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This document lists a variety of resources shared by SE Partnership Members and those who attended or presented at the "Christmas Like No Other" event on 12th November 2020.

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Scripture In Search of Christmas Union

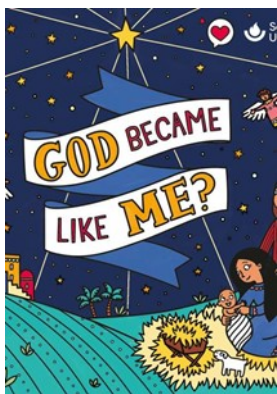
This is a fun, interactive Christmas trail resource using QR codes to discover what Christmas is all about. It features downloadable QR code posters for use as part of a fun Christmas trail. Find and scan QR codes to uncover video clues and crack the final code to discover that Jesus is the reason for the season!

The resource will be free to download and include the QR code posters and ideas of how this resource could be used in other contexts - schools, church, Zoom, community etc.

We are also offering a free 30-minute Zoom training to go through how the resource works in more detail. This will be on 19th November at 2:30pm and repeated at 7:30pm.

These resources will be available here from mid-November.

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/in-search-of-christmas>



God Became Like Me?

This is a poetic retelling of why Jesus came, how much he loves us and how he is always there for us. It features stunning line illustrations for children to colour in while reflecting on the words.

Available in packs of ten, these beautiful little books are ideal for sharing the good news of Jesus with children in your community, at your local school and attending your Christmas events.

Pack of ten £7.50

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/god-became-me?>

Christian Connection in Schools

Check out this video giving an overview of the 'Christmas Unwrapped' project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85nmTDqIJTc>

New content will be available on the CCiS and/or Slough Baptist Church website shortly.

For more information on how you can get Christmas Unwrapped or its sister project Easter Cracked running in your church/area, contact Wayne Dixon:

wayne@ccischools.org.uk
www.ccischools.org.uk



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Artless Theatre Company

From the team that brought you 'Fun Factory: Online Sunday School' we present a live-streamed Christmas family-fun show new for 2020.

'Time Hunters' is a fun, interactive piece of theatre written by Artless and adapted for LIVE-STREAMING to lockdown audiences.

We're offering churches the chance to book a performance for your congregation which is totally live and totally interactive and keeps the nativity at the heart of the story of Christmas.

For more info:

Email: bookings@artless.org.uk

Web: artless.org.uk/christmas

Promo Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEmYtzwwW50>



IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY
AND WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY...
THE PRESENTS ARE MISSING, THE MINCE PIES ARE GONE,
THE TINSEL HAS ALL BUT DISAPPEARED.

A DISTURBANCE IN TIME HAS CANCELLED CHRISTMAS:
SOMEONE MUST SOLVE THIS MYSTERY...
THIS IS A JOB FOR HI-TECH HERO DETECTIVES
FROM THE FUTURE...THE TIME HUNTERS!

WHO OR WHAT IS CAUSING THIS CHAOS?
CAN THE TIME HUNTERS HELP?
WILL CHRISTMAS EVER RETURN?

A show for the whole family to enjoy that is festive and fun but also places the nativity at the heart of Christmas as our heroes discover the true story of Jesus's birth.

'The Quest To Save Christmas' is an interactive family performance designed for lockdown audiences that places the viewers in the middle of the action, utilising Zoom™ video conferencing!

Cost: Donation from £250

Dates: Available December 2020

Duration: 1hr

Step 1: Book a date and time that fits with your Christmas programme

Step 2: We will send you digital marketing to help promote the show

Step 3: You will be given the Zoom invite to share with your audience

With no risk of it being cancelled you can add a creative component to your programme that is fun for all the family whilst celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Contact booking@artless.org.uk for more information or to book



Urban Saints

Kids Club by Post

Pack produced weekly since March 2020 – normally published each Monday. Includes story, colouring, puzzles, craft, recipe, challenges, creative prayer, discussion questions, games and links to video and songs related to the story.

