

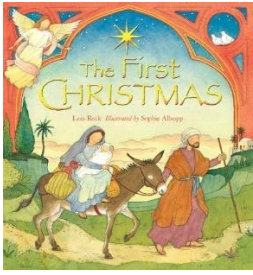
Advent and Christmas Resources

(as at 13th September 2023)

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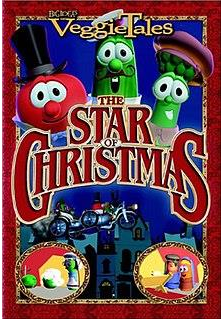
	<p><i>Nursery Rhyme Nativities</i> Brian Ogden, illustr. Marie Allen (Bible Reading Fellowship 2002)</p>	<p>“Three easy-to-perform plays for pre-school and early years. Each one tells the story of the first Christmas from a different perspective, using well-known nursery rhyme tunes to bring the storyline to life.”</p> <p>Three scripts: Old Uncle Sam; Completing the Crib; The Christmas Three, each with a script, songs, music scores and craft templates.</p>
	<p><i>Not Another Carol Service</i> Susan Sayer, illustr. Jennifer Carter (Kevin Mayhew, 1996)</p>	<p>“Alternative Christmas Workshops for All-Age Outreach. ...a set of afternoon workshops which culminate in a presentation and service lasting no more than half an hour and suitable for all ages.”</p> <p>Four scripts: The Bethlehem Herald; Starbirth; The Christmas Present; The Time Machine.</p>
	<p><i>Together for a Season</i> Gill Ambrose (ed.) (Church House Publishing, 2006).</p>	<p>All-age seasonal resources for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany (with CD-Rom).</p> <p>Includes seasonal introduction, stand-alone services (including Christingle, Blue Christmas and New Year) as well as 3 ‘pathways’ to use throughout the whole period.</p>
	<p><i>Feasts & Festivals</i> Claire Benton-Evans (Kevin Mayhew, 2012)</p>	<p>All-age services for special occasions (with CD-Rom).</p> <p>Three sets of service materials for each of Christmas (A child is born; God’s glory; God is with us), Epiphany (Gold, frankincense and myrrh; Following the star; Gifts), and Candlemas (Meeting Jesus; Bitter-sweet; Festival of Light).</p>
	<p><i>Children Aloud!</i> Gordon and Ronni Lamont (Church House Publishing, 1997)</p>	<p>All-age resources: drama, prayers and meditations. Includes resources for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Candlemas.</p>

	<p>Celebrating Christingle Nick Fawcett (Kevin Mayhew, 2005)</p>	<p>“All you need to prepare a Christingle service...covering Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, offering a resource for all involved in preparing such an event, combining fun sketches and historical background with fully worked-out orders of service. Without sermonising, each gently explores the good news of God’s love in Christ.”</p>
	<p>The Christingle Cube Archbishop’s Council / The Children’s Society (2007)</p>	<p>“Allows people to learn more about Christingle in a fun and creative way, engaging with the Christian message in a unique and exciting format. This delightful, full-colour, ingenious cube is designed for those aged 3+ to be used during Christingle services or as a stand-alone resource.”</p>
	<p>Bubblegum ‘n’ Fluff Calderside Learning Community Chaplaincy Team (2009)</p>	<p>Planning and Resource Booklet: a Christmas event for Primary School children (usually P.6) which lasts 2hrs. Includes sketches, props, ideas and resources that could be used in any setting, not just with primary school classes.</p>
	<p>Christmas Make & Do Gillian Chapman (Barnabas, 2007)</p>	<p>An activity book of craft ideas explicitly linked to the Christmas story. Ideas include felt finger puppets; candle holder; shaped cookies; cardboard angels; Bethlehem advent calendar.</p>
	<p>Christmas Fun Deri Robins & Maggie Downer (Kingfisher, 1996)</p>	<p>An activity ideas book for things to make and do. Contents include: advent treat calendar; Christmas wreath and cards; decorating trees and windows’ nativity scene; cookbook; crafts and homemade presents. Feels a little old but still some classic ideas.</p>
	<p>The Wise Men Juliet David (Lion Hudson, 2009)</p>	<p>Board book. Bright images and simple sentences for babies and toddlers.</p>
	<p>Christmas Family Time Lucy Moore, et al (Bible Reading Fellowship, 2016)</p>	<p>Small activity book, primarily for giving away to families. “...aims to transfer the core values of Messy Church to the home and family context, encouraging families to talk together, be creative, be hospitable, be Christ-centred and celebratory, and including activities for all ages.</p>



The First Christmas
Lois Rock, illust. Sophie Allsopp (Lion Hudson, 2007)

Storybook (hardback). "Here is the story of the birth of Jesus, retold with simplicity and sincerity from the Bible. It is the story of heaven on earth—the story at the very heart of Christmas."



