



# Junior Church

**LESSON PLANS: 13-12-20**

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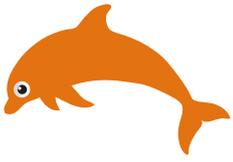
## Word game (Pictionary)

**Activity time:** 10–15 minutes

**Aim:** to explore how God comes with good news

**You will need:** n/a

1. Play a word-guessing game. Their team (or the whole family) must guess the words by drawing them, but without saying anything.
2. Ask a volunteer from each team to come forward, and whisper to them the first word, which they must draw for their group. (If they need help then give them the clues for drawing in brackets.) They can draw as many clues as they want, but they must not write any words or speak. (Make sure there is plenty of spare paper!)
3. Tell the rest of the group that they can guess out loud, but not to let the other teams overhear. When the group has guessed the word, they must send someone else up to collect the second word, and so on. The first team to guess all the words wins.
  - Sheep (cloud with legs)
  - Bethlehem (townscape as appears on Christmas cards)
  - Night (lots of black, moon)
  - Shepherd (man with stripy coat and headdress, with a sheep)
  - Angel singing (open mouth with notes coming out)
  - Baby
  - Manger (GNB) or bed of hay (CEV)
  - Good news (newspaper and smile)



# Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

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## Good news for the shepherds

**Activity time:** 10–15 minutes

**Aim:** to wonder at the good news that Jesus is born

**You will need:** n/a

1. Complete Bubbles sheet from page 313 (attached).

My name \_\_\_\_\_

One angel came.  
Then lots of angels  
came. Can you fill  
the sky with angels?

# 44 Bubbles

## Good news for the shepherds

Today's aim is to wonder at the good news that Jesus is born.  
Luke 2:1-20

Writer Val suggests,  
"Chat together about what you, as a family, can do to help share the good news that Jesus is born, within your neighbourhood. In our previous community there was not a single

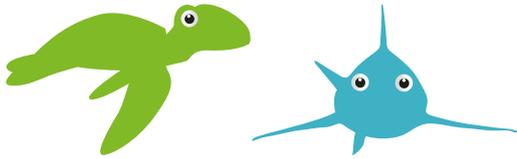
nativity scene in any shop window over the Christmas period, so we created a wayside manger scene in the church grounds. Interestingly, in the years since then, several shops have started using nativity scenes instead of the usual Father Christmas, reindeer and snowmen."  
The Bible story is on **Big Bonus Sheet K**.

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Enjoy **The Christmas Bible Storybook**, a board book full of Bible Friends, especially for toddlers and young children.



# Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

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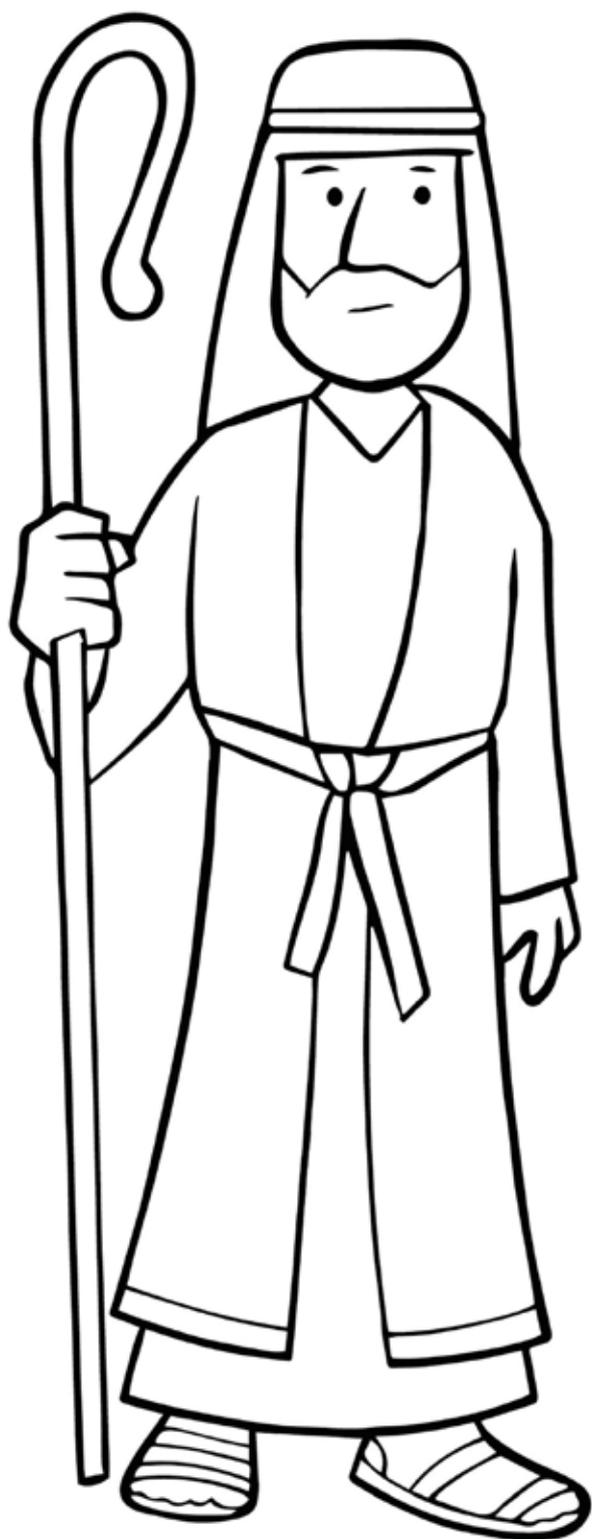
## Make a decoration

