

Advent & Christmas Resources

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101 Ideas for the Best-Ever Christmas

BK. G.924

Caryl Waller Krueger 1992

Includes ways to emphasize the spiritual side of Christmas, stories of the season, gift projects, menus, recipes, and family activities.

101 Things to Do for Christmas

BK. G.927

Debbie Trafton O'Neal 1995

This book has many activities for children and adults. Colorful illustrations and easy-to-follow diagrams help families create a puppet Nativity, make greeting cards and bake treats among many other activities.

Advent Alphabet

BK. G.915

P. Vos Wezeman & J. Fournier 1989

For each letter in the alphabet, a unique method or a fresh focus on a familiar technique is developed. These creative ideas provide a rich resource of activities for children to use during Advent.

Advent Attitude

BK. G.9148

M.K. Boyle Contemporary Drama Service

Four sketches for lighting the Advent wreath candles. 2-4 players. 3-5 minutes each.

Advent Banner, The

BK. G.9100

Gordon and Ruth Bennett Contemporary Drama Service

Patterns and instructions to make an Advent banner. Includes eight booklets of liturgies.

Advent Calendar on DVD

DVD G.9115

Vision Video 2007

25 mini-documentaries (each 3-4 minutes long) tell how Christmas features such as the wreath and nutcracker came about. Also has a PDF coloring book, Bible reading, music, more.

Advent Conspiracy

KIT G.9143

R. McKinley, C. Seay, G. Holder 2009 Zondervan

This DVD group study shows how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple concepts: worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all. Four sessions. Includes a book with discussion guide.

Advent Instructor: Reflections on Christmas Symbolism

BK. G.957

Kenneth A. Mortonson 1995

This collection will help enrich readers and listeners awareness of the symbols that surround them during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Advent Services

BK. G.9144

David G. Rogne 2007 Abingdon Press

Ready-to-use worship and preaching resources for the four Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Includes litanies for lighting the Advent wreath.

Advent Worship Service, An

BK. G.997

Eulonda A. Dreher 2001 CSS

An Advent program that weaves together informative readings, scripture, and familiar hymns with the lighting of the Advent wreath and the hanging of the greens.

All I Want for Christmas

BK. G.999

James A. Harnish 2003 Abingdon Press

A four-week Advent study on separating what we want from what we need. Each week's lesson contains a key Scriptural passage, a brief reflection, questions, a suggested carol and a prayer.

Angel, the Spider, and the Christmas Tree, The BK. G.941

Alice Dare 1996 Bridge Resources

A tiny, humble spider with a very large heart offers her beloved human family a gift that only she can provide in this delightful retelling of a charming children's folktale.

Angels We Will Hear on High! BK. G.962

Arthur F. Fogartie 1999 Geneva Press

Eight Christmas stories written by longtime pastor Arthur F. Fogartie – stories of love, faith, and the wonder of the holiday season, each originally presented to his congregation as a story-sermon for Christmas Eve.

Be My Guest BK. A.452

C. Thomas Hilton 1991 Abingdon Press

Special sermons for Holy Communion are organized according to the seasons of the church year. The book includes four Advent, four Lenten, four ordinary, five New Year's Eve and two world communion sermons, plus 18 extraordinary sermon illustrations.

Best Christmas Pageant Ever, The DVD G.9134

Television Representative Inc. 1986 60 minutes

The Herdmans are the nastiest dirtiest kids you could ever meet and they've just decided they belong in this year's pageant. The town thinks they belong in the care of the local police. Then the curtain goes up and a miracle begins.

Best Christmas Pageant Ever, The VT 243

Ecuofilm 1995 25 min.

Best (Worst) Christmas Pageant Ever, The BK. G.9138

The outlaw Herdman family has taken over this year's Christmas pageant and it maybe the worst – or best – one ever. 108 pages.

Biblical Origins of Christmas VT G.9108

Dr. Bruce Metzger Princeton Seminary

How did the Biblical narratives of Jesus' birth come about and why are there differences in the accounts? For individual or small group study. In two segments: 23 minutes per segment.

Birth of Jesus, The VT G.987 and DVD G.1053

Tommy Nelson/Visual Bible for Kids 1998 30 min.