Plans for weekly packs in the run up to Christmas include:

Zacharias can't talk – 30/11/20

Mary and the angel – 07/12/20

The birth of Jesus – 14/12/20

The angel's good news – 21/12/20

Available for free download from: https://www.energize.uk.net/pages/kids_club_by_post



Pick n Mix

Resources specifically for weekly group sessions delivered via Zoom or socially distanced.

Pack containing plans for 2 Christmas sessions for different age groups:

Advent - waiting

Emmanuel - God with us

Plus a section with other Christmas resources and ideas.

This will be published 23rd November and available for free download from: https://www.energize.uk.net/pages/pick_and_mix/christmas



Energize

An online resource serving 1600 churches with over 28,000 items. We have curated our Christmas resources onto one page so you can plan Christmas with one click.

https://www.energize.uk.net/pages/christmas_resources

Many of the Christmas resources are available for free!

You can sign up for a free trial and gain access to all our resources here <https://www.energize.uk.net/signups/trial>

For more subscription details you can follow this link

<https://www.energize.uk.net/>



Quick Links...

Resources from **Faith in Kids** <https://faithinkids.org/resources/app/resource/173/title/god-with-us>



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Red Balloon Foundation

ChristmasBox

CHRISTMASBOX

A Ministry of the Red Balloon Foundation

www.rbf.org.uk



Many children (and adults!) struggle to make the links between all of the secular Christmas traditions they enjoy every year and the original events of the nativity. ChristmasBox is a way of teaching primary school classes and church based groups how we can see Jesus in every tradition we see around us at this time of year, be it shepherds on a hillside in a woolly Christmas jumper or the King of Kings who calls us to eternal life in our evergreen Christmas tree...



Providing a fun and interactive session lasting for about one hour, the ChristmasBox resources can be delivered directly to your school/church and a teacher/volunteer can deliver the material from a lesson plan or script or using the pre-recorded video clips from the Red Balloon Foundation team. Or, new for 2020, our team can even join you by Zoom and facilitate live!

The sessions are structured into four sections which include the annunciation, shepherds, Magi and birth of Jesus, linking those four key elements of the nativity with modern secular Christmas through English, music and sensory activities.

Each ChristmasBox costs RBF £60 to prepare and churches can use them on a 'borrow and return' basis or they can purchase them to use year after year. Like all of the resources that RBF offer, we provide them on a 'pay what you can' basis so some churches will pay £60 a box, some use them for free and others donate more.

There are thirty of each resource that the children need to interact with in each box (with top ups supplied where multiple groups are using the boxes) and everything is easy to clean and sanitise ready for the next group to use, making this a great COVID19 secure way to engage your local schools and ministry groups with the Christmas story! For more information or to book your boxes for 2020 and 2021, contact resource@rbf.org.uk or head to www.rbf.org.uk/balloonbox

FamilyBox & BalloonStream

During this season where many families are still unable to attend church even when the national restrictions end we continue to provide postal and virtual Sunday School activities. **FamilyBox** contains everything a family needs to run a fun and engaging session together at home exploring God's Word including resources for three craft activities, age differentiated discussion questions, stories and a prayer activity delivered by post for £5 per family per week and **BalloonStream** is a fully interactive virtual Sunday School over Zoom! To sign up families from your church, contact resource@rbf.org.uk or check out www.rbf.org.uk/familybox



