

Posada

It is normal practice for the children in our primary schools to take home a posada during Advent. The Posada is based on a traditional Latin American festival which tells the story of Mary and Joseph's search for a lodging place. It is usually a small statue which is placed in the home in a prominent position for the family to reflect on the coming of Jesus. The pandemic means that we are unable to do this this year, and so we have created a paper version, with extras, that families can make together.



Instructions

You will need:

- The four printed sheets with the images
- One side of a large cereal packet
- Glue stick
- Pencil crayons
- Scissors (make sure that the children are supervised)

The only image to be stuck to the cardboard is the stable and the others are glued at the back and will stand freely. Make sure you colour them in before you cut them out and glue them.

Remember to hide Baby Jesus behind the stable until Christmas Day along with the Three Kings / Wise Men who should appear on the Feast of the Epiphany (Thursday, 6th January 2022).

We'd love to see your finished Nativity Scene, so please send us your family photos via social media or e-mail to office@ctkstkents.org.uk. Our grateful thanks go to Lizzie Cavanagh for creating the set for us.

Order of service

Once your crib is complete, you may wish to gather as a family to bless it with this prayer. Choose someone to read each part.

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (John 3:16–17 (RSVCE))

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Second Reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 2:4–7 (RSVCE))

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Prayer of Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord God, king of all creation:

We praise you for your love.

We thank you because you have loved us so much that you sent your only Son to bring us eternal life.

Bless this crib that we have prepared,

and bless those who will look upon it;

let it be a reminder to us of the Lord Jesus

Son of God and Son of Mary.

Father, we praise you

through Christ our Lord.

Amen