

*Thank you for coming to join in our Foundation Stage Advent Crib Service.*



*St Joseph's Foundation Stage*

*Crib Service*

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November*

Welcome: Prayer

We are gathered here together in celebration of the beginning of Advent, as we light the first candle, may it help us prepare to welcome Jesus your Son into our hearts and lives, may the light of his love shine through us.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song: Light One Candle

Light one candle

See it shining bright

Jesus will be coming soon

He will be our light.

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Song: Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,

No crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head

The stars in the bright sky

Looked down where he lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Cattle are lowing

The baby awakes

But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes

I love thee, Lord Jesus

Look down from the sky

And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus,

I ask thee to stay

Close by me forever and love me I pray

Bless all the dear children

In thy tender care

And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Three Kings (reading)

Carol: We Three Kings.

We three Kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we travel so far  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Response - Lord graciously hear us

May Advent be a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus - Lord hear us  
May Advent be a time to prepare to welcome Jesus into our homes - Lord hear us  
May Advent be a time to prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts - Lord hear us  
May Advent be a time to teach us to love as you love, give as you give - Lord hear us  
May Advent be a time of peace and joy - Lord hear us  
May Advent be a time when we love others as God loves us - Lord hear us  
  
Let us ask Mary his mother for her help and guidance as we say 'The Hail Mary'

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem (Reading)

Carol: Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road  
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load.  
Been a long time, little donkey through the winter's night  
don't give up now, little donkey  
Bethlehem's in sight.

Chorus

Ring out those bells tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Follow that star tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.

Little donkey, little donkey had a heavy day  
Little donkey carry Mary safely on her way.

The Shepherd's Travel to Bethlehem (reading)

Carol: While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

All seated on the ground

The angel of the Lord came down

And glory shone around

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled mind

Glad tidings of great joy I bring

To you and all mankind

To you, in David's town, this day

Is born of David's line

A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord

And this shall be the sign

The heavenly Babe you there shall find

To human view displayed

All meanly wrapped in swathing bands

And in a manger laid.

Baby Jesus is Born (reading)

Song: Lullaby

*Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir*

*We will lend a coat of fur*

*We will rock you, rock you, rock you*

*We will rock you, rock you, rock you*

*See the fur to keep you warm*

*Snugly round your tiny form.*

*Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep*

*Sleep in comfort, slumber deep*

*We will rock you, rock you, rock you*

*We will rock you, rock you, rock you*

*We will serve you all we can*

*Darling, darling little man.*