It's a tree trimming night for the Barnes family – and a young guest who thinks the Bible is "just another story." Then, a favorite uncle reads the Christmas story and the Bible comes to life. (DVD version also contains the 30-minute story, The Story Behind the Cross.)

Boys Can Be Angels Too BK. G.9120

2003 Abingdon Press

Boys Can Be Angels Too & Three Other Christmas Dramas contains 4 different dramas for the Christmas season. Dramas run 20 to 30 minutes and include non-speaking parts for younger children.

Brightest Star of All BK. G.9128

Carrie Papa 2008 Abingdon Press

Christmas stories for families. This small book uses the power of simple stories to bring readers to a new understanding of the Nativity. Includes stories about animals, light, tradition, flowers, more.

Case for Christmas, The BK. G.9104

Lee Strobel 2005 Zondervan

Consulting experts on the Bible, archaeology and messianic prophecy, a journalist searches out the true identity of the child in the manger. He looks for eyewitness evidence, scientific evidence, profile evidence, and "fingerprint" evidence.

Causes of Hunger: A User's Guide BK. J.911

Bread for the World 1995

Companion Guide to Causes of Hunger: Hunger 1995. This guide has nine sessions for individuals, families and congregations to use for C.E. meetings, youth meetings, Lenten and Advent series, or weekend retreats. Includes dozens of activities and approaches you can use.

Celebrate Christmas: Easy Dramas, Speeches, and Recitations for Children BK. G.9118

Peg Augustine 2002 Abingdon Press

Celebrate Christmas begins with three poems for Thanksgiving that can be said by one or more young children followed by six poems for Christmas. Prayers for Advent and an explanation of some of the names for Jesus round out the end of the book.

Celebrate Video VT.206
1994 PC(USA) 25 min. Age 2-5th Grade

Explores in simple terms: 1)The Church Family, 2)The Church Year, 3)Marriage, Church Leaders, Funerals, 4)Baptism, 5)The Lord's Supper, 6)What is a Christian Steward, 7)Advent Christmas, 8)Lent, 9)Pentecost.

Celebrating the Advent/Christmas Season BK. G.917

Anne Neufeld Rupp 1989

This Christmas resource contains ideas and suggestions for church school teachers, superintendents, families and pastors as well as for those who plan the annual Christmas program.

Charlie Brown Christmas, A VT G.988
1965 United Features Syndicate, Inc. 25 min.

The classic holiday special from the Peanuts gang.

Chrismon Service, A BK. G.952
Ellen and James Edgar 1981 CSS Publishing Company

A Chrismon Service is a worship service for Christmas time, designed to incorporate the meaning of Chrismons. It portrays the drama of redemption through the use of Chrismons-symbols of Christ. These symbols are presented, explained, and then hung on the Chrismon tree.

Chrismons – They Point to Jesus BK. G.956
Diane L. Gibson 1996 CSS Publishing Company

This book provides patterns, instructions and background information for twenty different Chrismons, or “mono-grams of Christ.” It also includes a church program for presenting and explaining the meanings of these Christian symbols. The program includes children and adults and incorporates the singing of the Christmas hymns.

Christian Christmas Tree BK. G.936 (volume 1) BK. G. 937 (volume 2)
1990 Abingdon Press

These books contains full-size, easy-to-use patterns to make ornaments for your Christian Christmas tree. Each ornament is a symbol taken either from the Bible or from church history.

Christmas Across America VT.106
Bridgestone Production Group 40 minutes

A musical portrait depicting some of the ways Christmas is celebrated in the United States. Some of the carols: Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Good King Wenceslas, Joy to the World.

Christmas Bells and Blessings BK. G.946
Hazel Jaycox Brown 1996 Abingdon's Press

Enrich your advent and Christmas worship services with this collection of services and dramas – a very special way to involve the whole church in celebrating the birth of God's only begotten Son.

Christmas Carol, A BK. G.9151

Charles Dickens, with notes by Stephen Skelton

The complete text of Dickens' classic, with running notes by Skelton, revealing how the story was influenced by the teachings of Christ.

