



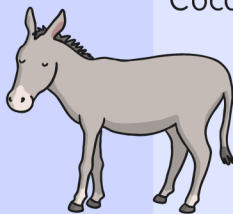
The Nativity Sensory Story



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Resources required for this story: The Nativity Sensory Story PowerPoint, tablets /Switch devices, pair of angel wings, feathers, picture or animation of angel Gabriel, soft toy donkey/horse, wooden claves/bars, coconut shells, piece of wood, straw/hay, range of soft toy farm animals, baby doll, baby blanket, shepherd hook/staff or toy sheep, shiny card, star shaped lights, crown prop, different sized boxes, shiny wrapping paper /textured paper, playdough made with essential oils. Use relevant signs and symbols throughout to support your pupils.

Story	Suggested sensory resources	Activities
The angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby called Jesus.	Pair of angel wings or feathers. Switch/Big Mack/tablet with recording. Animation or picture of angel Gabriel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass round a pair of feathery angel wings - feel /try on the wings.• Press switch/Big Mack/tablet or similar –with recording 'You are going to have a baby called Jesus.'• Show an animation or picture of angel Gabriel.
Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. Mary rode on a donkey.	Soft toy donkey/horse. Switch/Big Mack or tablet with noise of hooves. Coconut shells or wooden claves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass round a soft toy donkey / horse to feel.• Clip-clop noise of hooves on tablet /Switch or similar.• Coconut shells or wooden claves for children to tap together to make 'clip-clop' noises, pass round the instruments.
A kind innkeeper in Bethlehem let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable for the night.	Piece of wood. Switch/Big Mack with door opening sound. Straw /hay bundle. Switch/Big Mack with animal noises /range of soft toy animals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children knock on floor / or pass round a piece of wood to knock on - model & demonstrate.• Door opening sound on tablet / Switch.• Pass around straw/hay to feel and weave through fingers (check for allergies).• Animal noises (horse, cow, chickens, sheep) on tablet / Switch. Pass round soft toy farm animals or small world animals.
Baby Jesus was born in the stable.	Baby doll in soft blanket. Switch/Big Mack with baby crying noise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All hold a baby doll, wrapped in a soft blanket and pass round.• Switch/tablet or Big Mack with baby crying noise. Children may need physical contact when playing this noise (check for sensitivities amongst children).





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<p>At the same time, an angel appeared to some shepherds. The angel told them that Jesus, the son of god, had been born in Bethlehem.</p> 	<p>Animation or picture of angel Gabriel. Pair of angel wings or feathers. Switch/Big Mack/tablet with recording. Shepherd hook or toy sheep.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show an animation or picture of angel Gabriel. Revisit the angel wings/feathers.• Pass round small shepherd staff or toy sheep again.• Press switch/Big Mack/tablet or similar – with recording 'Jesus, the Son of God has been born in Bethlehem.'
<p>The shepherds walked to Bethlehem to visit the baby Jesus. The shepherds brought some sheep.</p>	<p>Wooden claves or bars. Two or three woolly sheep. Switch/Big Mack/tablet with recording.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tap wooden instruments such as wooden claves or bars for walking. Tap children's feet on the floor.• Pass round two or three woolly sheep to feel.• Switch/Big Mack/tablet with sheep 'baaaa' noise.
<p>Far away in the East, three wise men saw a bright star in the sky. They knew it meant that a new king had been born and followed the star.</p>	<p>Shiny card/ star shaped lights. Crown prop. Regal music on tablet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All look at star made of shiny card or use star shaped lights.• Try on the crown. Observe in a mirror.• Play regal music.
<p>The wise men reached Bethlehem. They gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.</p>	<p>Different sized boxes wrapped in shiny paper /different textures. Playdough made with essential oils.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass round boxes of different sizes wrapped in shiny paper / different textures.• Feel playdough made with a few drops of essential oils (frankincense and myrrh). Check allergies.
<p>They all thought Jesus was a very special baby.</p>	<p>Baby doll in soft blanket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass round the baby doll, all cuddle the baby doll.