

Craft Project

The Nativity

Read the story and complete the tasks. Look up the words in bold and underlined (including the title!) in a dictionary.

Part 1

In Bethlehem everyone was busy. A few days earlier The Emperor Augustus had sent out an order, called a decree, that everyone had to go to the place they were born and be registered. In those days there were no computers so everyone had to travel to sign their names in a big book, in person.

The hotel owners, people who ran Bed and Breakfasts, and inn keepers were expecting a lot of guests to arrive and the cafes and restaurants were full of hungry weary travellers. Many of the travellers had walked miles from their home towns and their feet were sore, their muscles were aching. They were hot and dusty and **desperate** for a place to **bathe** and rest. Those who had travelled on horse back or by camel or donkey, were looking for somewhere to stable their animals overnight.

Relatives were **frantically** cleaning their houses, and preparing meals to welcome family members they had not seen for a while. The shops were busy with people topping up with supplies for the return journey. As night fell looked forward to a good night's rest.

TASK 1

Create a stable ready to receive the travellers' weary animals at the end of their long journey to Bethlehem.

You will need:-

- **two cardboard boxes. A shoe box would be perfect for one. The other needs to be big enough to use as a roof .**
- **masking tape or duck tape**
- **brown paper or brown paper bags**
- **PVA or wood glue**
- **Small twigs or sticks**
- **Dry moss and leaves**
- **Battery operated Fairy lights**

Instructions

1. **Cut off the corners of the shoe- box and tape a corner of the larger box to the shoe box to make the roof. You can make the roof asymmetrical or symmetrical.**

Front view

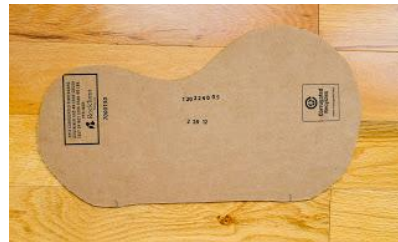
Back View

Top View



2. Next create a curved base to fit the stable building

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3. Rip pieces of brown paper or paper bags and using PVA glue to attach pieces to the sides, roof, back and inside of the stable, but not the floor part of the stable.

3.



4. Attach the stable to the base with masking or duct tape. Cover the rest of the piece with torn brown paper.

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5. Cut sticks and twigs at various length and attach to stable with wood glue (hot glue would be fine as well) as desired.(Think about attaching sticks along the roof line, in the corners and to the back of the stable.)

6. Water down some brown paint. Paint the corners and edges of the paper. Blend together with water. This will add texture to the stable, as well as highlight the torn edges because they soak up the paint more than the parts of the paper that aren't torn.

6.



7.



7. Attach moss and leaves with PVA or hot glue. It looks better if you spread and tear the moss so you use less so that the colour isn't just solid green.

7.



Add fairy lights to create a welcoming space for the animals. **BUT Do not add any figures just yet!**