Christmas Carol Bible Study DVD G.9111
2006 Entertainment Ministry

A DVD-based Bible study featuring the classic film with relevant scriptures for presenting the teachings of Jesus. In four parts: Selfishness, Regret, Repentance, and Salvation. Each video segment is approximately 15 minutes. Includes a leader book.

- Christmas Comes But Once a Year** BK. G.9145
Melvin R. White Contemporary Drama Service
A Readers theater presentation in three parts. Part 1: Bible Quotations – Christmas Defined Part 2: The Rainbow and the Star by George P. McCallum Part 3: The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore. 10-16 readers each section.
- Christmas Customs Around the World** BK. G.980
Herbert H. Wernecke 2002 WJK
A variety of Christmas miscellanea intended to supplement, not duplicate, other books on Christmas customs. Also has recipes and suggestions for a Christmas program based on world-wide customs.
- Christmas Dramas** BK. G.943
John and Nina Bates 1993 Abingdon's Press
Five programs especially for children use a variety of ways to present the Christmas message: songs, poems, playlets, and narration.
- Christmas Is** VT.137
1987 Family Films 22 min. 4-11 years old
Benji is excited when he discovers how important the second shepherd really was at that very first Christmas. But even more exciting is Benji's discovery that Christmas is Jesus!
- Christmas Pageants and Plays: 12 Complete Plays** BK. G.918
Evelyn Minshull 1990
Flexibility is a factor in this collection of twelve complete Christmas pageants. Use the pageants as they are outlined here or choose alternative groupings from other pageants.
- Christmas Programs for the Church** BK. G.9125
Elaine Meyer, compiler 2008 Standard Publishing
Poems, dramas, skits, prayers, and readings for Christmas and Thanksgiving.
- Christmas Programs for the Church** BK. G.9127
Brynn Robertson, compiler 2006 Standard Publishing
Poems, dramas, skits, prayers, and readings for Christmas and Thanksgiving.
- Christmas Recitations** BK. G.944
Evelyn Minshull 1985 Abingdon Press
Flexibility is the key in this collection of thirteen complete Christmas pageants. Through creative mix-and-match, its eighty-plus recitations, songs, skits, and plays offer limitless potential for additional productions.
- Christmas Scene Revisited, The** BK. G.929
Phyllis Vos Wezeman 1990 Educational Ministries
The children portray nativity characters, and are photographed in costume in several scenes. These slides are then combined with songs, narration, scripture, and finger plays to create a special program or worship service. The script uses children in grades 1-6, however it can be adapted to any age group.
- Christmont Tree, The** BK. G.938
Elaine Clanton Harpine 1954
A tree-trimming workshop and program using Christ-centered ornaments.
- Cloth for the Cradle** BK. G.9123
2005 Wild Goose Publications The Iona Community
Out-of-the-ordinary worship resources for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany from the Iona Community. Provocative prayers, litanies, dramas, and other worship resources.
- Come to Christmas** BK. G.951

Compiled by Pat Floyd 1993 & 1998 Abingdon Press
The customs of the Christmas and Advent season.