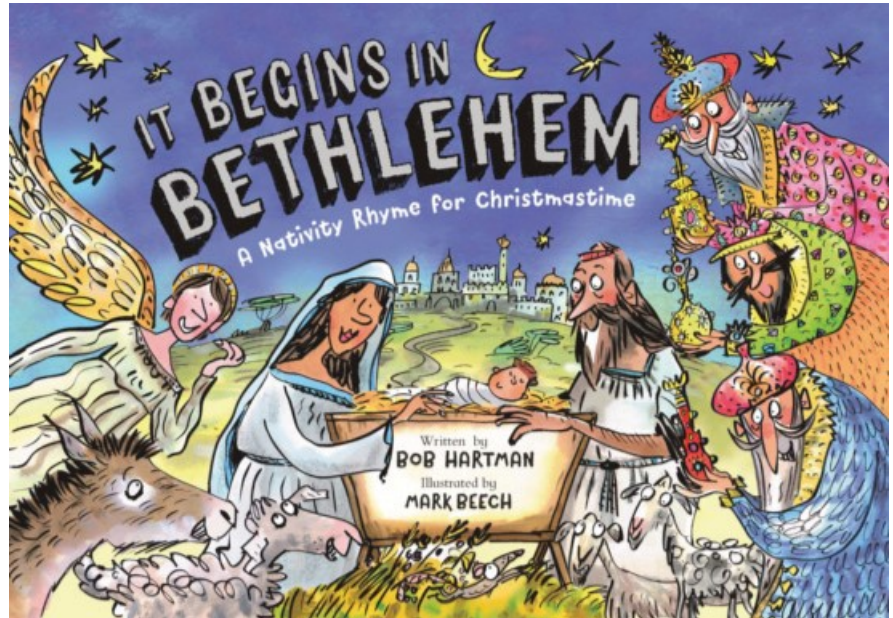
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Bible Society

It Begins in Bethlehem

Bible Society's new Christmas children's booklet gives a fresh perspective on the nativity with glorious rhymes and lively illustrations. A great way to share the message of Christmas with children in your family, church and community.

The booklet is accompanied by a fun, rehearsal-free Instant Nativity, perfect for your church Christmas service. There is also a brilliant, free video animation.



The booklet, Instant Nativity and animation are available in English and Welsh.

To see all of Bible Society's new Christmas resources, including beautiful cards, stickers and gift ideas go to biblesociety.org.uk/christmas

Good Book Company

The Good Book Company are an Evangelical Christian publisher based in Surrey, producing resources that are Biblical, Relevant and Accessible. Those resources are used throughout the English speaking world and are now also translated in to nearly 40 languages.

Christmas specific resources can be found here <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/christmas/>

FREE Lesson Plans can be found here - <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/free-lesson-plans/>



Care for the Family

Kitchen Table Project

The Kitchen Table project is all about equipping parents to build faith in our children in the everyday moments. We have loads of resources and support for both parents and the church to help join the dots between church and the home. Our website is jam packed full of support and resources for parents and churches

<https://kitchentable.org.uk/>

Calendar

Our newest resource available for purchase, perfect Christmas present...

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/shop/faith-resources/366-day-perpetual-calendar>

Inspire

Inspire is a free 90 minute session for parents and carers to start the conversation, works brilliantly online or in person. Everything is available to [download online](#) for free as well as additional follow up questions.



Bible Society

Layla's Advent Adventure

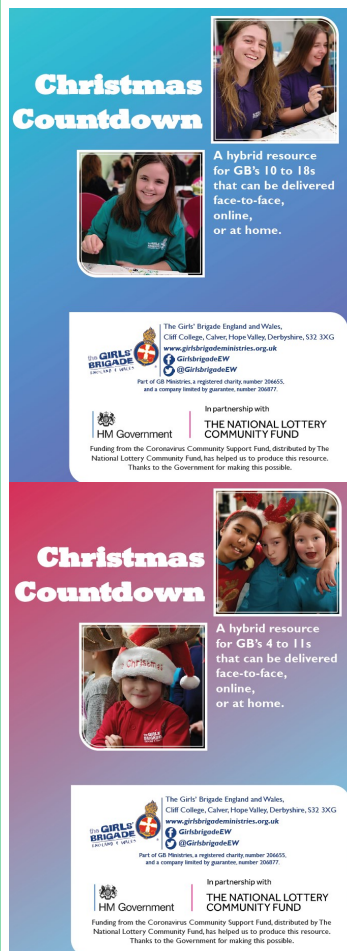
If you're turning your thoughts towards Christmas you might like to countdown to the big day with Layla the Lamb's Advent Adventure book.