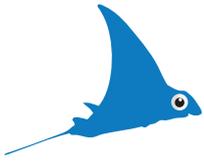
**Activity time:** 10–15 minutes

**Aim:** to pray for people to hear the good news about Jesus

**You will need:** figures from Splash page 311 (attached)

1. Encourage each child to decorate their own angel and shepherd shapes from page 311.
2. Say that the angels and the shepherds passed on the good news about Jesus' birth. Ask: 'Who would you like to pass on the news to?' Help each child decide, then write the names of those people in the spaces around their angel and shepherd.
3. Invite the children to hold their figures as they say this prayer: 'Lord Jesus, please help... [names around the figures] to know that you love them. Amen.' Encourage the children to show their decorations to these people and tell them the good news about Jesus being born.





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## Good news, bad news

**Activity time:** 5–10 minutes

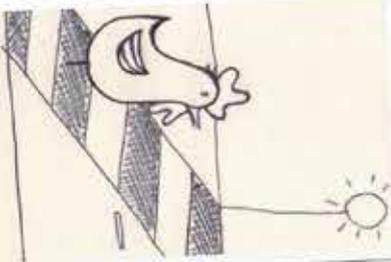
**Aim:** to think about how God's news is good news

**You will need:** copies of the Xstream sheet from page 312 (attached)

1. Invite the children to turn to the activity on the Xstream sheet from page 312 and challenge them to separate the good news from the bad news.
2. Discuss how some of the news might be good for some people and bad for others. For instance, heavy rain might be good for filling the reservoirs, but not so good for the Queen's garden party!
3. Remind the children that God's news is good news for everyone, all the time.

# Good news, bad news

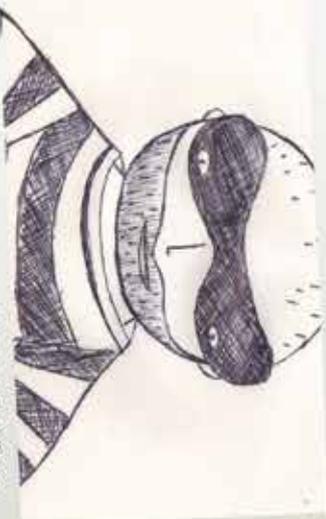
Put a circle round those bits of newspaper that you think tell of good news. Cross out those you think tell of bad news.



## ROOSTER ROAD RAGE

There was a four-car pile-up on the A315 yesterday when a chicken crossed the road. The first car swerved to avoid it but ended up hitting oncoming traffic. No one was hurt, but all four cars and the chicken have been sent to the scrap heap.

## Convict confusion



It appears that after last week's dramatic escape from Lelantgo jail, where 200 prisoners escaped, there has been a mix-up. Prison officers reported that they had found and locked up all the prisoners, but it turns

## Watery wellies

Villagers in Chipping Norton reported 13 cm of rain yesterday. Some even said that it was filling their wellies.



## Palace party

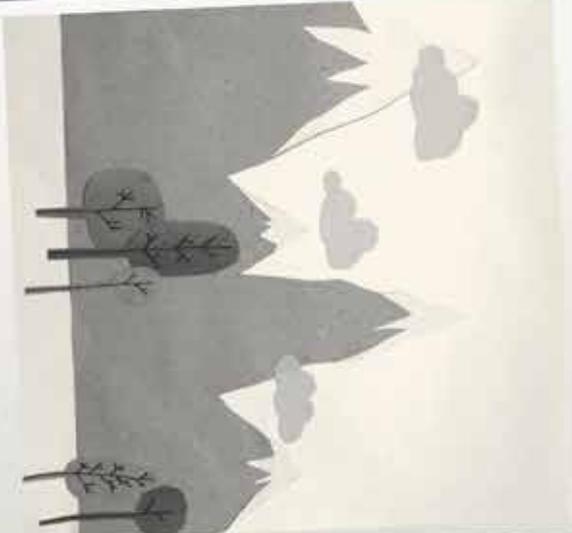


The Queen has announced that she is going to hold a garden party and has invited all those who have helped in children's church to thank them for all their hard work.

## Baffling burglary

A family from Ayrham returned home to discover that they had been burgled. All of the furniture from their house had been taken, including a very expensive antique mirror. Police say they are looking into it.

## Mountain mayhem



Yesterday a group of tourists were practising the Welsh mountain rescue beam side of Mount Snowdon. They had become stranded in the fog when one of their members strained their ankle.

## Film star fingernail failure

Famous celebrity, Iva Noctent, stopped work yesterday on her new film after complaining of a broken

fingernail. She said she was sorry that the extras didn't get paid for a day's work, but she couldn't work if she was in pain.

