



CHRISTMAS

CRAFT | LESSON 1

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Use this craft to countdown to Christmas and remember the Christmas story as you and your child move a picture of Mary and Joseph every day. On Christmas day, celebrate the birth of baby Jesus together!

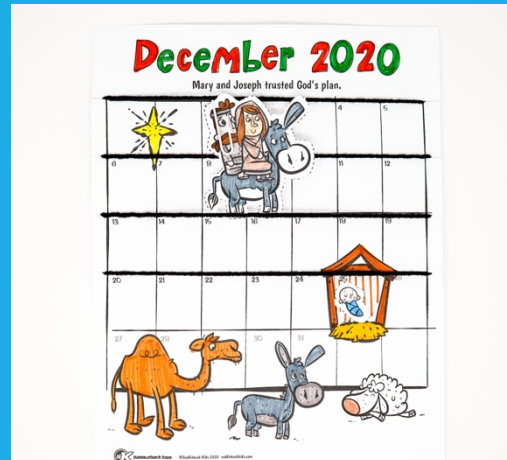
DIRECTIONS

PREP

1. Print out the Christmas Calendar printable and Character printable.
Option: Create your own design using the printable as a guide
2. Size and cut cardboard to 11x17 inches and fold in half so it stands on its own.

DO

1. Your child will color their calendar and character pieces. Then help cut them out.
2. Use a hole punch and punch 8 holes on the calendar – one hole at the beginning of each week and one hole at the end of each week.
3. Cut 4 pieces of yarn. String each piece across each week and through the cut holes. Tape or tie the yarn in place.
4. Glue the calendar onto the folded cardboard so it stands and can be seen.
5. Clip the picture of Mary and Joseph on the yarn so it sits on day 1. Move Mary and Joseph to today.
6. Each day, move Mary and Joseph closer to Bethlehem. On December 25, add baby Jesus and celebrate his birth this Christmas.



SUPPLIES NEEDED



Christmas
Calendar
printable



Yarn or
string



Crayons or
markers



Character
printable



Tape



Scissors



Cardboard



Paper clip



Hole punch

TALKING POINTS

- Did Mary and Joseph trust God's plan?
- Who do we celebrate on Christmas?

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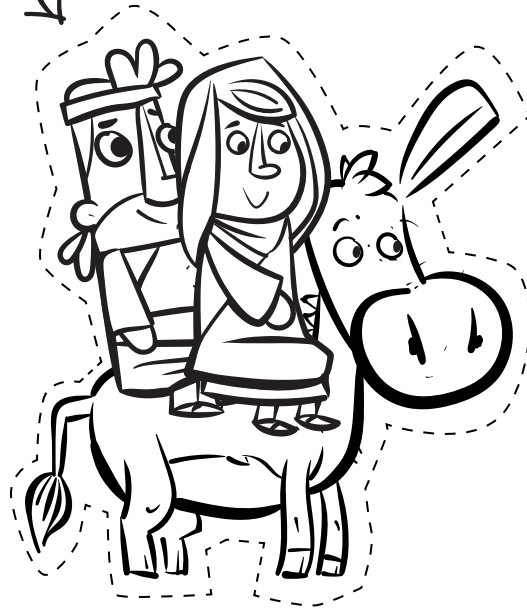
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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

The calendar grid is a 5x7 table. The first row contains dates 1 through 5. The second row contains dates 6 through 12. The third row contains dates 13 through 19. The fourth row contains dates 20 through 26. The fifth row contains dates 27 through 31. A large star is drawn in the top-left corner, spanning the first two columns of the first row and the first column of the second row. A manger with hay is drawn in the bottom-right area, spanning the last two columns of the fourth row and the first two columns of the fifth row. A camel is drawn in the bottom-left area, spanning the first two columns of the fifth row. A donkey is drawn in the bottom-middle area, spanning the last two columns of the fifth row. A sheep is drawn in the bottom-right area, spanning the last two columns of the fifth row.

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Cut here!



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