



### Supplies:

- 25 Red Envelopes, various sizes, numbered
- Nativity Including each: Manger, Angel, Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Camel, Donkey, Donkey w/ cart/ Sheep, Cow, Hay, 3 wise men
- Christmas Story Book
- Advent Poem Printout
- Bible Verse Printouts
- Gold coin candy, divided
- Map or Atlas
- New Psalms
- Star Ornament instructions and supplies
- The movie "Elf"
- Hot Cocoa
- Christmas Mad Libs Printout
- Spelling Stones instructions and supplies
- Gingerbread House supplies
- Marshmallows and fire

**December 1st:** The Advent Poem, *Gift:* read The Christmas Story: The Brick Bible for Kids

**December 2nd:** Luke 1: 26-28—*Nativity Search:* Angel

**December 3rd:** Luke 1: 29-32, 38 —*Nativity Search:* Mary

**December 4th:** Luke 1: 38—*Action:* Donate to women's shelter—<http://www.missionofyahweh.org/donations/ongoing.html>

**December 5th:** Matthew 1: 18-21—*Nativity Search:* Joseph

**December 6th:** Luke 2: 1, *Gift:* gold coin candy

**December 7th:** Luke 2: 3-5—*Action:* Christmas lights

**December 8th:** Luke 2: 6-7—*Nativity Search:* Manger

**December 9th:** — Luke 2: 8-10—*Nativity Search:* sheep

**December 10th:** Luke 2: 11-12—*Nativity Search:* donkeys and cart, cow, hay, camel

**December 11th:** Luke 2: 13-14— *Action:* Favor

**December 12th:** Luke 2: 15-16—*Gift:* Barron's Amazing Fact-Packed, Fold-Out Atlas of the World: With Awesome Pop-Up Map! - can be done with any map, spend time looking specifically at the lands where all of these stories are taking place

**December 13th:** Psalm 95:6-7—*Gift & Action:*—new Psalms and pray

**December 14th:** Matthew 2: 1— *Nativity Search:* The 3 Wise Men

**December 15th:** Matthew 2: 2— *Action:* Make star ornaments

**December 16th:** Matthew 2: 9— *Action:* Go outside and look at the stars with some hot cocoa and Christmas carols

**December 17th:** Matthew 2: 10— *Action:* Watch the movie "Elf"

**December 18th:** Matthew 2: 11— *Gift:* gold coin candy

**December 19th:** 2 Corinthians 9:15—*Action:* Christmas Mad Libs

**December 20th:** John 1:1—*Gift:* Christmas Spelling Stones

**December 21st:** John 1:3-5— *Action:* Make Christmas cookies

**December 22nd:** John 1:9, 12-13—*Action:* Make a fire and roast marshmallows

**December 23rd:** John 1:14— *Action:* Decorate a gingerbread house

**December 24th:** John 3:16—*Nativity Search:* Jesus

# The Advent Poem



Christmas time is full of delight  
Presents and treats, lights twinkling bright.

But, in fact, it means so very much more  
And, over twenty-five days we'll discover its lore.

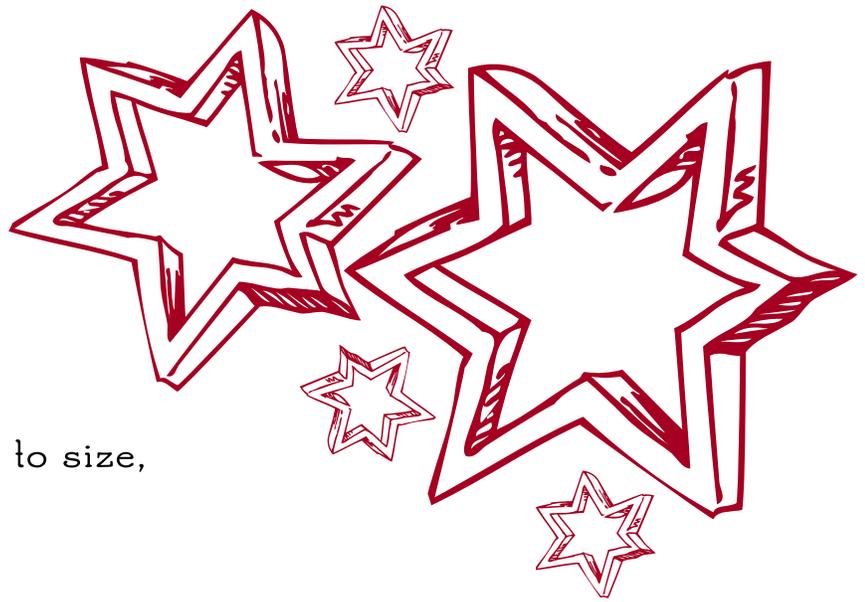
Return here each night and a story will be revealed  
Through passages, books, and activities will yield

