



## Videos

If you'd like something to watch, these are a few short videos on the Christmas theme.

In our service we are going to watch the **Happyland Nativity** (3 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvrgBMvz1IM>

## The noisy neighbour (5mins)

The New noisy neighbour is from The Bible Society and tells the animated story of a mouse in the stable, trying to solve the mystery of the mysterious new guests in the stable.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URMtYSvMJys&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URMtYSvMJys&feature=emb_logo)

## Are you smarter than a fly? (1 min each)

Animated flies telling their experience of Jesus in several episodes, starting with the stable - expect grossness. You'll either love it or hate it but your kids will probably love it! First one here:

<https://youtu.be/9g5XGozRFxE>

## The Greatest Journey (3 mins)

Animated Bible Society video. Tells the Christmas story in the style of 'We're going on a bear hunt'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggFqPfbry\\_o&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggFqPfbry_o&feature=emb_logo)

## CBeebies Nativity Story (2mins)

Cutely narrated by a child!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/presenters-nativity-story>

# Christmas Day Resources

## Happy Christmas from us all at TRINITY & Café12/31!

These are some suggestions for things younger children to do during our Christmas Day Service online.

There are some bits to print if you can, some prayers, ideas and a few links to videos you could watch together. We encourage the adults or older siblings to do some of these alongside younger children. If you have a Grandparent with you why not ask them to read the story to the children, or watch one of the videos with them? Or a cousin or Auntie might like to join in with the colouring? There's prompts below that will link to our service, or you can just use the things in here however you wish.

## Advent Wreath

At the start of the service we light our Advent candles that are symbols reminding us of who Jesus is and the things we can remember at this time of year. There is an Advent colouring sheet you could use at this point. Perhaps you might like to light a candle at home (with an adult) to remind you of Jesus as a shining light in the world?

## Angels

Through our service we're thinking about messengers. One of the key messengers in the nativity story is the Angel Gabriel. Could you draw an angel and colour it in, maybe you could add a name to it of someone who has brought you some good news recently?

### **Bell**

During Steve's talk he thinks about different bells making different noises for different reasons. What sort of noises might there have been in the nativity?

### **Colouring Sheets**

Why not colour in one of these sheets and ask an adult to stick it in a window of your house or you could give it to a loved one – that way you too can be a messenger pointing to Jesus.

### **Christmas Story**

Read or ask an adult to read the Christmas story in symbols to you. What symbols might you draw?

### **Prayers**

Some prayers you could pray as a family. With older children you might like to ask them to write a prayer for the day.

Holy Jesus,  
By being born one of us and lying humbly in a manger  
you show us how much God loves the world.  
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
Until we reach our home in heaven  
And see you on your throne of glory. Amen.  
*(Church of England, Times and Seasons)*

Holy God, just as we are, we come to you,  
and ask for your kingdom to come to us  
and into our homes and our hearts,  
increase our faith and love for you,  
so that we may become the lights in the darkness  
that we are called to be. Amen  
*(Living Stones, Prayers of Intercession. Susan Sayers)*

As you turn your lights on each evening, or as you see other people's Christmas lights when you are out, remember Jesus came as light in the darkness. Why not pray for ways that you can bring light to others.

God of Hope,  
we come to you in the darkness  
and uncertainty of our lives;  
transform our doubt  
heal our brokenness  
strengthen our weakness  
for you are faithful  
and our hope rests in you.  
Amen  
*(Rev Petra Shakeshaft)*