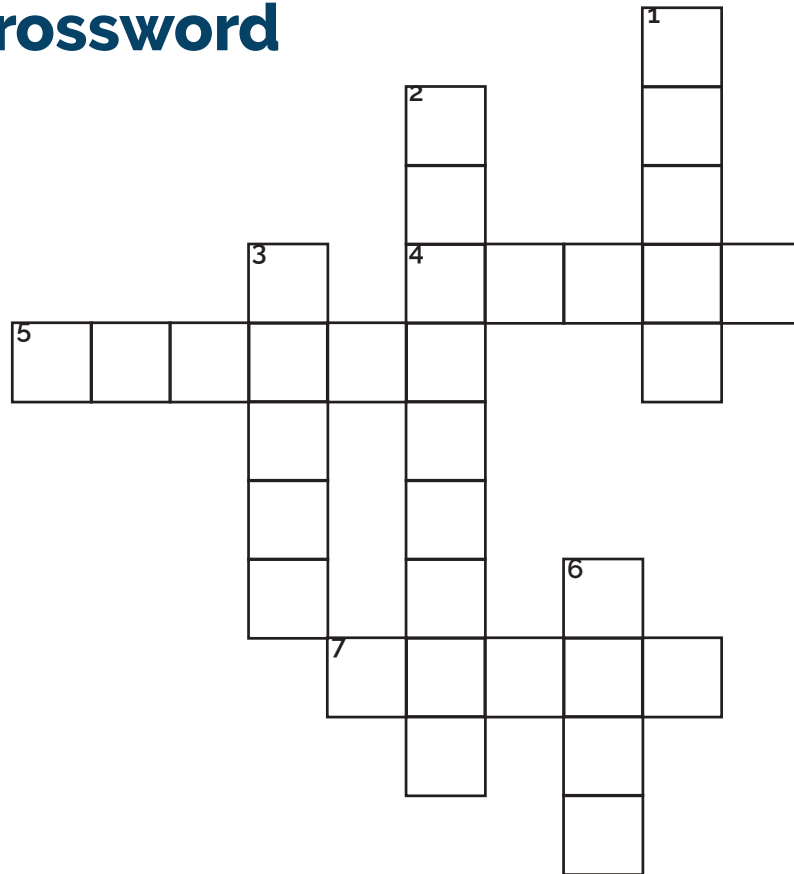




ADVENT ACTIVITY BOOK 2022

Nativity crossword



Across

- How many wise men were there?
- Who was Mary engaged to marry?
- Who was the ruler who wanted to find Jesus?

Down

- An _____ visited Mary to say she was with child
- What city was the manger in?
- Who was born in a manger?
- What gift did the wise men bring, _____, Frankincense and Myrrh

Answers: 1. Angel 2. Bethlehem 3. Jesus 4. Three 5. Joseph 6. Gold 7. Herod

Shortbread Christmas star recipe



This recipe requires adult supervision

Serves: approx. 24 cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup of butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup of sugar
- 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

Method

- Cream butter or margarine with an electric mixer.
- Slowly stir in sugar, mixing well.
- Add flour, working with a wooden spoon to make a soft dough. (for best results chill the dough overnight in the fridge)
- Using a little dough at a time, roll out 1cm thick on a lightly floured board.
- Cut with a floured Christmas star cutter.
- Place on an ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake at 160° in a fan forced oven for 20 minutes or until pale brown.

Once cool you can decorate your shortbreads with icing and coloured sugars.



About the star of Bethlehem

Matthew is the only one of the four gospels that mentions the star. (Mt.2:2) The idea that important events or people were heralded by signs in the heavens was a common part of most religions at the time. Astrological events were often thought to portend the birth of great heroes or rulers. The star reminds us of Jesus' birth, of His kingship, of His divine nature.



Find a word

F	M	T	U	E	R	G	E	Z	W	H	S	L	X	D
Y	B	P	P	A	U	J	L	L	P	G	D	H	M	H
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G	T	Y	U	I	F	B	I	K	J	Y	Z	Q	J	Z

Can you find the words below?

