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*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's
Warrington*



Celebrating Christmas at Home (for Children)

Getting Ready

Do you have a Crib at home? If you do, you could lead your time of prayer by the Crib. If you don't have a Crib, you could lead your time of prayer by the Christmas Tree.

Gather

Music

Choose a Christmas song from YouTube or another source to begin your time of prayer.

Sign of the Cross

Invite everyone to carefully make the Sign of the Cross.

Listen

Ask someone to read the Christmas story from St Luke's Gospel:

Scripture Reading

(Luke 2: 1-14)

Joseph set out from Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to the town of David called Bethlehem, together with Mary, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by, there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said: "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today, in the town of David, a saviour has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly, with the angel, there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth".

Respond

Now ask everyone to think quietly about this question: **"What is special about Christmas Day for you?"**

When everyone has had a chance to think, invite them to share what is special about Christmas Day for them.

Prayer

Ask everyone to think of who they would like to pray for on this Christmas Day... it might be their family, a friend, those who are lonely or missing someone, those who are poor, etc.

When everyone has had a chance to think, invite them to say who they would like to pray for.

Go Forth

The Lord's Prayer

You can finish this time of prayer by inviting everyone to say the 'Our Father' together...

Then carefully make the Sign of the Cross.

Well done!