- Countdown to Christmas** BK. G.954
Lucille Mewhorter 1997 CSS Publishing Company Youth of any age
Very little preparation time is required. Scripture, tradition, and the lighting of the Advent Wreath are combined to provide an enlightening, inspiring worship program.
- Creative Ideas for Advent** BK. G.901, G.902, G.903 (Vol. 1, 2, 3 & 4)
Robert G. Davidson, Editor 1980/1986/1990
Contains creative planning for Church, Children's and Youth activities.
- Destination Christmas!** BK. G.967
Laura and Billy Echols-Richter 2001 Abingdon Press
Advent Programs and practices for youth. Seven programs to help youth learn about Advent, plus practices such as the Advent wreath and caroling. Also includes a floppy disk with handouts, journal pages, newsletter copy and publicity flyers.
- Discovering Christmas** BK.G.960
Jeron Ashford Frame 1998 Judson Press-Valley Forge
A treasury of useful resources for churches and families.
- Double Take!** BK. G.9130
Dennis Martin 2008 Abingdon Press
A Christmas pageant as told by Matthew and Luke. The story of the birth of Christ told with humor, mystery and awe. Includes reproducible song texts, an audio CD, flexible staging, and a reproducible script. Written for children, but appeals to adults.
- Drama of Christmas, The** BK. G.922
Morton Kelsey 1994
Readers of this heartening book will discover how to open their own lives to God by probing the hearts of Mary, Joseph, the innkeeper, Herod, and others who participated in the drama two millennia ago.
- Eureka Christmas Recitations** BK. G.945
Abingdon
Classic program material for beginner, primary, and junior children, including exercises, recitations, short pageants and songs.
- Everything Christmas** BK. G.9141
2010 Waterbrook Press
A book full of Advent and Christmas ideas. Includes stories, hymns, recipes, poems, trivia, and more.
- Expecting the Unexpected** BK. G.9124
Blair Gilmer Meeks 2006 Upper Room Books
An Advent devotional guide. Use this daily guide to reconnect with the Christmas story.
- Feasting on the Word – Worship Companion** BK. C. 238
Kimberly Bracken Long, editor 2012 WJK
Year C, Volume 1 Advent through Pentecost. Includes a CD.
- First Christmas, The** DVD G.982 (also VT G.982)
1998 Gateway Films 21 minutes
An award-winning, clay-animated production narrated by Christopher Plummer, telling the traditional story of Jesus' birth.
- From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light** BK. C.752
Ann Weems 2010 WJK
A collection of poems to be used in worship, personal devotions and in discussions. It is organized to follow the liturgical year from Advent through Easter.

- God Is in the Manger** BK. G.9140
Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2010 Westminster John Knox
Forty-one devotions for Advent and Christmas through Epiphany.
- God Is in the Manger** BK. G.9140B [hard back]
Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2012 Westminster John Knox
Reflections on Advent and Christmas.
- Good News of Advent, The** BK. G.932
Henry R. Rust 1994 Educational Ministries
This adult Advent study emphasizes the message of the Prophet Isaiah, Second Isaiah, and a brief glance at the other Isaiahs. The intent of this study is to penetrate our hardened hearts and discover the divine purpose of our lives, just as the prophets sought to do.
- Great Light, A** BK. C.239
J. B. Quisenberry 1992 CSS Publishing Co.
Services for Advent wreath lighting and Christmas Eve candlelighting.
- Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah** BK. G.9107a Leader's Guide
BK. G.9107b Participant's Guide
Carol Bechtel Reynolds 1995 Kerygma
Hallelujah explores the Scriptural texts of Handel's Messiah and includes musical commentary. With four sessions on the Advent texts and six sessions on the Lenten texts, it may be offered as two seasonal courses or as one ten-week course. A recording of Messiah is recommended for class use.
- Holiday Ideas for Youth Groups** BK. F.217
Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli 1989
Presents knock-'em-dead activities for youth of every age, secular and Christian. Every major holiday from Christmas and New Year to Easter and Thanksgiving is included. (Even some less celebrated holidays- Groundhog Day, for example).
- In Advent** BK. G.916
Elaine M. Ward 1993
The goal of this book is to emphasize the importance of establishing Advent traditions in the church and home. Over 100 ideas are presented toward that end, divided into sections on storytelling, activities, writing, poetry, music and prayer.
- In Search of Christmas** BK. G.994
Various authors 2002 CSS
An anthology of holiday material provides a collection of resources for drama, worship and young people. Worship services, dramas, and a Thanksgiving event.
- Journey to Christmas** KIT G.9150
2011 Tyndale Entertainment
Five diverse people experience the Holy Land for the first time to discover the true meaning of Christmas. Guided by local Bible scholar Nizar Shaheen, they search for answers to their questions about the Nativity account. Four episodes, 180 minutes.
- Joy of Christmas, The** CD G.989
A CD of Christmas songs and an accompanying book of stories, poems and prayers.
- Kneeling in Bethlehem** BK. G.965
Ann Weems 1980 Westminster Press
Twenty-six poems and selections from earlier works reflecting on the mystery of Christmas. Weems leads the reader to think about the season's events in a creative and powerful way.
- Legend of the Candy Cane** VT G.992
Zonderkidz 2001 60 min.

A story of hope and the hidden meaning of a favorite Christmas candy – the candy cane. Based on the best-selling book.

