

# Welcoming the Posada

## Journey to Christmas

Create the space your Posada family will stay.

Say the welcoming prayer as a family.

Each day read the Bible passage, talk about the question, choose an activity and finish with a prayer.

### Welcoming prayer:

Loving God, Thank you for Advent. Help our family to grow closer to you as we read the Christmas story, talk and play together.

We pray for our house as we look after our Posada family and look for ways to be kind to others around us.

Give us love, care and peace on our journey.

Amen

# Day 1: The Annunciation

God has a plan for you

## *Creative response*

Draw your own image of Mary finding out she was going to have Jesus.

Read Luke  
1:35-38

I wonder how Mary felt when she heard the angel's words?

## *Venture out: Natural Mobile*

Find a strong stick or two and use string to hang natural things that float (feathers, leaves, flowers). Hang it from the ceiling to remember the angel visiting Mary.

*Loving father,  
Thank you that you  
had a plan for the  
world and that you  
have a plan for me.  
Help me to see what  
you want me to do.  
Amen*



# Day 2: Setting off

God's plan for you might not be what you expect

Read Luke  
2:1-4

I wonder  
where is God  
leading you  
to go?

**Creative response**  
Draw a map of  
where you think  
God is leading you.

**Venture out: Directions**  
In your garden or an  
open space. Make arrows  
out of twigs on the  
ground. Take in turns to  
lay them out and then  
for the others to follow  
the directions. Can they  
find the end?

Loving father,  
Thank you that you had a  
plan for the world and  
that you have a plan for  
me. Help me to see the  
way you are taking me.  
Amen.

# Day 3: The journey

God is always with you

Read John  
10:27-30

I wonder how  
you feel God  
being with you?

**Creative response**  
Make an image of  
your family and the  
Holy family side by  
side

**Venture out: Explore**  
Make a journey stick and  
add beautiful things that  
you see while you are out  
exploring and journeying.  
(Journey stick: Wrap  
wool around a stick so  
things can be tucked in)

Loving father,  
Thank you that you had a  
plan for the world and  
that you have a plan for  
me. Help me to ask you  
for help on the way.  
Amen.





# Day 4: Mary

You can be courageous for God

*Venture out: Muddy fear*

*Mix mud and water so you can shape the mud into something you fear, worry about or makes you anxious. Pause then jump or squish it to remind yourself that you can overcome anything with God.*

*Creative response*

*Draw or write about a woman you think has lots of courage.*

*Read Luke  
1:38*

*I wonder how  
Mary felt being  
chosen by God?*

*Loving father,  
Thank you for Mary's  
courage to follow you.  
Give me that courage to  
follow you too.  
Amen*





# Day 5: Joseph

You can put your trust in God

I wonder when you  
have found it hard to  
do the right thing?

Read  
Isaiah  
43:1

**Creative response**  
Draw a friend and  
write what they do  
that keeps you  
going.

## **Venture out: Rescue**

Put a toy up on a branch  
or gate and gather sticks  
etc ready. The challenge is  
to get the toy down safely  
and carefully without  
climbing.

Loving father,  
Thank you for Joseph's  
faithfulness. Help me  
to keep going and not  
to give up.  
Amen



# Day 6: Donkey

God made you the way you are

## *Creative response*

Make a list of things you can do to help others...and do them

I wonder what makes you extraordinary?

**Venture out: From junk**  
Make an animal out of things you find outside.  
(You might want to add glue, paint, recycling to help)

Read Psalm  
139:13-14

Loving father,  
Thank you for making me me.  
Amen

# Day 7: No room

God sees us helping others

*I wonder what it would be like to have nowhere to go?*

*Venture out:  
Helping others  
Add some  
essentials and a  
treat or two to  
your shopping  
and donate it  
to the foodbank*

*Read  
Matthew  
25:33-40*

*Creative response  
Make paperchains and  
write the names of all the  
people who make you feel  
safe and loved. Put them  
up to decorate for  
Christmas.*

*Loving father,  
We pray for those who feel  
scared, hungry, cold or  
alone. Please protect them.  
Show us how we can make  
a difference and make them  
feel loved and welcomed.  
Amen.*



# Day 8: Jesus' birth

Jesus is the light of the world

Read  
John 1:5

Venture out: Night walk  
Go for walk with  
torches. See how far the  
light goes!

I wonder what Jesus as a light  
means to you?

Creative response  
Make a card to  
welcome the baby  
Jesus

Jesus,  
Thank you for bring hope to  
the world. You bring hope  
because you are with us now  
and hope because one day all  
the sadness and pain that  
people have will be gone.  
Amen

# Day 9: Angels and shepherds

Jesus came for everyone

Venture out: Pavement chalk  
Write Christmas messages in  
chalk for people to wake up  
to.

Read Luke  
2:8-12,  
16-18

I wonder how  
the shepherds  
felt?

Creative response  
Write down the  
message you think  
angels would bring  
from God today.

Holy Spirit,  
Fill us with love for Jesus  
this Christmas and always.  
Amen.





# Epiphany: Wise men

Jesus is King

I wonder what  
present you would  
have taken?

**Creative response**  
Draw the present you  
would give. Put it in  
an envelope and write  
'Jesus' on it and then  
place it with the other  
presents that are  
wrapped and waiting.

Read  
Matthew  
2:10-11

**Venture out: Palace**  
Build a den worthy  
of a King!

Holy Spirit,  
Fill us with love for Jesus  
this Christmas and always.  
Amen.