This brilliant resource is suitable for children both in and out of Girls' Brigade and is primarily designed for under 11s. It offers an alternative to the 'naughty' elf on the shelf concept as you countdown to Christmas sharing messages of kindness, joy and love, as well as the nativity story.

But don't just take our word for it, this is what Mum of one Jess Cowley, a Girls' Brigade Team Leader, says 'I'm really excited to start sharing Layla's adventures with my daughter, it's a great resource for us to be able to spend time together having fun, learning the Christmas story and getting in the festive spirit. I can't wait to start this tradition!'

The resource is free with every Layla the Lamb toy purchased (Code: GBG27661, £12.30) or can be bought separately for just £1 (Code: GBG00152) from GB Trading –

www.girlsbrigadetrading.com



Christmas Countdown

Girls' Brigade Ministries has also produced a Christmas Countdown resource – this consists of two programme booklets – one for 4 to 11s and one for 10 to 18s.

Christmas Countdown is a look at the themes of advent – a journey together towards Christmas, considering God coming close to us and linked to the fact we might not have been physically close to those we love this year but we can be close to them in other ways. It's supported by 10 YouTube videos, which share Bible stories, prayers, and demonstrations of how to do craft activities.

The material is suitable for delivery face-to-face in a group, online, or could be sent to parents/carers for them to do with their children at home. Although we think programme content is important, connection with children, young people and their families is even more so. So we'd encourage leaders to tailor these resource tools for their own context and community allowing space for things like dialogue, prayer, outreach, and points of connection in a COVID-19 secure manner. These programme booklets were produced exclusively for Girls' Brigade leaders but we're happy to share them via email for a suggested donation of £5 per PDF.

Contact claire.rush@gb-ministries.org for details.

[Find out more about Girls' Brigade Ministries at our website](http://www.girlsbrigadetrading.com)



Youth for Christ

Intro/Outro Christmas Resource

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-XShc828CUoD3dM8CfK1xg>

Intro Outro is a YouTube channel that creates weekly videos designed to positively inspire young people. The channel introduces Gen Z-A to the Christian faith. Every video is different; sometimes funny, sometimes thought provoking, but always accessible for young people. Leading up to Christmas there will be Christmas themed videos all linked to the biblical narrative of Christmas. Use these as part of youth sessions, a Church service online or simply send links directly to young people to watch and then follow up.

Yo-Ho-Go-Colour Christmas Cards

<https://yfc.co.uk/yo-ho-go-colour-this-christmas/>

We love colouring and we love celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas and so we thought we'd bring those 2 things together and create some Go Colour Christmas cards, which you can pre-order to be delivered direct to your door! **12 x** A5 cards per pack, 3 designs – £6 delivered.

Use these to send to young people, give out in goody packs for families to colour and send or use these as part of a youth session to talk about how they can share the Christmas message with their friends.

Go-Colour Books

<https://yfc.co.uk/gocolour/>

There are 3 different themed beautifully hand-drawn books packed full of things to doodle, colour-in and pray about. The whole thing is designed to help you, your children, young people and their families to engage with God creatively in prayer. These would make a Christmas great gift for children and young people or they could be placed in goody bags sent out to families. They are also great resources to be used as part of children and youth group sessions.

Gather the Family

<https://yfc.co.uk/gatherthefamily/>

Many parents have shared how they don't feel confident to explore faith as a family and when asked young people are not sure how they can connect with God in the home. We want to help families be confident in living out faith in the everyday nooks and crannies of life, especially when so much time is being spent in the home together and access to church and youth groups is limited. These videos, of practical and creative ideas of how faith can be explored at home, can be sent out to young people and families to encourage them to gather within their household this Christmas and have a go together. These videos are free and there are downloadable pdfs with the activities explained which could be sent to families in Christmas goodie bags.

