CHRISTMAS IDEAS.

New Resources for Christmas 2014

10 Great Advent Ideas:
www.godventure.co.uk/news/10-advent-ideas

Friends and Heros:
http://www.friendsandheroes.com/uk/christmas-school-assembly
http://www.friendsandheroes.tv/advent-calendar.html
What Christmas is really all about!

Going for Growth – Children’s Resources
Click here for resources, poems and more

Suggested list of books

Christmas unwrapped scripture union
More Christmas wrapped up Scriptue union
Bethlehem carols unpacked Barnabas

Nursery Rhyme nativities Barnabas (early years)
Practical ways with Christmas plays Barnabas
Oh No Not the nativity Scripture union (youth)
See and know script sheet toddler groups (Curbs)
Toddler/pram service outline p68 Christmas wrapped up

Nativity musicals

Out of the ark music
It’s a baby all ages
Are we nearly there yet!

Redhead Music: Sheila Wilson
Stable Story all ages
Christmas presence

Epiphany
Play script for kings p.14 Oh No not the nativity
(youth)
Magi journey p61 more Christmas unwrapped
Wise mans story p17 Christmas unwrapped

Bethlehem carols unpacked
We three kings p89
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**Nativity Musicals on C.D**

- **Out of the ark music**

Wide selection of nativity musicals suitable for use in schools and churches
C.D include sung versions and backing tracks
Catalogue available.
Listen to samples online @ www.outoftheark.com

Recommend:
It’s a Baby! : An excellent very simple fun musical for ages 3-7
Are we nearly there yet? : A modern take on the nativity story suitable for 5-9 year olds

- **Redhead music**

Nativity musicals suitable for all ages
Also produce a musical for a Christingle service “Christingle Rock”
Listen to samples on line www.redheadmusic.co.uk

Recommend “Stable Story “easy to produce with very catchy songs.

**Nativity plays**

**Nursery Rhyme Nativities** Barnabas
Suitable for very young children .Songs set to well know nursery rhyme tunes.
Oh No not the Nativity!  
Scripture Union  
Sketches through the church year including several suitable for youth groups at Christmas

Under 5s  
See and Know First Christmas  
Simple telling of Christmas story for toddler groups (sheet included)

“Playtime” @ Care for the family  
Christmas service outline for toddler/pram groups explaining the meaning behind Christmas. Lots of downloadable activities including a service plan /invitations.  
www.engagetoday.org.uk/playtime

Useful ideas

“Paperless Christmas” Download clips of “Mary and Joseph the Road movie” suitable for use in church and schools. Lots of creative ideas on how to use this. It can also be sent as a Christmas card to friends  
www.paperlesschristmas.org.uk

Life words produce an excellent selection of Christmas materials to be used in churches and the community. Includes assembly plans, nativity scripts, and a selection of booklets to give out at your event.  
www.sgmlifewords.com/christmas

Bethlehem carols unpacked  
Barnabas books
Creative ideas for all age Christmas carol services using the Bethlehem carol sheet.  
Drama/craft/poetry/creative prayer ideas all based on well known traditional carols, exploring the different aspects of the Christmas message. Includes a special selection for under fives with suitable material for toddler groups/pram services

Godly play storytelling: selection of Christmas story boxes available in the Ark resources room St James house.

Craft Ideas

Selection of Christmas crafts available in “Christmas wrapped up and More Christmas wrapped up: Scripture Union books

Activity village is an excellent website for Christmas craft ideas.
Epiphany ideas

Drama script for the Magi  Oh No not the nativity
Account of the Magi  More Christmas wrapped up
The Story of the Magi  Christmas wrapped up

We three kings selection of creative ideas based around the carol  Bethlehem Carols unpacked