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Christmas

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Disney
*An Almost
Christmas
Story*



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k THIS Week



MAKE YOUR OWN... NATIVITY LUMINARY



1 I had been a long journey, and everyone was tired. They all the way back to Joseph's tent on the night he was born. I had ordered a ox and a donkey, which meant everyone had to travel to the stable. On the day of the birth, we were all there. I was the first to see the baby. He was so small and so peaceful. I had never seen anything like him before. He was so tiny, but he was so full of life. I had never seen anything like him before. He was so tiny, but he was so full of life. I had never seen anything like him before. He was so tiny, but he was so full of life.

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In Almost Christmas Story

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NEXT WEEK IN kidzane



Who's who in the... CHRISTMAS STORY





What you need:

the Kidzone drawings on page 2, scissors, hole punch (or wooden skewer), sheet of white paper, glue or tape, pencil, felt-tipped pens, battery-operated tealight candle

1 Colour in the drawings on page 2.

2 Cut them out.

3 Using the white paper and pencil, draw a rectangle 29cm by 5cm. Next, draw a semi-circle on top, in the middle of the rectangle (we used a saucer as a guide). Rub out the pencil line in the semi-circle. Cut out the shape.

4 With an adult's help, make holes around the paper for the light to shine through. You can do this with a little star punch, a hole punch or simply with a toothpick or skewer.

5 Glue or tape the ends together.

6 Glue the angel and star at the top of the luminary semi-circle and glue baby Jesus about half-way down. Put a battery-operated tealight candle into the middle and see your craft glow at night. Lovely!

6

This is such a cute craft to remind us of the birth of Jesus in a stable (told to us in the story on pages 8 and 9). "Mary gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke chapter two, verse seven).



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5



1. HOW MANY GIFTS DID THE WISE MEN BRING JESUS?

- a. Three
- b. Thirteen
- c. Thirty



2. WHAT WERE THESE GIFTS?

- a. LEGO, Mega Bloks and DUPLO
- b. A rattle, teddy and teether
- c. Gold, frankincense and myrrh



3. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE ANGEL WHO VISITED MARY?

- a. George
- b. Gabriel
- c. Glenda



4. WHAT BIG NEWS DID THE ANGEL TELL MARY?

- a. She would have God's son
- b. She was going on a holiday
- c. She was invited to a party

5. WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF JESUS' EARTHLY PARENTS?

- a. Molly and James
- b. Marjorie and Jack
- c. Mary and Joseph

6. WHAT TOWN WAS JESUS BORN IN?

- a. Barcelona
- b. Brisbane
- c. Bethlehem



7. WHY WAS JESUS BORN IN A STABLE?

- a. He liked horses
- b. There was no room in the inn
- c. It was cosy

8. WHO FOLLOWED A STAR TO FIND THE BABY JESUS?

- a. The wise men
- b. The shepherds
- c. The angels



9. WHAT IS A MANGER?

- a. An animal feed trough
- b. Something to eat
- c. A type of hotel



10. WHAT APPEARED IN THE NIGHT SKY, SAYING "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOODWILL TO ALL"?

- a. A flock of birds
- b. A host of angels
- c. Butterflies



11. WHO DID THE HOST OF ANGELS TELL ABOUT THE NEW KING BEING BORN?

- a. Shopkeepers
- b. Shoemakers
- c. Shepherds



12. WHO DID THE WISE MEN VISIT ON THEIR WAY TO SEE BABY JESUS?

- a. King Herod
- b. King Harry
- c. King Horatio

STUFF WE LIKE!



THE SYDNEY KINGS WILL BE SUPPORTING THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW!

Don't miss the exciting Christmas Day matchup against the Illawarra Hawks, with an 8.30 p.m. AEDT tip-off at Qudos Bank Arena on 25 December.

Tune in to watch on Network 10.



SCREENING IN AUSTRALIA ON BOXING DAY (CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE USA) ON DISNEY+, DUNK THE HALLS IS A REAL-TIME ANIMATED NBA GAME. THIS SPECIAL GAME WILL BE A VIRTUAL, LIVE RECREATION OF A SAN ANTONIO SPURS VS THE NEW YORK KNICKS GAME HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME.