General Resources

<https://resources.yfc.co.uk/>

We want this website to function like an extra youth and children's worker in your team. There are loads of exceptional resources and ideas here to help you reach and disciple 7-25s in your community so please feel free to search around. You can sign up for a free 6 week trial to all our resources, which this term include Christmas themed sessions and Christmas social ideas.



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Bristol Schools Connection

Christmas in a Box

A fresh way of sharing the Christmas story in what we hope will be a special 'wonder' moment of spiritual development and RE learning for primary school children. The idea is for local churches to facilitate the session/s in school (if possible) as a way of building their relationship with the school and blessing them. This year, it may be more likely that the resource will be delivered to school by the local church for teachers to facilitate. As you know, some churches are able to host Christmas Experiences in church (in ordinary times) – these are wonderful but people-resource heavy. Christmas in a Box provides a more simple alternative for smaller, less resourced churches. Our hope is that churches will use it with one year group (or two) year on year in their local primary schools.



We also have a pack of downloadable resources and a Source File for ideas of where to purchase the other resources required. If anyone is interested in using Christmas in a Box they can get in touch with us for these files.

We estimate it costs between £170 and £200 to put a box together – but it's an investment as this resource can be used year after year. In addition, it costs between £1.50 and £2 per child for the consumable items.

For more information, contact liz@bristolschoolsconnection.co.uk



Hand in Hand

Hand in Hand and Children Matter have been working together during this year to run Zoom sessions on Nurturing Faith and Hope in a Pandemic for children and family ministry workers and they ran a fantastic session recently much like "A Christmas Like No Other" available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tsx-ajFthV4>

For future online and face to face Hand in Hand/Faithful Generation events check out <http://www.handinhandconference.com/>

Some links recommended at the Hand in Hand session included...

[Faithful Generation Book](#)

[The Adventures of Teddy: Teddy Loves Christmas](#)

[Two Minute Twist](#)

[KidsUK Schools Work](#)

[Advent Puppet Calendar](#)

[Messy Nativity Sheep Trail](#)

[Messy Christingle](#)

[Children's Society Christingle](#)

[Missional Generation Augmented Reality Resource](#)

[Bob Hartman Rhyming Bible](#)



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Roots



This Advent and Christmas, ROOTS is offering all churches and Christian organisations two resources - helping us reflect on the challenges of 2020 and share light, hope and peace with our communities.

Jesse Tree

This year the light, hope and peace which Jesus brings is more significant than ever. The winter is dreaded by many, with COVID-19 related restrictions on socialising and contact with others. In this Advent season, a Jesse tree on display in a window or garden at home or outside a church could be a really wonderful symbol of hope.



Adults, children and young people can all enjoy this activity.

In this video <https://vimeo.com/473411594> Clare Williams, ROOTS Children & Young People Editor, tells us more about the history of a Jesse tree and how you could use our Jesse tree resource this Advent.



Now and Then: Reflecting on 2020 through the Christmas story

Five 'scenes' take the context and characters from the Christmas story and invite us to make connections with life during the pandemic.

Perfect for adults and young people - as individuals or in groups

Each scene includes questions, prayer, a song to explore a passage from Luke or Matthew's account of the Christmas story.

Explore the connection between 'now' and 'then' through a monologue where a voice talks about an aspect of life in the pandemic, and then switches to a voice from a character in the Christmas story.

Find free ROOTS Advent and Christmas resources at www.rootsontheweb.com/adventchristmas2020

Quick Links...

From **Messy Church** you can check out:

Christmas Resources: <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/summary-christmas-resources>

Messy Church at Home: <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-church-home-messy-christmas>

Christmas Ideas Facebook Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/301262049985364/videos/2127667057368567>

From **Wycombe YFC** have a look at:

Christmas Unwrapped: www.wycombeyfc.org.uk/christmasunwrapped.