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## The Little Star – Learning About Christmas

#### Objective

To introduce Christmas as a religious festival.

#### Resources

Activity sheet 1.

[www.themouseclub.co.uk](http://www.themouseclub.co.uk) - Christmas section

#### Preparation

Collect a range of different stories that tell the story of Christmas.

#### Early Learning Goals

- **Personal, social & emotional development:** Listens carefully and quietly to the story of The Little Star. Chat confidently in a small group about the story.
- **Communication, language & literacy:** Listens and responds. Talk with confidence about the different characters. Talk about each picture and retell the story in the correct sequence. Act out the story of The Little Star. Now look at a different Christmas story and talk about the differences and similarities between the two stories.
- **Mathematical development:** Opportunity to discuss the position of the little star. Count the animals and put them in order of size. Talk about birthdays and the months of the year putting the months in the correct sequence. What day will Christmas day fall on this year? Opportunity to discuss the days of the week and put them in the right order.
- **Knowledge and understanding of the world:** Think about how other countries celebrate Christmas.
- **Physical development:** Download the Nativity scene from [www.themouseclub.co.uk](http://www.themouseclub.co.uk) Christmas section. Cut out the individual characters and make them into stand up figures.
- **Creative development:** Make a stable for the nativity scene above. Use a small crisp box and cover it with paint, fold the lid back and paint this either blue or black for the sky. Cut out lots of thin strips of yellow tissue and scatter in the upended box.

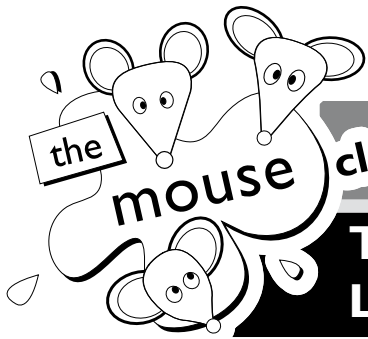
Place the figures inside and the animals around the side. Decorate the sky with stars and perhaps a few angels.

#### Activity

Act out the story as a short play using a selection of instruments, Christmas and nursery songs e.g. 'Twinkle, twinkle little star,' or use the tune of 'Here we go round the Mulberry bush and change the words to suit e.g. The star has fallen from the sky, from the sky etc. and then make up some new verses. Use other traditional songs.

#### Links with Home

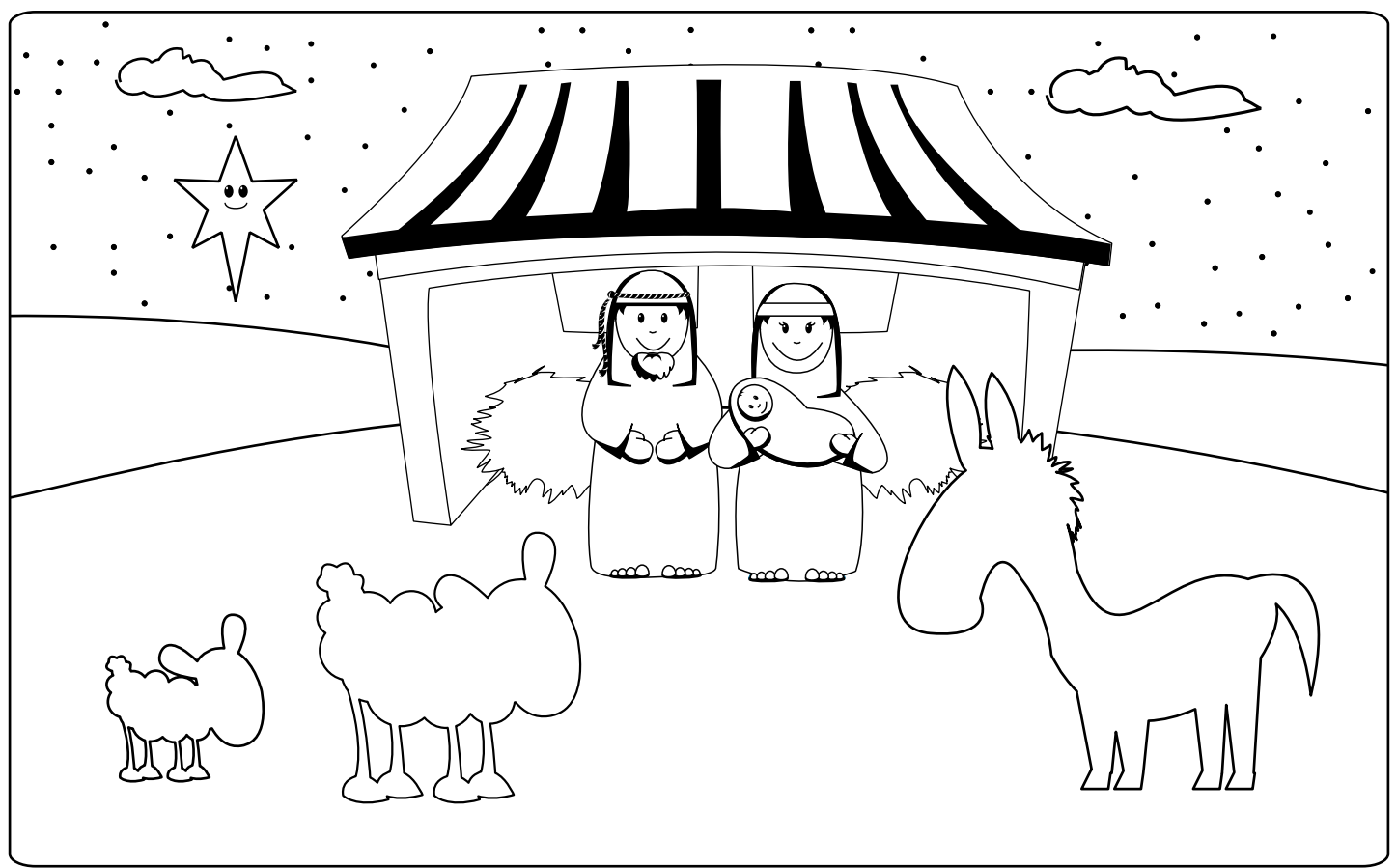
Take activity sheet 1 home. Cut out the animals and glue them into the right place on the picture. Re-tell the story to parents or older siblings.



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Activity Sheet 1



**Cut out the animals below and fit into the picture**