Each Spurs and Knicks player will appear as a motion-enabled, animated player for the special Christmas matchup. Through state-of-the-art technology, fans watching *Dunk*

The Halls will see every three-pointer, dunk, layup, pass and more from the real-life Spurs vs Knicks game at Madison Square Garden in New York City as it happens.

The animated live recreation will be set on iconic Main Street USA (in Walt Disney World, Florida). As the teams play, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Pluto, Goofy, Chip and Dale will be cheering them on.

www.disneyplus.com



CK'S TREEHOUSE



Dear Kidzners, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

– Cousin Koala (CK)

Send your letters to:
Cousin Koala, 95-99 Railway Rd,
Blackburn Vic. 3130

Message: kidzonenmg.com.au@ck-treehouse

I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?

EMAIL



Hi CK 😊

I hope you like my unicorn drawing

Could you please tell me if Oliver likes it?

And what is your favourite movie? Mine is *Star Wars*.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I really thank you for the *Transformers* movie ticket! I was so excited when I got the mail!

P.S. Could you tell me your favourite part of my drawing?

Bye from Rosy 🌈🥰🥰🥰🥰🥰

G'day Rosy!

You are very welcome!

And congratulations! I love that the Kidzone crew can make people so happy! My favourite movie is *Back To The Outback*. I like Sing and Shaun The Sheep, too.

You are FABULOUS at drawing! Oliver agrees!

My favourite part of your drawing is definitely the eyes. The shading in her eyes is very pretty. Is she drinking a bubble tea?

I love reading in my spare time. And mini golf is really fun. I always try to pick a green ball and like being in charge of the score sheet. Do you like mini golf?

Bear hugs - CK

EMAIL



Hi CK!
My name is Aurora and my

birthday's already been but I was wondering if you could put it on the birthday list? It's the 11th of June and I'm turning 11 next year.

From Aurora

Hey Aurora!
Yes of course!

I have made sure that your name is on the list and will feature in our 7 June 2025 issue of Kidzone!

Your chocolate cake drawing looks DELICIOUS! I LOVE chocolate mudcake! Is it your favourite too?

Bear hugs - CK

COUSIN KOALA



KNUCKLES!
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED IN ARMOUR ON CHRISTMAS EVE?



I'M THE KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

RoD

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DECEMBER

SAT 14

Mariama (12),
Jasmine Taylor (11)

SUN 15

Savannah May
Watson (13),
Naomi Vijayakumar (13),
Alejandro Lax (6)

MON 16

Zachary Brook (8)

TUE 17

Isaac Schep (12),
William Kulikousky (11)

WED 18

Mark Owi

THU 19

Archie Redford (11),
Talitha Morton (11)

FRI 20

Harry Freeman (13),
Gypsy Hook (12),
Isaac Park (12),
Thomas Leaver (9)

SUN 22

Jax Shimmen (10)

TUE 24

Margaret-Mary (11),
Jemimah Clark (9)

FRI 27

Alexis Carr (12),
Frankie Barnes (6)

SAT 28

Anastasia
Balaganskaya,
Lucas Blunt

SUN 29

Lennox Riseley (10)

TUE 31

Chase Pahl (6),
Michelle Liu (11),
Jaxon Hastings (7)

JANUARY

THU 02

Diesel Riseley (12),
Kemmy Nguyen (12)

FRI 03

Hadassah,
Pippa Loberto (12),
Oscar Lecciones (5)

MON 06

Daniella Yang Mei (14),
Mia Anderson (14)

TUE 07

Thalia Watkins (13),
Kathryn Cox (12),
Eleanor Mackenzie (7),
George Sweeney (10),
Neikodah Bell (10)

THU 09

Clementine Schultz (14),
Schyler Francisco

FRI 10

Adrianus White (2)

SAT 11

Mason Powell (9),
Dimitrios Rattas (9)

SUN 12

Phoebe Hunter,
Amalia Bidoli (14)

MON 13

Dominic Blunt,
Ethan Horton (9)

TUE 14

Travis Whitaker (14)

THU 16

Thomas Sweeney (6)

SAT 18

Evie McKay (12),
Amelia Packer (14),
Ginger-Lillie (13)

SUN 19

Paige Watts

MON 20

Mirabella Thomas (13),
Lucas (9),
Eva Dekker (11),
Eden Russell (8)

TUE 21

Amber Muir (13),
Jasmine Winfield (12),
Millie Hulme

WED 22

Violet Dylan (3)

