

FAMILY RESOURCES

THE MANGER

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: Mary (Matthew 1: 18-25)

Core extract from the Gospel (Matthew 1: 20-21; for reflection throughout the week)

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
‘Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son,
and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.’

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Lord Jesus Christ,
your mother cared for you in a manger
because there was no room at the inn.
Help us to prepare room for you
in our hearts this Christmas time;
for you are our God,
now and always.
Amen.

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Things to think about

- What is a manger?
- What unusual places do you think babies sleep in?
- Where did you sleep as a baby?

Things to do

- Make a manger out of a box and create a nativity scene with your toys.
- Visit a crib scene in a local church or shopping centre
- craft stick manger

You will need: craft sticks, brown paper or card, yellow paper, scissors, pva glue,



Stick the two craft sticks together as shown.



Stick the brown card behind the sticks.



Cut a frilled edge on a strip of yellow paper and stick behind the brown card to represent straw.



Cut a circle and draw facial features, stick this in the straw.

You might want to attach ribbon to the manger and use as a Christmas tree decoration.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or tag @LivCathedral on social media.

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