Legends and Traditions of Christmas BK. G.959
 Trudie West Revoir 1998 Judson Press-Valley Forge
 Devotional ideas for family and group use during Advent.

Let's Make a Jesse Tree! (Banner) BK. G.919
 Darcy James 1987
 This booklet offers step-by-step instructions for making a Jesse Tree Advent calendar. But that's not all – it also offers 25 accompanying Bible readings, to help children learn the Christmas story as they add each new symbol to their Jesse Tree Advent calendar.

Lighting the Way VT.339
 Ecuofilm 1998 25 min. Children/Youth/Adults
 A half-hour, multi-cultural video featuring four young people and their family celebrations of *Kwanzaa, La Posada, Hanukkah, and Christmas*.

Lion & the Lamb, The VT G.9113
 Rabbit Ears 2005 24 min.
 The touching story of how an escaped lion and a newborn lamb teach a brother and sister the true spirit of Christmas.

Little Brown Burro VT.214
 Embassy 30 minutes Children
 A musical Christmas story of a rejected burro's journey to self-confidence.

Little Troll Prince, The VT.138
 Hanna-Barbera Productions, Inc. 1987 46 min. 4-11 year olds
 Follow Bu, the Little Troll Prince, as his frozen heart melts into joy because of the great Christmas gift of God's love. The Troll world (where no word for love exists) is turned upside down by the Christmas message.

Living with Hope BK. G.986
 John Polkinghorne 2003 WJK
 A scientist looks at Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. This book illuminates biblical thinking with new insights from the author's twin disciplines of theology and science. Includes daily readings for the seasons. Suitable for individual and small group study.

Mary's First Christmas BK. G.991
 Walter Wangerin Jr. 1998 Zondervan
 A storybook. The bedtime story Mary may have told a five-year-old Jesus about the night of his birth.

Miracle of Christmas, The BK. G.9110
 James W. Moore 2006 Abingdon Press
 A four-week Advent study that explores the miracle of Christmas. Chapter titles: "The Miracle of Good News," "The Miracle of Hospitality," "The Miracle of Giving," and "The Miracle of Christmas." Each lesson includes questions to discuss, a brief prayer and a focus for the coming week.

Mouse's Tale, The BK. G.9102
 C. Hansen and B. Latchaw 1992 Group
 An instant Christmas pageant. Spoken dialogue, sound effects and music are prerecorded on compact disc so children can concentrate on gestures and stage movement. For ages 4-12, but can be performed by anyone. Christmas story narrated by Grandma Mouse.

Mouse Tales: Things Hoped For BK. G.9101
 Ruth Boling 2005 Westminster John Knox
 Children's stories that take place during the Christmas season in the mouse town Hillsborough and their church, the Least of These. The stories show community and how to care for one another.

Mr. Krueger's Christmas VT.242 and DVD 242
1991 Ecuofilm 30 min.

This is a story of a lonely, poor, elderly man on Christmas Eve. Mr. Krueger is remembering many Christmas times of the past and hears a group of carolers outside. They sing for him and go on, returning later. The message shared is one of deep love which makes Christmas truly meaningful. (DVD version is the 25th anniversary version with additional features, such as a 25-minute concert from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.)

Nativity VT.01
1987 Ecuofilm 11 min. children to adults

The excitement of Christmas is conveyed through dozens of colorful manger scenes. Handcrafted from the 17th. to the 20th. centuries, these creches have been collected from around the world. They range from elegant to simple, humorous to sophisticated, and reflect the international uniqueness of the Christmas story.

Nativity DVD G.9137
Vision Video 30 minutes

A Christmas special about the history, art and spirituality of the crèche. The program shows an array of nativity scenes collected from across the globe.

NaTiVity Dramas BK. G.9116
Keith Hewitt 2007 CSS Publishing

Four popular television shows – Blue's Clues, CSI, Cops, and Trading Spaces – are transferred to the events in Bethlehem. The roles cover a wide range of ages. Each runs 45 min., except "Ewe's Clues," which runs 30 min.

Nativity, The VT.136
Hanna-Barbera Series 1987 30 min. 3-12 years old

All roads lead to Bethlehem as God fulfills a prophecy and a promise to mankind and a Child is born in a stable beneath a shining star.