A complete picture of the yuletide season  
As a family we will determine the reason.

For gifts and goodwill, each night will be shown  
How the spirit of Christmas in your heart will be sewn.



# Star Ornaments



- Cinnamon sticks or twigs cut to size, diameter of a pencil
- Hot glue and gun
- Twine or string
- Decorations or Raffia

Pretty self-explanatory and highly customizable.

[Happy Hooligans](#)



[Rosy-Rosy](#)





# Christmas Mad Libs

## "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer"

Rudolph the \_\_\_\_\_-nosed \_\_\_\_\_  
*adj.* *noun*

Had a very \_\_\_\_\_ nose.  
*adj.*

And if you ever \_\_\_\_\_ it  
*verb*

You would really say it glows.

All of the other \_\_\_\_\_  
*noun*

Used to \_\_\_\_\_ and call him \_\_\_\_\_  
*verb* *noun*

They never let \_\_\_\_\_ Rudolph,  
*adj.*

\_\_\_\_\_ in any \_\_\_\_\_ games.  
*verb* *adj.*

Then one \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve,  
*adj.*

Santa \_\_\_\_\_ to say,  
*verb*

"Rudolph, with your \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
*noun* *adj.*

Won't you \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ tonight?"  
*verb* *noun*

Then how the reindeer \_\_\_\_\_-ed him  
*verb*

As they \_\_\_\_\_-ed out with \_\_\_\_\_  
*verb* *noun*

"Rudolph, the \_\_\_\_\_-nosed reindeer,  
*adj.*

You'll go down in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*noun*

# Christmas Mad Libs



## "Letter to Santa"

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am \_\_\_\_\_  
adj.

Do you remember me? I am the little \_\_\_\_\_  
noun who sat on your  
\_\_\_\_\_  
noun at the Broadway Department store. I was wearing  
\_\_\_\_\_  
adj. pants, and a \_\_\_\_\_  
adj. shirt. You probably  
can remember me best by my \_\_\_\_\_  
adj. nose, my  
\_\_\_\_\_  
adj. eyes, and my face that is completely covered with  
\_\_\_\_\_  
noun.

Santa, for Christmas, I would like an Electric \_\_\_\_\_  
noun  
a real "Tommy \_\_\_\_\_"  
noun Gun, a Transistor \_\_\_\_\_  
noun  
and a New Baby \_\_\_\_\_  
noun.

Santa, if you will bring me all these things, I promise to be a  
good little \_\_\_\_\_  
noun, and to always eat my  
\_\_\_\_\_  
adj. \_\_\_\_\_  
noun, and to always clean my  
\_\_\_\_\_  
noun.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New \_\_\_\_\_  
noun

# Merry Christmas

## Christmas Spelling Stones

### Supplies:

Stones (The Dollar Store)

multi-surface paint & a fine paint brush— maybe paint pens?

Sealant—for heavy use

Paint “Merry Christmas” on the stones—you may want to use all lower case to make the stones more interchangeable.

*The challenge is:* How many words can be made using only the letters on the stones?

*Like this, but for <ahem> Christmas...*

thanksgiving

## SPELLING STONES



[No Time For Flashcards](#)

## Luke 1: 26-28

### An angel comes to Mary

<sup>26</sup> ... God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

✠

✠

## Luke 1: 38

<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

✠

✠

## Luke 2: 1

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

✠

✠

## Luke 1: 29-32

### Mary learns of Jesus

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

<sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.