The Star of Christmas
Big Idea's VeggieTales (2002)

Animated film. A Christmas musical opens the same night as a church Christmas pageant with an extra special star; which will be the most popular in town? "Find out in this hilarious, action-packed adventure which teaches that it's the true story of God's love that shows us how to love one another—at Christmas and throughout the year!" Approx 45 min run time.



Godly Play Holy Family (Finnish)



Godly Play Holy Family



ADVENT
(Volume 3 of GP books)

5 Advent plaques (wooden)
Felt underlay: purple to white
4 Advent candles in holders (3 purple, 1 pink)
One white candle
Candle snuffer
Model of Bethlehem
Storage basket

Additional Resources needed

Advent 1+
Matches
Advent 2+
Mary, Joseph & Donkey
Advent 3+
Shepherd & sheep
Advent 4
Wise men, Christ child, manger, cow



MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

(Volume 3 of GP books)

Special gold box

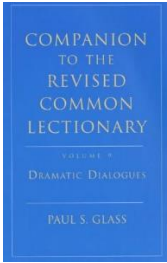
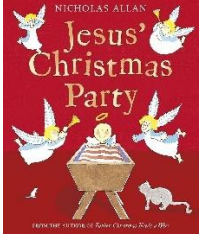
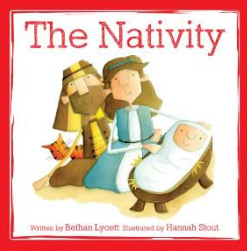
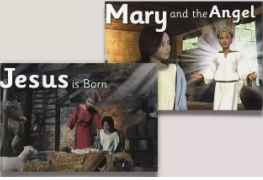
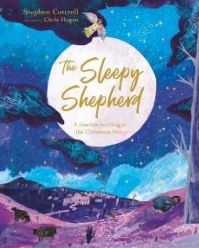
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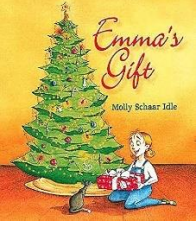
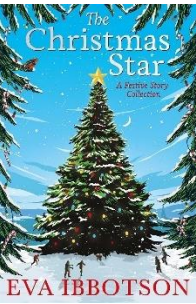

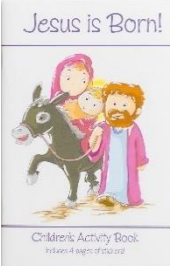
Images, labels and Scripture:

- Annunciation
- Visitation
- Nativity
- Presentation
- Adoration of Magi
- Massacre
- Flight into Egypt

Books available from Fee Reynolds to see or borrow.

<p>Stephen Cottrell <i>Walking Backwards to Christmas</i> "The most-read book for the season!"</p>	<p><i>Walking Backwards to Christmas</i> Stephen Cottrell (SPCK, 2014)</p>	<p>"Using the brilliant, deceptively simple device of telling the Christmas story backwards, Cottrell helps us encounter it as if for the first time...[getting] under the skin of a complex narrative, giving us insights into its many horrors and uncertainties as well as its joys." Eleven chapters from Anna to Moses.</p>
<p>JANET MORLEY <i>haphazard by starlight</i> A poem a day from Advent to Epiphany</p>	<p><i>Haphazard by Starlight</i> Janet Morley (SPCK, 2013)</p>	<p>A poem a day from Advent (1 Dec) to Epiphany. "...an opportunity to engage in a pilgrimage of the heart...each day offers a poem (sometimes explicitly Christian, often not) and an accessible commentary that is both critically informed and devotional in intent."</p>
<p><i>On the way to BETHLEHEM</i> Reflections on Christmas for every day in Advent Hilary McDowell</p>	<p><i>On the way to Bethlehem</i> Hilary McDowell (Bible Reading Fellowship, 1998)</p>	<p>Reflections on Christmas for every day in Advent and Christmas (six weeks), tracing a spiritual journey of the mind and heart from home to manger-side. Each day has short scripture passage, a reflection and a short prayer.</p>
<p>ADRIAN PLASS <i>And JESUS will be born</i> A Collection of Christmas Poems, Stories and Reflections</p>	<p><i>And Jesus will be born</i> Adrian Plass (Zondervan, 2003)</p>	<p>"In this gentle and humorous anthology of poems, stories, commentary and reflections, Plass invites us to celebrate Christmas in its many facets...a holiday cornucopia filled with the laughter, tears, family foibles, simple joys, and the rich blessings of the season."</p>