Night the Animals Sang, The BK. G.9146
Katherine Babb Contemporary Drama Service

A children's Christmas play based on the tradition that animals learned to speak on the first Christmas Eve. Includes carols. 8 speaking parts plus extras. 15 minutes.

Operation Baby King – An Instant Christmas Pageant BK. G.964
Bob Latchaw 2000 Group

This pageant is instant because there are no lines to be memorized – so, no hassles, no headaches...and only a simple set to be assembled. Use the accompanying compact disk with its prerecorded soundtrack, including every line, song and sound. Young actors need only to follow along.

Origins of Christmas, The BK. G.9131
Joseph F. Kelly 2004 Liturgical Press

The author answers questions such as, Why did artists so frequently portray Joseph as an old man? And, When did the first Christmas music appear?

Our Family Memories of Christmas BK. G.9103
Patricia Williamson 2003 Contemporary Drama Service

A participation program for children and senior citizens. Children interview their church's elder members and share the stories with the congregation. Includes 10 copies of the program.

Privileged Conversations BK. G.973
Richard P. Olson 1996 United Church Press

Dramatic stories for Christmas. Wonder-filled Christmas stories, written as simple narrative dramas. These stories are written for individual readers or families and small groups or for worship leaders to use for services.

Programs for Advent and Christmas (1) BK. G.921; (2) BK. G.922A; (3) BK. G.921B
Vincie Alessi, Editor 1978

See how other churches have made Christmas in the church and church school a season of joyous celebrations. Try them in your church; these creative plans and innovative ideas can put new spirit and inspiration into your Advent and Christmas programs.

- Purpose of Christmas** KIT G.9142
Rick Warren 2008 Zondervan
What is God's purpose for Christmas is the theme of this three-session DVD small group study be spiritual leader Rick Warren. Each video lesson is 15 minutes. Includes study guide.
- Reaching for Rainbows: Resources for Creative Worship** BK. C.215
Ann Weems 1980 Westminster Press
Always full of joy and hope, these litanies and poems are ideal for individuals looking for devotional readings they can use privately or share with a group. They offer pastors fresh worship and sermon material covering such specific events as Christmas, weddings, Pentecost, and Communion.
- Rough Edges** VT.244
1994 Ecufilms 24 min.
Two women from opposite sides of the track meet in the city's park. With a vandalized manger scene in the back the two engage in conversation about life and the meaning of Christmas.
- Sampson's First Christmas** BK. G.9117
Carlene Morton 2006 CSS Publishing
A children's play perfect for small congregations. It can be adapted to accommodate any number of actors and can be presented as a play, puppet show or a readers' theater. Sampson is a squirrel who attempts to discover Christmas.
- Savior Is Born, A** KIT G.9139
Pete Briscoe 2009 Bluefish tv
Four Advent sessions allow viewers to experience cinematic short films that capture events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Each video session runs approximately 15 minutes. A leader's guide and workbook are included.
- Savior Is Born, The** VT G.9109
Rabbit Ears Production 2005 28 min.
This poignant retelling of the Nativity weaves together the gospels of Matthew and Luke as it follows Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. An awe-inspiring musical score captures the power and beauty of the birth of Jesus.
- Scriptures Sing of Christmas, The** BK. G.9105
J. Ellsworth Kalas 2004 Abingdon Press
A four-week study that examines songs of praise found in the Scriptures of Christmas: the Magnificat, the shepherds and the angels, Simeon with the infant Jesus, and "In the beginning was the Word..." Each lesson includes a brief reflection, questions, a prayer and focus for the coming week.
- Services for the Advent Wreath** BK. G.955
Robert Jarboe 1998 CSS Publishing Based on Lectionary Years A, B, and C
This resource covers all three years of the lectionary cycle. It provides bulletin inserts, litanies, prayers, scripture readings, and original choral intonations, which could be sung by a choir, ensemble, duet, or as a solo.
- Services for the Advent Wreath Cycle B** BK. G.9149
Robert S. Jarboe 2005 CSS Publishing
A selection of adaptable resources that place the Advent candles in the context of the day's Scripture readings, following the lectionary.
- Seven Advent Programs for Children** BK. G.995
Doris Wells Miller 2002 CSS
For preschool through sixth grade students. Seven programs with step-by-step worksheets, stage direction and cover sheets for a program.
- Silent Mouse** VT.147
1991 Bridgestone Group (EcuFilm) 60 min. All ages

The true story of the famous carol "Silent Night" starts in a little town in Austria where a chain of strange events happened on Christmas Eve 1887. In "Silent Mouse" Lynn Redgrave reveals a curious story of mice and men told in live action, and remarkable photography with a real mouse.