Advent
Angel
Bethlehem
Candle

Christmas
Gabriel
Herod
Jesus

Joseph
Mary
Shepherds
Star

Playdough recipe

*This recipe requires adult supervision

Makes approx 1.5kg playdough

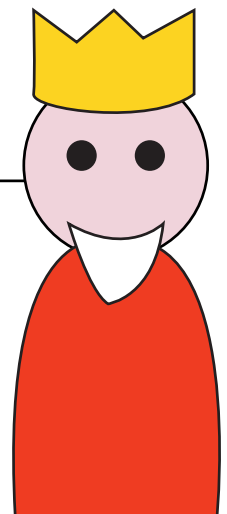
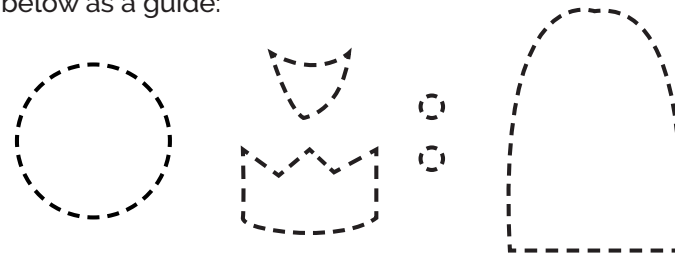
Ingredients

- 1 cup of oil
- 6 cups of all-purpose flour
- 250ml (1 cup) water
- Red, blue and yellow food colouring

Method

1. Mix ingredients together in a large bowl, adding a little of the water at a time.
2. Once combined, knead the dough together to form a playdough consistency.
3. Separate the dough into different bowls and add food colouring. Continue to knead until food colouring is combined.

Try making the three wise men with the playdough using the shapes below as a guide:



About the wise men

The wise men, known as Magi, may not have been kings but revered Babylonian astronomers and astrologists. They studied the stars and planets, interpreting the meaning behind cosmic events. Mt.2:9-10 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

2022 Countdown to Christmas Calendar

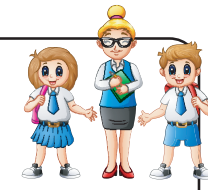


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Read the nativity story at home

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Last day of Term 4

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Prepare a picnic to share with family in the park

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Light a purple candle for 2nd Sunday in Advent



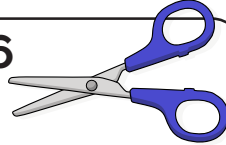
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Set up a nativity at home



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Create some Christmas craft



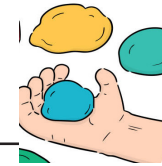
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Complete a nativity puzzle



8

Make a batch of play dough



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Colour in the nativity scene



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Write Christmas messages of hope to family and friends

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Light a pink candle for 3rd Sunday in Advent



12

Read about how other countries celebrate the birth of Jesus

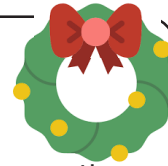


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Write some Christmas cards

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Make a wreath and discuss its symbolism



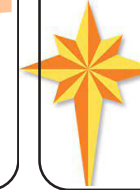
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Write a prayer



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Talk about the star star of Bethlehem



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Donate clothes and toys to charity



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Light a purple candle for 4th Sunday in Advent



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Bake a batch of shortbread stars



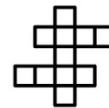
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Say an Advent prayer



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Complete an Advent crossword



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Write a list of everything you are thankful for



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Help at home to prepare for Christmas Day celebrations

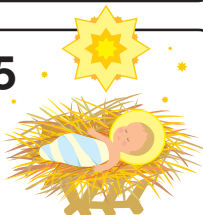


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Attend Christmas Eve mass at your local Parish

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Christmas Day



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Recycle boxes today and learn about Laudato Si



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Volunteer time at a community centre

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Make a list of how you can help others



29

Help prepare a meal for the family



30

Write down some good memories from the past year



31

Celebrate the end of another year and look to the year ahead

*God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.*