THU 23

Alexander Butcher (12)

FRI 24

Ryder Khohn (14)

SAT 25

Hugo Pegg (12),
Declan Sweeney (9),
Sophia Lorensen (13)

SUN 26

Elijah Bullock (10)

TUE 28

Penelope Cotton (6)

WED 29

Jasmine Scherer (12),
Olivia Laino (13)

FRI 31

Beatrice Young (8)

FEBRUARY

SAT 01

Benedict Leang (13),
Audrey Goldring (7),
Eilo Ebsary (12)

SUN 02

Timothy Vincent (13)

THU 06

Harley Murray (12),
Bethany Carter (12)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Please put my name on the
BIRTHDAY LIST

Full Name

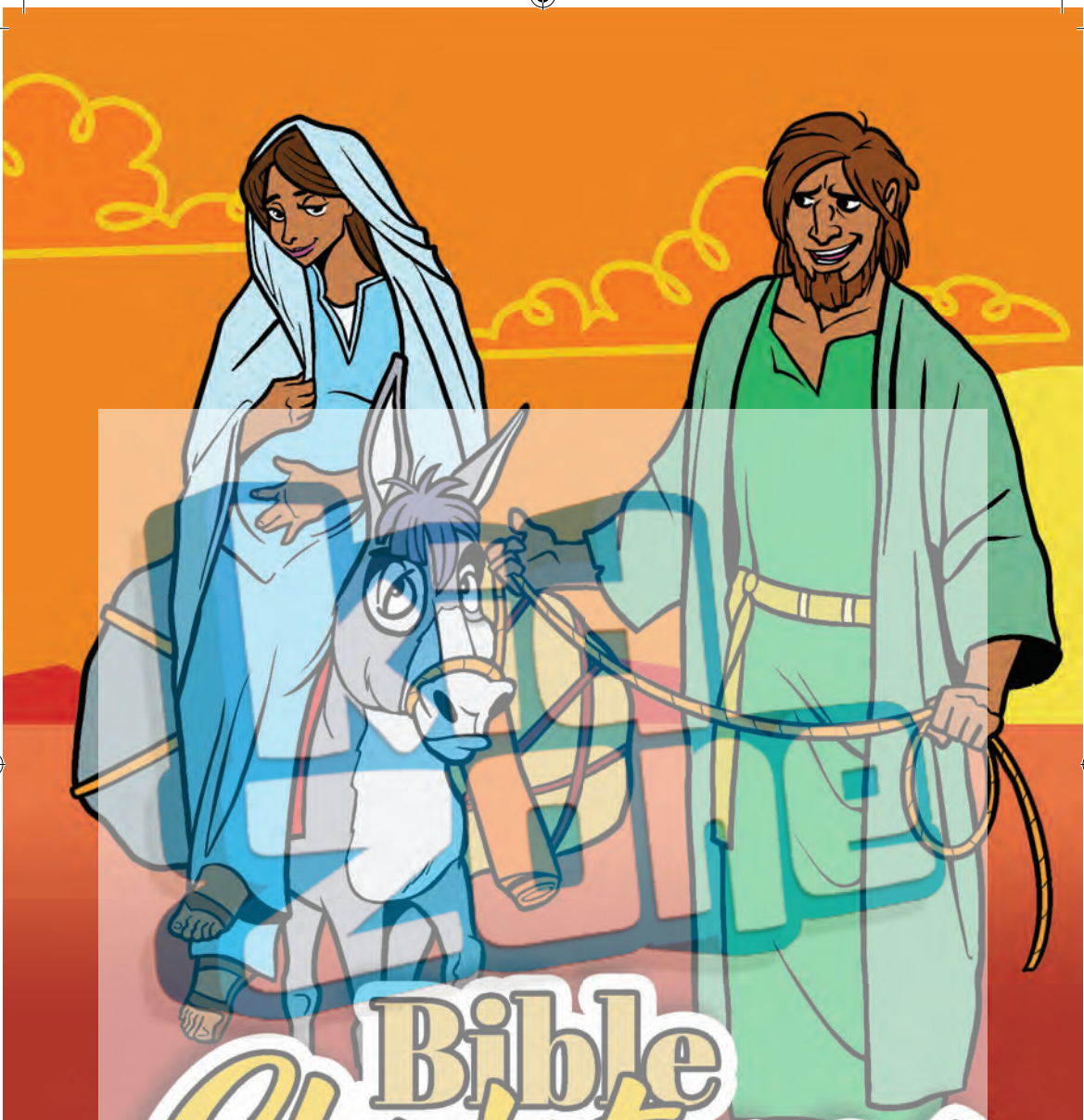
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Parent's signature

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Include a letter in your own handwriting and permission (signature) from your parent to have it printed.





