

The Christmas Story

On 25 December we celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Jesus who was called Christ...

Before Jesus was born, his parents, Mary and Joseph, went to a town called Bethlehem. It was very busy and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. A friendly innkeeper let them sleep in his stable with the animals. Jesus was born, and Mary wrapped him in cloths and put him in the manger. A star appeared in the sky over the stable.

Out in the fields, some shepherds were looking after their sheep when suddenly an angel appeared. The shepherds were very scared. The angel told the shepherds not to be scared because he had brought good news. He told them that Jesus had been born and that he would be the person who would save the world. He told the shepherds to go and see Jesus. Then there were lots more angels who sang glory to God and peace on earth.

The shepherds went to see the baby Jesus. They knelt down in front of the manger and were very happy that they had found the one who had been sent by God. When they left, they told everybody they could find about Jesus and about how he was going to save the world.

Later on, some wise men came from the East to see Jesus. They brought special gifts because they knew that Jesus was a king. They were surprised that he had been born in a stable and not in a palace. They worshipped Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And so...

Each Christmas we celebrate Jesus being born. God gave us Jesus as a present to show that he loves us. Each Christmas we give each other presents to show people that we love them.

The Messy Nativity Sheep Trail in Stanley

One of the Stanley Shepherds wants to go and see baby Jesus, but he can't find all his sheep! He knows that he went to these shops and places – will you help him find his missing sheep?

Name of Shop/ place	Name of Sheep
Stanley Store
Spar
Men's Shed, the Mill
5 Shielhill Place
38 Mill Street
30 Athole Drive
Tayside Hotel
13A East Brougham Street
12 East Brougham Street
5 East Brougham Street
7 James Place
10 James Street
Hairdresser
Stanley Primary
Butcher
Chemists
Penny's, King Street
The Manse, 22 King Street



When you find a sheep you can write its name in the spaces above.

Thank you for taking part in the Messy Nativity Sheep Trail.
Have you found the names of all the sheep?
Have you written their names in the spaces?
Would you like to enter a prize draw?

The Messy Nativity Sheep Trail
is an activity of Redgorton and
Stanley Messy Church.



More Advent Messy Church fun on Sunday
16th December 3pm at Luncarty Church
Centre, finishing with a family tea at 5pm,
free entry, all age activities.

Christingle Family Service Monday 24th
December 6.30pm at Luncarty Church
Centre.

So what do you do now?

1. Tear along the dotted line.
2. Take home the colouring picture side of the leaflet.
3. Clearly enter your details below.
4. Place this side of your leaflet in the letterbox at
The Manse, 22 King Street by Friday 14th December.

Name (print clearly).....

Contact phone number.....

Email

Age if under 16

A prize draw will take place on Sunday 16th December at 5pm



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