

3 Nativity scene

'Nativity' means birth. Christmas is a religious festival, celebrating the birth of Jesus. The people who follow Jesus call him 'Christ', which means 'chosen king'. They believe he is God's son.

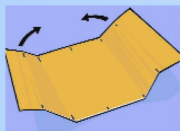
A nativity scene shows baby Jesus in a manger, his mother Mary and Joseph.

Shepherds come to find the newborn king.

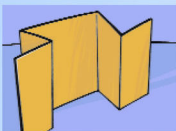
Wise men follow a star and come with gifts.



1 Cut a rectangle of card 42cm x 15cm. Use a ruler to help you mark the top and bottom points of six equal sections.



2 Use the marks to fold the card. Fold the left side in as shown and then the right side.



3 Fold again to make the doors. If you like, cut the fully folded card into a roof shape.



4 On plain white paper, draw outlines for the people in the nativity scene. Colour them in.



5 Cut out your people. Glue them in place.



6 Add a star above and whatever other decorations you would like!



Baby Jesus lies in a manger of straw.

