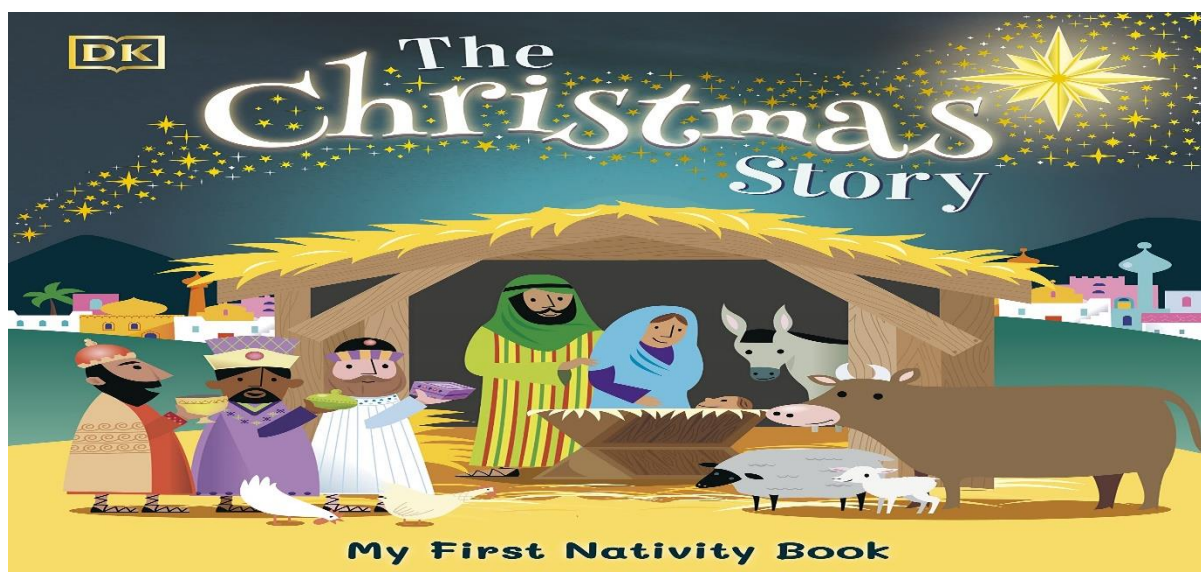


St. Elizabeth's Prayer Pilgrims 2022



We, the Pupil Chaplains, would like St. Elizabeth's Community to pray more during Advent.

We have created Christmas Prayer Packets to help us to do this.

We have given each class a children's version of 'The Story of the First Christmas' which will be coming home with a different child each night in a special packet to share at home. The child who takes the book home is like the 'innkeeper' for the evening. They are a host for Mary and Joseph as the book journeys through the class.

The travelling book, is similar to '**Las Posadas**' or the '**travelling crib**'. The tradition of the travelling crib is hundreds of years old and originates from Spain and South America where each evening during Advent "Las Posadas" takes place ("posada" means inn or lodging). Pilgrims read about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in preparation for the birth of Jesus, travelling on their journey looking for somewhere to stay for the night.

This is a lovely way to do something spiritual as a family in Advent and enhance your anticipation of Christmas and the excitement of receiving again the new life that comes to us with the birth of the baby Jesus.

You too, can be like the innkeeper, welcoming Mary and Joseph into your home.

We would like each family to have a turn being a prayer pilgrim.

Read the Christmas Story in your pack together and as you do so, you can reflect and discuss how you can make choices to be more like Jesus during Advent.

You can discuss how we can all be more like the people in The Christmas Story during Advent.

The whole family can take part in this special prayer pilgrimage.

Pupil Chaplains have modelled to the children in a Pupil Chaplain assembly how the Christmas story should be read and celebrated.

Please ensure the Christmas Prayer Packet is returned the next day with all the contents to enable another child in the class to have a turn.

Thank you

Pupil Chaplains

Contents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Prayer Packets

One candle

One book based on The First Christmas

A set of seven nativity characters

A silhouette of The First Christmas.

Guidelines on how to read, reflect and celebrate the Christmas Story

Contents in Year 3, Year 4 Year 5 and Year 6 Prayer Packets

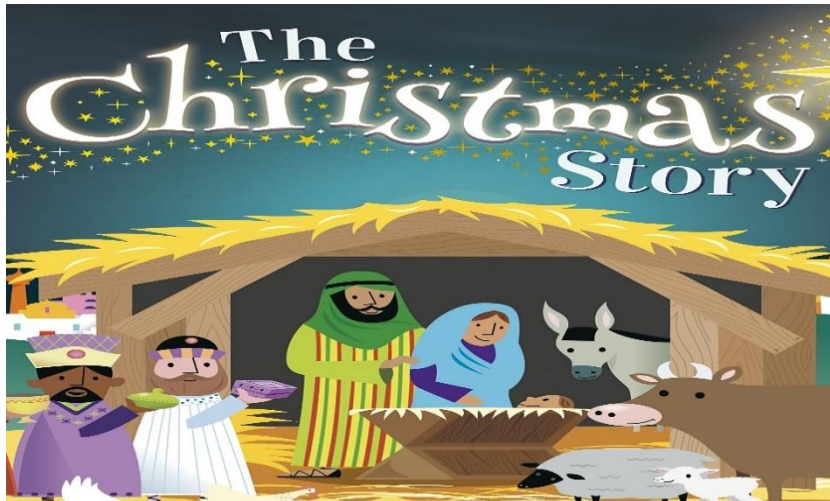
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Find a cosy place to read and share 'The Christmas Story'.

Begin with making the Sign of the Cross



Light the candle



Read the Christmas Story together



Reception Y1 and Y2

Discuss:

How can I be more like the innkeeper in my daily life?

How can I help people in need at home, school, local community and world family? Who can I help?

Y3 and Y4

How Can I be more like Mary in my daily life?

How can I say yes when I encounter challenge?

Y5 and Y6

How can I be more like Joseph in my daily life?

How can I support others who need my help at home/school?

End with a prayer.

The prayer could be a favourite from school or one you say as a family.

