



All Around the Manger

Devotional Starter---Using a nativity as an object lesson.

Add in your own verses and illustrations. Enjoy the process!

What you will need: A Nativity Scene

Questions to ask.

- Who are around Baby Jesus?
- What part did each person play in the Christmas story?

Typically nativity scenes have the following:

- Angel
- Mary
- Joseph
- Baby Jesus
- Animals
- Shepherds
- Wise Men

We all know that nativity scenes aren't usually chronologically correct according to the Bible.

- We know the Wise Men didn't meet Jesus until Mary and Joseph were living in a house (Matthew 2:11). We know their journey was probably long so we don't know exactly how old Jesus was, but he was not a newborn.

- We know an angel came to Mary (Luke 1:26-38). An angel came to Joseph before Jesus was born (Matthew 1:20). And we know that angel (and many angels) came to the shepherds in the field (Luke 2:8-14). But it doesn't say there were any angels when Jesus was born.

Investigate.

- Where is each person when they are introduced into the Christmas story?
- When did each person in the story find the Baby (or Toddler) Jesus?
- What pointed the way for each to find Jesus?
- What was their motivation to see Jesus?
- What did each person do when they found Jesus?

Make it personal.

- Have you met Jesus?
- When did you meet Him?
- What pointed the way for you to seek Jesus?
- What motivated you to seek Christ?
- What motivates you on a daily basis to seek His Word and pray?
- What have you done since you found Jesus?