	<p>Companion to the RCL: Vol.9 Dramatic Dialogues Paul S Glass (Epworth Press, 2003)</p>	<p>Short pieces of drama based on the set gospel lesson for Years A, B and C, usually for 2 voices. “Scripts do not have to be learned and most need very little in the way of props.”</p>
	<p>The Nativity Fiona Watt, illust. Rachel Wells (Usborne Touchy-Feely, 2011)</p>	<p>“Inside this delightful retelling of the Christmas story, you’ll find donkeys with fluffy ears, woolly sheep and baby Jesus sleeping in his soft blanket.”</p>
	<p>Christmas Dick Bruna (Simon and Schuster UK, 2013)</p>	<p>Storybook. “From the creator of the much-loved Miffy series of books, this delightful title retells the birth of Jesus using simple text and charming illustrations.” Can get in hardback or paperback.</p>
	<p>Jesus' Christmas Party Nicholas Allan (Red Fox, 2011)</p>	<p>Storybook. “There was nothing the innkeeper liked more than a good night’s sleep. But that’s the last thing he’ll be getting on a night of angels, shepherds, bright stars...and a very special baby!”</p>
	<p>The Nativity Bethan Lycett, illust. Hannah Stout (10Publishing, 2018)</p>	<p>Storybook, with an accompanying Colouring Book. “Our story of Jesus began long ago, with Mary and Josph (but without the snow). Come hear the surprises that God had in story, to welcome his Son whom we all should adore.”</p>
	<p>Mary and the Angel Jesus is Born (Series 4 of Bibleworld Books, 2017)</p>	<p>Storybooks. Two storybooks adapted from American Mission Literacy books, which tell the story simply and with bold computer-generated images. It is also possible to download the stories on PowerPoint slides for free.</p>
	<p>A Christmas Story Brian Wildsmith (OUP, 2007)</p>	<p>Storybook. “Once, a long time ago, in a town called Nazareth, a little donkey was born... As the wonderful events of the Nativity unfold, Brian Wildsmith tells of the journey of a little girl and a donkey to Bethlehem.”</p>
	<p>The Sleepy Shepherd Stephen Cottrell, illust. Chris Hagan (SPCK, 2018)</p>	<p>Storybook. “The Sleepy Shepherd is so dozy he completely misses the visit of the angels...and the chance to greet the Christ-child in Bethlehem. But one crucial night, years later, he makes an important decision—to be a <i>real</i> shepherd to a man whose friends have all fallen asleep...”</p>

	<p><i>Emma's Gift</i> Molly Schaar Idle (Abington Press, 2003)</p>	<p>Storybook. Emma is sad: no snow and her beloved Grandma, Manna, can't come for Christmas. Manna sends Emma's presents early and encourages Emma to open them early. Find out what these gifts are and how Emma uses them.</p>
	<p><i>The Christmas Star: A Festive Story Collection</i> Eva Ibbotson, illust. Nick Maland (Macmillan, 2015)</p>	<p>Book of 3 short stories, 'Vicky and the Christmas Angel', 'The Christmas Star', and 'The Great Carp Ferdinand'.</p>
	<p><i>The First Christmas</i> Lois Rock, illust. Alex Ayliffe (Lion Hudson, 2011)</p>	<p>Storybook. Very small, useful for gifts, part of the "my very first Bible stories" series.</p>
	<p><i>Jesus is Born!</i> Dayspring USA</p>	<p>Children's Activity Book with 4 pages of stickers. Age 7-11 approx. Small booklet style with colouring and puzzles. UK outlets also sell these, although probably many more up-to-date ones available. Also have one that is out of print <i>The Story of Christmas</i>.</p>