## Nativity Trail Activity Pack

Welcome to our Nativity Pack, we hope that you enjoy some of the activities. This is what it contains: quizzes, arty crafty stuff, presents to make and Youtube videos:

## <u>Quiz</u>

- Who told Mary the good news about baby Jesus? (Can you tell someone about Jesus)
- How far was it to Bethlehem from Nazareth? (How far is it from Trimley to Bethlehem?
- Why wasn't Jesus born in a comfy home? (Where were you born?)
- How many angels visited the shepherds? (Why did Shepherds have a crook?)
- How did the wise men find Jesus? (What stars can you see in the sky)
- What presents did they bring? (What present would you give to Jesus?)



- Which was your favourite scene on the Christmas Trail? Why?
- Can you tell the Christmas story to someone now?
- Can you make a nativity scene at home and take a photograph and post it on our web site?

#### Answers to The Nativity Treasure Hunt Quiz

Who told Mary the good news about baby Jesus? Angel GabrielHow far was it to Bethlehem from Nazareth?30 miles by footWhy wasn't Jesus born in a comfy home?There was no room at the innHow many angels visited the shepherds?Angel Gabriel – then a sky full!How did the wise men find Jesus?They followed a new bright starWhat presents did they bring?Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

## Is it time to watch a Nativity on YouTube?

Why not have a go and watch this Nativity told with puppets <u>Puppet Nativity</u> (Younger families)

or watch Bob Hartman's Rhyming Nativity Bob Hartman (All ages)

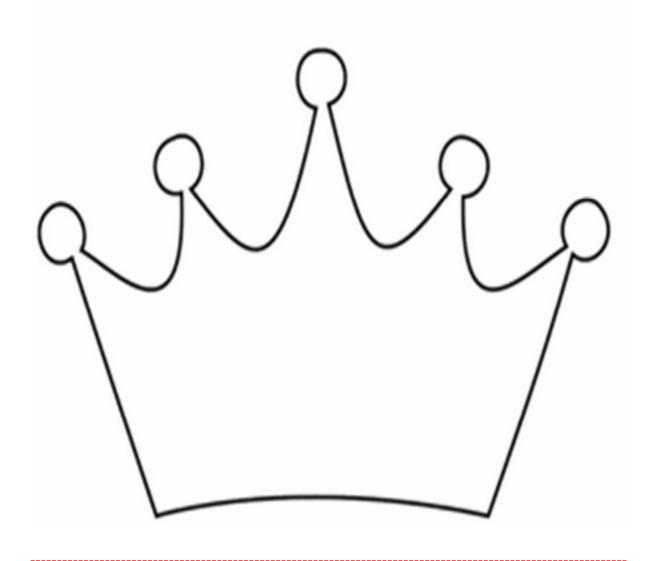


# Action Stations! Time to be Crafty! Activities for you to try:

#### A Crown for your Window (Template below)

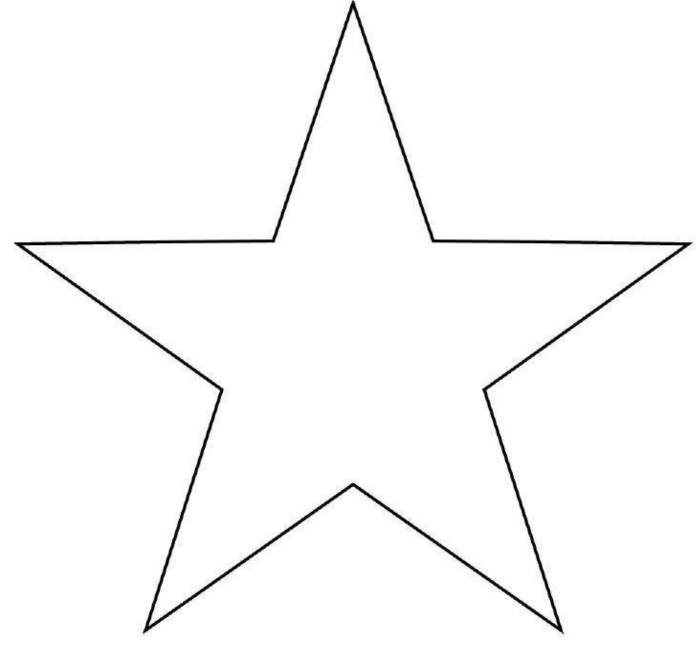
Why not make a crown to remind us that Jesus is our king. The story of Jesus' arrival is all about God's King arriving and bringing His love and light and help to everyone,

So, you could write the name JESUS – THE KING IS WITH US across one side of the crown and then decorate the crown. It might look special hanging up or placed in a window.



# A Prayer Star for your window, (Template below) To remind us that God's light will always break through the darkness

- Use your star to write a thank-you prayer or you could write this on your star. "Jesus Light of the World thank you for coming. Please come and shine your light upon us"
- Now colour in the other side in rainbow colours, cut out and stick it in your window as a reminder that God's light will always be there for you..



## Christmas Crackers.



Easy to make. All you need is 3 toilet roll inners, some wrapping paper, ribbon or string and glue. You could add a Christmas message inside. To make it easier here is a youtube video to help you get going.

**Christmas Crackers** 

## An Angel by folding paper.

Have fun folding paper and making an angel. All you will need is: paper, glue and scissors.

<u>Angel</u>



Jingle- bell Bracelets (To symbolize the heralding in of Jesus's birth)

Gear. 3 Pipe cleaners. Bells Beads.



#### Instructions:

Thread your bells on a single pipe cleaner. Twist the pipe cleaners together. Carefully twist the ends together to make a circle. There you go, ready to wear!

#### Gifts fit for a king

Can you remember what gifts the Magi or wise men took to Jesus?

If you had been going to see Jesus what gift would you take?

Are you going to give a gift to some one this year? How about giving some peppermint cream?

### Peppermint Creams



Ingredients White for one large egg or two small eggs 225g / 8oz icing sugar Small amount of peppermint essence Food colouring (optional) Cutter Non-stick parchment.

- 1) Beat the egg white in a bowl with a fork and sieve in 175g/6oz of icing sugar.
- 2) Mix well with a wooden spoon and then sieve in more icing sugar a little at a time until you have a stiff paste.
- 3) Shake a little icing sugar onto the work surface and empty the paste onto it.
- 4) Add 3-4 drops of peppermint essence and gently knead until you have a smooth paste. Taste a small bit to check whether it is strong enough. If not add a drop more of the essence.
- 5) Sprinkle icing sugar over a rolling pin to prevent sticking and roll out the paste to an inch /0,5cm thick.
- 6) Cut out the peppermint creams and leave on non-stick parchment.
- 7) Cover with a tea towel and leave overnight in a cool place (not the fridge).
- 8) Place in a decorated, small airtight container and wrap a ribbon around.
- 9) Your gift is ready

## **Christmas Shortbread Cookies**



Ingredients. 8oz/250g butter. 4oz/ 125g castor sugar. 12oz/350 g plain flour Glace icing for decoration.

- 1) Mix the butter and sugar until smooth and white.
- 2) Sift the flour and add to the mixture.
- 3) Bring ingredients together and knead with your hands.
- 4) Roll out the cookies and cut out.
- 5) Bake the cookies on a greased baking tray 180 C or (350 degrees F Gas mark 4 for 10 to 15 mins.
- 6) Cool, decorate, place in your special gift box or plate. Make sure they are in an air tight container. Tie with a ribbon and your gift is ready.