

NATIVITY SCENE (Christmas Crib)



MATERIALS:

Each scene will require the following

- a shoe box with a lid
- paper glue
- brown paper (optional)
- 2 sheets with character cut outs
- masking tape

As well each child will need to have access to

- scissors
- coloured pencils
- stapler

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Remove lid from shoe box and lay box sideways in the lid. This will provide a strong base for your crib.
2. If so desired you might cover the shoe box with brown paper. Fix the paper in place with staples or masking tape.
3. Colour the figures on the two sheets. It is easier and quicker to colour the figures before cutting them out.
4. Cut out the figures without tabs. Glue the animals to the interior walls of the box. Glue the star and the angel to either front corner of the box. It would help to place a piece of masking tape across the corner to provide a larger surface to which to attach the figures. Attach the palm trees to the side of the box with glue or staples.
5. Carefully cut around tabbed figures and fold tabs along dotted lines.
6. Arrange figures within box or immediately outside on the portion of exposed lid.

Note: Younger children will need assistance with cutting and attaching figures. Encourage team work in the group with older children helping younger ones. If you think this task might be too complicated for the time allocated you might like to pre-colour and cut the figures. You could then tell the story of the birth of Jesus in your own words with children finding the appropriate figure on the table and attaching it to or placing it in their box as the story unfolds.