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The Christmas Story

Early Level - Quick Guide



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The Early Level Christmas Story material is in four parts:

1. The Christmas Story: The story is the most important part! We've included a simple script to help you tell the Christmas story to your class. Tell the story more than once. Tell it at the start of your learning and then repeat it throughout the days you're exploring this story. Why not try telling it outdoors – even in the snow! You could also use video, drama or books to help you vary the way you recap the story. Allow time for discussion and questions from the children.

2. Teacher-led Activities: A number of teacher-led, interactive activities to help you follow-on from the Christmas story and explore it in different ways. After telling the story, choose from the selection, those that you think will work for your class. These don't all have to be done during one lesson, spread them out throughout your learning.

3. Contexts to Explore the Christmas Story

For the children to benefit from the story and the teacher-led activities, it is great if they can be embedded into an environment that allows children to revisit the story and explore it freely in their own way.

To help you do this, we have given you suggestions to help you bring in learning about the Christmas story into the many different aspects of early years education that you will already be doing. There's lots to explore, so we've given you a few of our favourite ideas, but they are only a small sample, so do feel free to use your own creativity and imagination - the possibilities are endless!

Our suggestions are contained in two files, both present similar material in a different way:

- (a) A list of contexts to explore the Christmas story. This is the most detailed of the two files.
- (b) A mind map of typical Nursery contexts with some suggestions of activities to include in each area.

If you are limited in time, why not try these three simple contexts:

Christmas Story Role Play
 Christmas Story Small World
 Christmas Story jigsaw or snap

4. Curricular Links: These show where the Christmas story fits into the Early level Curriculum for Excellence.