



Messy Zoom Nativity

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Start with a **scavenger hunt**, asking everyone to run off and find the following items. You could do the items one at a time, or display the list on the screen.

Items

- White plate
- Cushion
- Soft toy
- Cat or dog bowl
- Woolly hat
- Kitchen roll
- A coin
- Something smelly
- Spices
- Candle

Then tell the nativity story using the items, encouraging children to join in and asking them questions, such as, 'Who know what happens next?'

- *White plate* – hold it above your head: Gabriel visits Mary.
- *Cushion* – shove it up your jumper: Mary is expecting Jesus.
- *Soft toy* – Mary and Joseph ride a donkey to Bethlehem (you could say 'Mary and Joseph rode a giraffe...' or whatever soft toy you have and wait to be laughed at and corrected).
- *Cat or dog bowl* – Jesus is born and laid in a cat bowl (hopefully someone will correct you!).
- *White plate* – above your head again: angels tell the shepherds where to find Jesus.
- *Woolly hat* – on your head: the shepherds are cold on the hillside. Then take it off, now it's a sheep – a present for Jesus, put it in the bowl.
- *Kitchen roll* – use like a telescope: the wise men follow the star to Bethlehem.
- *A coin* – they give gold, fit for a king.
- *Something smelly* – they give frankincense.
- *Spices* – and myrrh.
- *Candle* – light the candle: when Jesus grew up, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.'

Sing 'Away in a Manger'

Finish with a prayer and blessing.