Bible Christmas Story

This week's story was written by
guest author, 16-year-old Charli Moresi.

It had been a long journey, and everyone was tired. Mary and Joseph had travelled all the way back to Joseph's hometown because the emperor had ordered a census, which meant everyone in the empire had to be counted. On top of that Mary was pregnant and was about to give birth! They needed a place to stay, and soon.

As they entered Bethlehem, they were amazed to see so many people. How were they ever going to find somewhere to stay for the night?

As they went to each inn, all the innkeepers had the same answer.

"Sorry, we have no room."

Mary and Joseph were getting worried. Were they going to have a place to stay? What if they didn't find a room? Would Mary have to give birth outside?

But through all their worries they remembered that God had a plan for them.

And he did.

There was one last inn for them to try, so Joseph knocked on the door.

A man opened the door and asked what they wanted.

"Mary and I have been travelling for hours," Joseph explained. "We are looking for a place to stay but everywhere is full! Mary is pregnant and it's important she is cared for. Please sir, you are our last

hope. Do you have any room?"

The innkeeper was touched. Something in him told him that the baby that Mary was carrying was special, but he answered, "I'm sorry, but we have no rooms left."

Joseph was devastated. He was about to go back to tell Mary the bad news when the innkeeper stopped him.

"Wait – we have no rooms left, but we do have a stable. If you want, I can set it up so at least you're not sleeping outside."

Joseph was so happy he ran up to Mary and told her the great news.

Inside, the man was getting the stable ready. He pushed all the animals to one side and made a clear space for Mary and Joseph to put their stuff. He made another clear space so Mary and Joseph could lay down and rest. Then he took the animal's food trough and put hay in it. This is where Mary's baby would be laid.

Soon after Mary and Joseph settled in, Mary gave birth to her little boy. They wrapped him up and placed him in the animal trough.

Later that night, the innkeeper walked past the stable and was amazed to see a group of shepherds kneeling around Mary and her baby.

Mary smiled at them, and he heard her tell the shepherds, "This is Jesus. It means God saves."

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ETON MESS

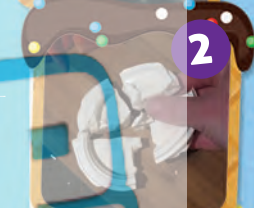
what you need:

an adult's help, 400g fresh strawberries, ¼ cup icing sugar, 300ml thickened cream, 300ml vanilla yoghurt, 1 cup marshmallows, 6 ready-made meringue nests

directions:

- 1 Rinse the strawberries and then ask an adult to help you hull and cut them into quarters, set aside.
- 2 Cut the marshmallows into quarters and set aside. Lightly crush the meringues and set aside.
- 3 Place the strawberries into a medium bowl and sprinkle over icing sugar. Let sit for 20 minutes.
- 4 Ask an adult to help you whip the cream until soft peaks form. Fold through the vanilla yoghurt.
- 5 Fold through the crushed meringue, marshmallows and strawberries.
- 6 Spoon into glasses to serve.

This week's yummy recipe is by guest chef **Jason Roberts**. Jason shares more awesome recipes and spreads loads of Christmas cheer (alongside Jamie Durie and Samantha Jade) in Channel 7's *Christmas with the Salvos*. Stream it now on 7Plus.



Kidzone KIDS

Have some fun snaps you'd love to see in the mag? Send them through, with your parents' permission, to kidzone@salvationarmy.org.au

Whittlesea City Salvos

Whittlesea City Salvos was alive with noise and excitement as shepherds, angels, wise men, the innkeeper, Mary and Joseph arrived, ready to play their part in the nativity story!

Sunraysia Corps

Shieldy and the Sunraysia community had a fabulous time at their family fun day last month! Shieldy was excited to find the free popcorn and fairy floss! Over 400 people attended the mini-expo to find out more about The Salvation Army and all the incredible things that the Salvos do for the people of Sunraysia. How cool!

