

## **St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet**

### **17<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany 2**

Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.



**Last week we celebrated Epiphany - the story of how the wise men came to look for Jesus. This week we are going to continue with the Epiphany theme.**

**Here is the story again to remind you.**

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east. We came to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this new king of the Jews, he was troubled. And all the people in Jerusalem were worried too. Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law. He asked them where the Christ would be born. <sup>5</sup> They answered, "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this in the Scriptures:

Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men from the east. He learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. Then Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem. He said to them, "Go and look carefully to find the child. When you find him, come tell me. Then I can go worship him too."

The wise men heard the king and then left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east. It went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. <sup>1</sup> They went to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshipped the child. They opened the gifts they brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they went home to their own country by a different way.

After they left, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "Get up! Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Herod will start looking for the child to kill him. Stay in Egypt until I tell you to return."

So Joseph got up and left for Egypt during the night with the child and his mother. Joseph and Mary and the baby Jesus stayed in Egypt until Herod died.

Here are some puzzles and things to do during the service

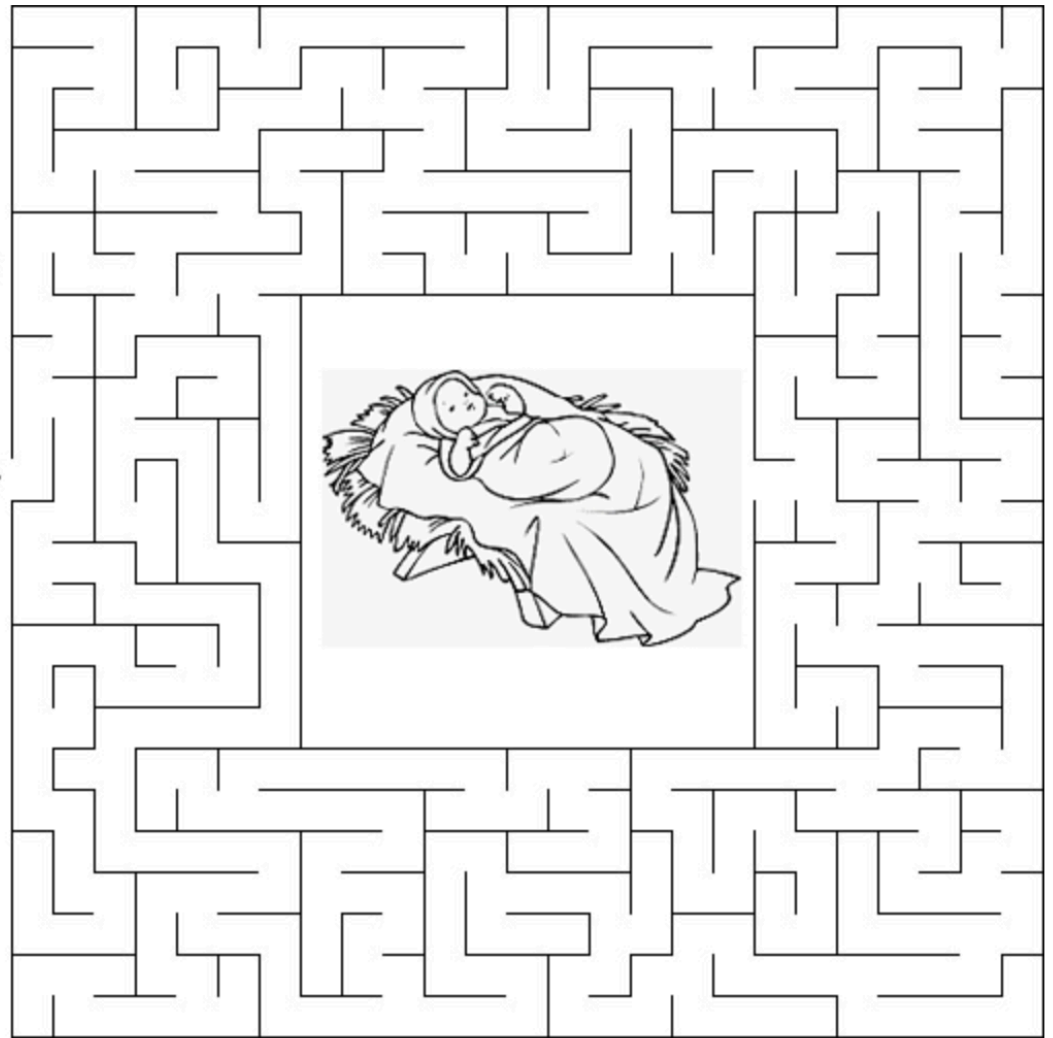
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**And a maze. Can you help the wise men find their way to Jesus?**

*Maze taken from Sermons4kids.com*



Wise Men Search for Jesus

Last week we had stars and wise men to colour and decorate and I suggested that you hang the star up in your window to cheer people up as they go past.

**Here's another star to make.**

**You will need:** for each star

2 squares of paper the same size as each other. If they are different colours this looks really good.

Some double sided sellotape, or a glue stick or some quick drying glue.

Scissors

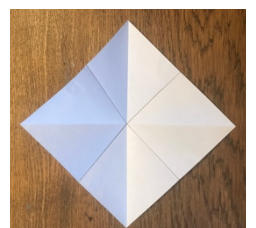
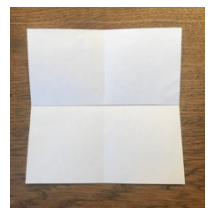
Fold your square of paper in half.

If it's only coloured on one side fold it so the colour is on the outside.

Unfold it and fold it in half the other way so you have a cross.

Then fold it diagonally in half, first one way and then the other, opening it out each time. Now your square will have a star in the middle.

Open out the paper.

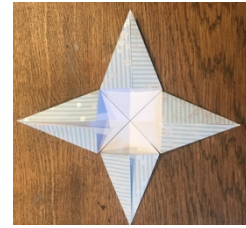
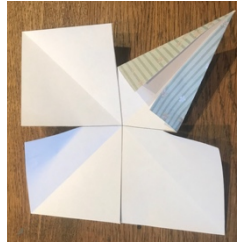


On each of the four creases from the sides (not the corners) of the paper, cut along the crease rather more than halfway to the middle.

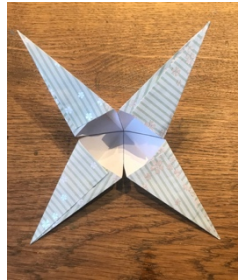


Now, you are going to make each paper into a four pointed star:

At each corner fold the flaps to meet in the middle on the diagonal crease

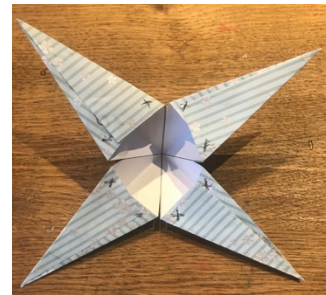


Put glue or double sided tape on one of each of the four pairs of flaps, and overlap the other flap so that the points narrow and the star begins to become 3D



Then do the same with the second piece of paper, so you have another four pointed star.

The next bit is a little fiddly. You are going to glue them face to face to make an eight pointed star, so you need to put glue on eight points on the first star: see where the Xs are on the picture. Then stick them face to face – if they won't flatten enough for this then cut the side slits a little longer.



Once the glue is dried you can decorate them a little more with glitter if you like, and use a needle and thread to pierce a point so you can hang them up

