



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

The Christmas Story

Early Level - Reading Corner Sequencing Pictures

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Print and laminate each picture and use them in your reading corner or at your puzzle table for children to move around and place in the correct order. Talk about the Christmas story together.

You could allow the children to explore the pictures freely or work in groups with a little adult guidance. If appropriate, after the children have had plenty of time to explore the story, the activity could be used for P1 pupils as a small assessment .

Picture One



The Story: An angel called Gabriel told a girl called **Mary** that she was going to have a baby and that he would be **God's son**. She had to call him **Jesus**.

To talk about: Who is the girl? (**Mary**) What is the angel telling her? (**that she was going to have a special baby**) What did the angel tell her that the baby was to be called? (**Jesus**) Whose son is he? (**God's son**) How do you think Mary feels? (**Scared/happy/special, other suggestions from the children**).

Picture Two



The story: Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem. It was a long journey and when they got there they had nowhere to stay. Joseph asked everywhere and finally they were allowed to sleep in a stable. This is where **Jesus was born** – they put Jesus in a **manger**, the **big trough that animals eat from**.

To talk about: Who are the two people? Mary is the baby's mum, but is Joseph the baby's dad? (**no - God is his father. He is God's son**) Where are they? (**in a stable, it's a strange place for such a special baby to be born**). Is Jesus in a lovely Moses basket or cot? (**no, he is lying in the trough that the animals eat their food from. It is called a manger**). Does anyone remember the name of the town that Jesus was born in? (**Bethlehem**)

Picture Three



The story: Jesus had visitors. They were **shepherds** and they were in the fields looking after their sheep when an angel came and told them that **Jesus, God's son**, had been born. Lots of angels filled the sky praising God. The **shepherds** did what the angel had said and **went to find Jesus**. They were so excited to see **God's son** that they told everyone they met about it.

To talk about: Who are the people in the picture? (**shepherds**) (**an angel**) What is the angel telling the shepherds? (**that Jesus has been born and that they should go and visit him**). Do you think the shepherds were frightened? (**yes, the Bible tells us that they were frightened and they do look a little scared in our picture.**) What did they do? (**they were excited about the news and hurried down the hill to find Jesus**). They went into the stable and were so excited to see God's son that afterwards they told everyone all about it.

Picture Four



The story: Jesus had some more visitors. They were very important people, so important that some people call them kings. The Bible calls them **wise men**. I think they were very clever people! They had seen a star in the east and knew that the star meant that a very special baby had been born. So they travelled a very long way to visit the baby Jesus. When they got there, they gave him special presents and worshipped him because he was the **Son of God**.

To talk about: Who are the people in the picture? (**wise men/kings**) They look like they are on a journey on their camels. Where are they going? (**to find the baby Jesus**) How did they know where to go? (**they followed a very bright star**) Where did the star take them? (**to the baby Jesus/to the stable**). What did they do when they found Jesus? (**gave him special presents. Worshipped him because he was the Son of God**)