

Activity for years 3 and 4 to be conducted on 2nd January 2011

Topic Shepherds Hear the News

Bible Reference Luke 2 v 8 – 20

Preparation Have several bags (eg paper bags that children can't see through). Have at least one for every 3 children. Place in each bag the name of a song that is associated with Christmas, written on cardboard, and an object or picture of things connected with Christmas. So you have 2 things in each bag; also have a number on each bag.

Some of the songs could be: Jingle Bells, Hear comes Santa Claus, O Come all Ye Faithful, Silent Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem etc

Object/pictures could be: Star, bell, Santa Claus, tree, present, manger, Christmas decoration.

Place the bags in a circle in the centre of the room, then if you can get some music (religious Christmas Carol) play this, then stop it every so often. Call out a number, the closest person opens the bag and tell the rest of the class whether the name of the song and the object help people remember Jesus' birth.

Question could be. " How could you use these items to help yourself and others remember to celebrate Jesus' birth?"

Then say 'Listen today to find some reasons and ways to celebrate Jesus' birth.