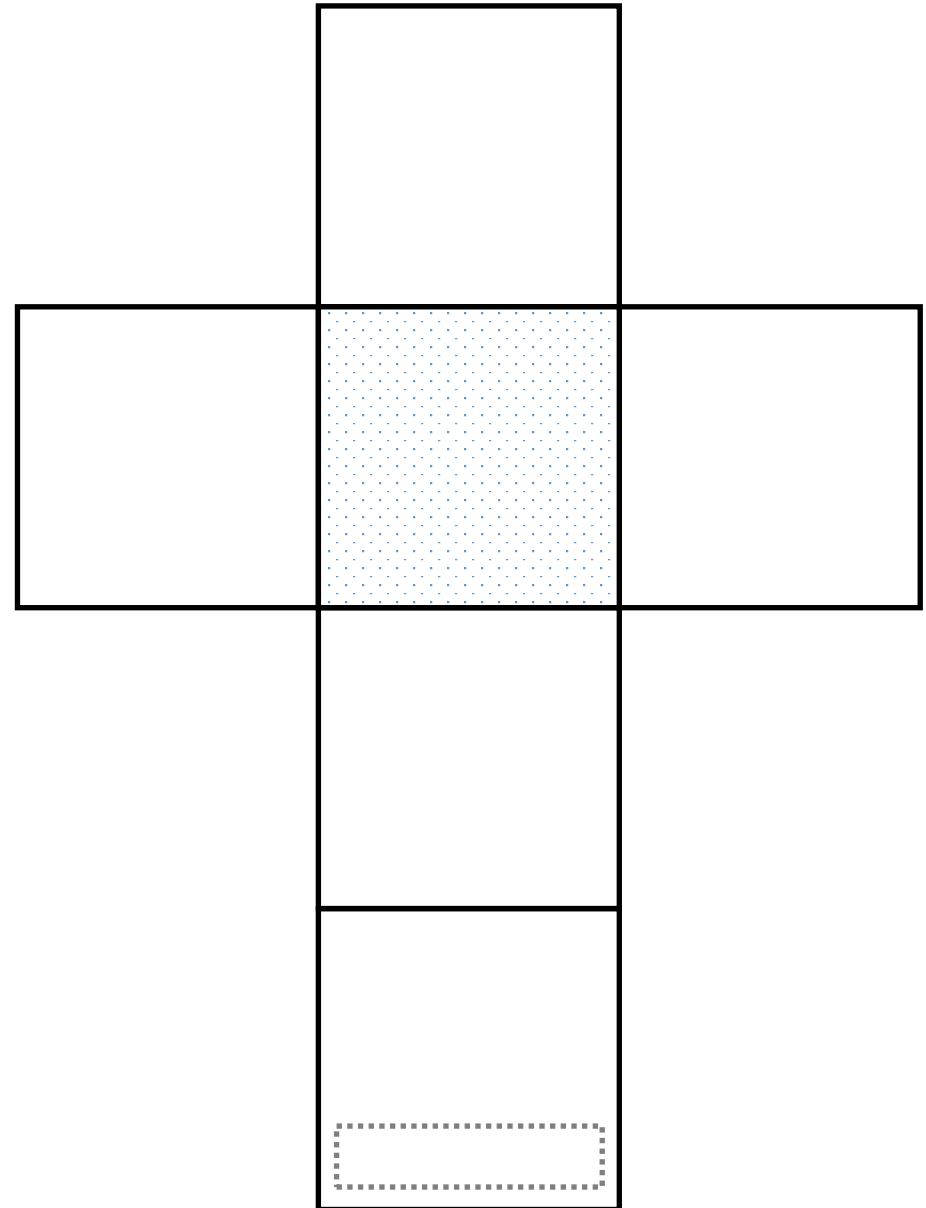
The aim is to fold the wrapping paper around the cardboard square which is placed in the centre of the cross

Fold both arms of the cross in so that they cover the card

Fold the top of the strip down to cover the arms

Now fold this thick bit down twice and use the tape to fix it in place

'Tie' your parcel with the ribbon leaving enough to hang it from the tree



Four templates for mouse finger puppet

