

Getting ready for Christmas Pointing the Way



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You can colour this picture.



From the Bible

This week there isn't just one story from the Bible because we're thinking about the people who point the way to Jesus. We call them prophets – someone who listens to God and tells people God's message. There are lots and lots of prophets in the Bible who have passed on what God has said. Warning messages when people are doing the wrong thing and God wants them to stop. Comforting messages when things are really hard and God is saying that he will be with us through the tough times. The best comforting messages of all time look forward to Jesus being born. God coming to live with us as a baby. These are messages of hope. The prophets tell us to get ready for Jesus in the days before Christmas.

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you watch this video on the computer <https://youtu.be/4CxpypAOBE8> which tells you a little bit more about prophets.

? To think about

If you've watched the video or read the stories about prophets in the Bible – which prophet is your favourite?

What's the most important message you've ever been given?

Have you ever told someone about Jesus?



Craft Activity

Advent Wreath

You will need:

- Paper plate or cardboard
- Green paper or tissue
- Red paper or tissue
- Glue
- Scissors
- **Battery operated tea lights**

Cut the centre out of the paper plate or cut a ring out of the cardboard. Scrunch up pieces of green paper or tissue and glue to cover the ring. Or if you're feeling clever cut leaf shapes out of the paper and stick them on. Now scrunch up some small pieces of red paper or tissue to stick on to look like

berries. Now rest your battery operated tea lights around the wreath. Maybe you could turn them on each Sunday for a while, or for a few minutes each day. (**Never** use real candles with flames on a paper wreath.)



Craft Activity

An Advent Calendar

You will need:

- 24 small boxes or paper cups
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pen
- 24 slips of plain paper
- Pieces of coloured or shiny paper (e.g. old wrapping paper)
- Some sweets

Decorate your small boxes or paper cups with the bits of paper and write the numbers one to 24 on them. Stand them up in a row. Put a sweet in each container. One each day leading up to Christmas take a slip of paper and write something to be thankful for. Put it in the container as you take out the sweet. After Christmas you can look back at all the good things you thought of in December.



Outdoor Activity Suggestions

Spotting signs of Christmas

Have a competition with your family to see who can spot the most signs of people getting ready for Christmas. If you spot Christmas lights in town or shops you get 1 point. 2 points for Christmas lights outside a house. 3 points for spotting a decorated Christmas Tree. 4 points if you find something that mentions Jesus. Over the week keep a tally and see who gets the most points.



Building Challenge

Can you build a signpost? What is your signpost going to point people to?

Song

Here He Is

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to this song on the computer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXAa3Fh10Cc>

Prayer

Father God,
Thank you for people who tell us your message and point us to you.
Help us to listen to them.
Give us courage to tell other people about Jesus.
Amen.
(Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)

? Puzzle



Spot the eight differences between the two pictures of John the Baptist.