## Matthew 1:18-Joseph Accepts Jesus

<sup>18</sup> ...His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, <sup>22</sup> because he will save his people from their sins."



## Luke 2: 3-5

<sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

•.א.ש.ח.א.

•פ.י.

## Luke 2: 6-7

<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

•.א.ש.ח.א.

•פ.י.

## Luke 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people

✠

✠

## Luke 2:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

✠

✠

## Matthew 2:1

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi [Wise Men] from the east came to Jerusalem.

✠

✠

## Luke 2:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



## Luke 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.



## Psalm 95:6-7

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
<sup>7</sup> for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice,



## Matthew 2:2

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”



## Matthew 2:9

<sup>9</sup> ... they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.



## Matthew 2:10

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

✠

✠

## 2 Corinthians 9:15

<sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

✠

✠

## Matthew 2:11

<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

✠

✠

## John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God.

•.אמן.



## John 3:16

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.

•.אמן.



## John 1:14

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his  
dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the  
glory of the one and only Son, who came from  
the Father, full of grace and truth.

•.אמן.



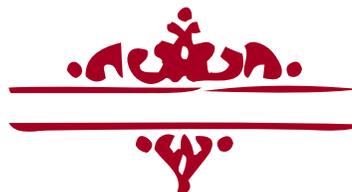
## John 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



## John 1:9, 12-13

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>12</sup>...all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—  
<sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, ...but born of God.





**Make a fire  
and Roast  
Marshmallows**

**Nativity Search:**

I am an angel of the Lord. I came to  
Mary and told her she was with child.

Who am I?

*Find me in the Kitchen.*

**Nativity Search:**

We live in the manger and saw a great  
sight. Who are we?

*Find us in the Living Room.*

**Nativity Search:**

I am Jesus' Mother. Who am I?

*Find me in the Dining Room.*

**Nativity Search:**

I am one of the shepherd's flock.

What am I?

*Find me in the Office.*

Think of Mary, marginalized  
and obedient. Be the love of

Christ today to a single mother

today. Think of a gift or service

we could provide to the local women's shelter.



**Nativity Search:**

I am where Joseph and Mary sought  
refuge. What am I?

*Find me in the Playroom.*

**Nativity Search:**

I am Mary's husband. I am a carpenter  
by trade. Who am I?

*Find me in the Foyer.*



## Favor:

To favor someone is to bestow good will and kind regards or love upon them.

In this passage it specifically refers to God's blessings. Think of a way to be a blessing or bless someone else.

*Ideas: spend time with someone, pray for them, give a small thoughtful gift, help them with a chore, draw them a picture, make them a Christmas card*

## Prayer:

As you snuggle into bed tonight know that we are of God and under his care.

Worship Him and ask to hear His voice in your life.

To do this find a box on the fireplace labeled:



**December  
13th**



Watch  
the movie  
"Elf"



Go outside and look at the stars with some hot cocoa and Christmas carols.



Make  
Christmas  
Cookies

## Nativity Search:

We traveled far to bring gifts to the new King. Herod asked us to report back to him but we did not. Who are we?

*Find us in the Living Room.*

## Advent:



For your first activity find a box on the fireplace labeled:

**December 1st**

## The Word:



To do this find a box on the fireplace labeled:

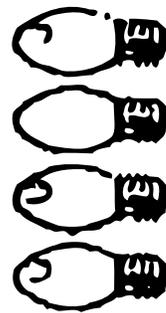
**December 20th**

## Dwelling:



Jesus chose to make his dwelling among us. Now construct your own dwelling. To do this find a box on the fireplace labeled:

**December 23rd**



Drive around  
and look at  
**Christmas Lights**

## Nativity Search:

I am the son of God. I came to bring light into the world. Who am I?

*Find me in the Kitchen.*

The Wise Men Spread  
the News:



Find a box on the fireplace labeled:

December 12th