Parramatta Corps

Parramatta Corps (church) celebrated Kids and Youth Sunday on 27 October.



Disney An Almost Christmas Story

Meet Moon, a curious young owl who unexpectedly finds himself stuck in a Christmas tree on its way to Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

As he tries to escape the bustling city, Moon befriends a lost little girl name Luna. Together, they embark on a heartwarming adventure, discovering the wonder of the Christmas season and forming an unlikely bond as they journey back home to their parents.

Streaming now on Disney+.

DID YOU KNOW?

... An Almost Christmas Story is inspired by the true events of a tiny owl rescued from New York City's Rockefeller Centre Christmas tree in 2020.



Did you know that The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal is Australia's largest and longest-running Christmas gift appeal?

For 37 years, Kmart and The Savlos have teamed up to deliver more than 14 million gifts to Aussies in need at Christmas. Wow!



Anyone can contribute to the Appeal and help spread joy to families in need. Here are some simple ways you can get involved:

1. Place a gift under the Wishing Tree at any Kmart store.
2. Pick up a \$2 donation card from your local store to scan when checking out to donate towards the Appeal.
3. Purchase a Christmas Kenzie bear and \$2 from this sale will go to supporting those in need this Christmas and beyond.

The appeal runs until **24 December, 2024**. Visit www.kmart.com.au/kmartwishingtree for more info.



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Click the Wishing Tree logo at the checkout to add a little extra.



Drop your spare change in a collection box at any register.



Scan the QR code and set up your own fundraising page.



Encourage others to contribute on your socials.

Entries will be judged on artistic merit.



Colouring Competition
Kidzone has three
Christmas Kenzie bears
to give away!



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Kenzie
Christmas
Plush Bear

Full Name

Age

Address

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Parent's signature

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SAMUEL'S MEGA PUZZLE!

Find all the words highlighted red in the word search below.

Have you ever wondered what the first Christmas night was like? Or imagined what it would have been like to see baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph in the stable? I think it would have been awesome! It must have been sooo amazing for the shepherds when all those angels told them about the birth of God's son. And even more amazing when they found the new king in Bethlehem, wrapped up and lying in a manger, just like the angels had said! No wonder the shepherds went back to their sheep "praising God and thanking him for everything they had heard and seen" (Luke chapter two, verse 20'). Thank you, God, for Jesus!

Y R Z U S K Q D B M C F N F H
J O R B E M O S E W A W O L O
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P Z S L V S W M A P P S Q F B
Q I B E E G I O J W W A R X P
X F C J P M F I X N M R Z R Z J
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Sam's Mega Puzzle!



ANSWERS
1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a, 5-c, 6-d, 7-b, 8-a, 9-a, 10-b, 11-c, 12-a. Grid: c, f, b, d, 2, c, f, 2, d, c, e, 3, f, a, 2. Word squares: celebrate. Pages: 1-6, 2-10, 3-8, 4-12, 5-11, 6-5. Spot the diff:

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Christmas song

Christmas food

Christmas movie

Christmas activity



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How many words can you make out of ...

BETHLEHEM?

Write down all the Bible verses in this week's mag.

word square

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the square?

R	T	E
A	E	E
C	L	B

Each letter may be used only once per word and each word must contain the middle letter. There is one nine-letter word.
Clue: to mark a special occasion.

grid it

Can you work out the coordinates of the small squares which are taken from the big picture?



Note: some squares may be rotated.

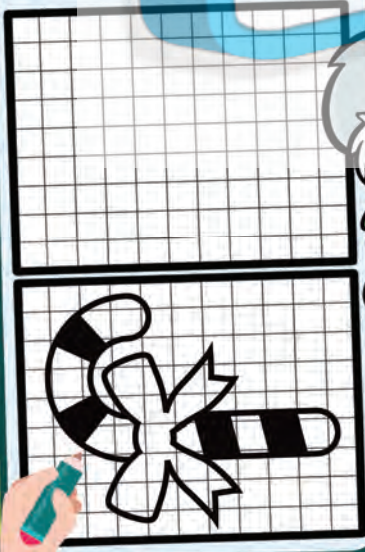


Can you find where each of these pictures came from in this week's Kidzone?



redraw

Have a go at redrawing this candy cane using the grid provided.



spot the diff

Can you find the differences between these two pics?