Simplify and Celebrate BK. G.949

Alternatives 1997 Northstone Publishing Inc. Kelowna, British Columbia

This resource is filled with useful ideas you can use to reclaim the joy and peace of the Christmas season. It offers activities and reflections based on the biblical story.

Simply Christmas BK. G.975

2001 Abingdon Press

Easy dramas, speeches and recitations for children. Includes four 20 minute programs, a 10 minute program, readings and music.

Stableboy's Christmas, The VT.144

Family Films 1990 30 min. 4-11 years olds

This Emmy Award-winning drama special finds 10 year old Tammy traveling back in time to the first Christmas to David, a stableboy in Bethlehem. When Mary and Joseph find no room in the inn, David offers his bed in the stable.

Star Over Bethlehem VT G.970

1986 Biblical Productions Ltd.

Filmed on the actual locations in the Holy Land, this film tells the Christmas story, including the rites, ancient traditions, Biblical sights and ancient chants. 30 mins.

Step-by-Step Crèche BK. G.9121

2000 Abingdon Press

Children will make their own Christmas crèche step by step and learn the importance of the figures they are making. Each step tells, in rhyming couplet, a part of the story of the first Christmas.

Things to Make and Do for Advent and Christmas BK. G.948 (2 copies)

Martha Bettis Gee 1997 Bridge Resources, Louisville, KY

This activity book is designed specifically to delight and engage children as they experience and explore the wonder and mystery of the real Christmas story.

Three Christmas Classics DVD G.9133

Envoy Productions 2002

Three classics on one DVD:

Christmas Is – An animated story about a little boy who is disappointed to be a shepherd yet again in the Christmas pageant. 22 minutes.

The City that Forgot about Christmas – A woodcarver's teaching of the birth of Jesus transforms an uncaring village. Animated. 22 minutes.

The Stableboy's Christmas – Ten year old Tammy travels back in time to the first Christmas to witness a stableboy's act of unselfish love. 27 minutes.

Three Christmas Programs for Elementary Children BK. G.942

John and Nina Bates 1984 Abingdon

This exciting resource weaves music, drama, and art into short, fun, easy-to-produce programs that help younger and middle elementary children bring the special spirit of the season to others. Parts for children; cast can be expanded or shortened.

Tomorrow We Go to Bethlehem BK. G.912

John McTavish, Editor 1986

Contains five plays for the Christmas season.

Traditional Christmas Pageant, A BK. G.9147

Nancy Seale Contemporary Drama Service

A Scripture-based program with carols. 14-30 children; 20-30 minutes.

- True Christmas Story, The** VT G.981 and DVD G.981
Focus on the Family 1999 VHS: 25 minutes (plus bonus segment of 20 mins.)
DVD: 25 minutes (37 minutes of bonus)
Travel to Israel to discover truths about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Archaeological evidence woven together with biblical teachings and historical record to contrast two kings: Herod and Jesus.
- Twas the Fight Before Christmas** VT.103
McGee and Me Series 1990 30 min. Ages 7-12
It's Christmastime! And Nicholas is doing everything he can to take part in it. From playing a wise man in the school Christmas play to finding the perfect gift for his mom. But Nick will make a dramatic discovery that help him look beyond the carols and decorations - to find the real meaning of the season.
- Twas the Month Before Christmas** BK. G.977
Martha H. King 1999 Morehouse Publishing
A coloring and activity book for children and families, church school teachers and students. Crafts, puzzles and word games.
- VeggieTales** VT.295
Big Idea Productions 1997 Time: 25 min.
The Toy That Saved Christmas (meaning of Christmas)
- VeggieTales' The Star of Christmas** DVD G.9114
2002 Big Idea Productions 45 minutes
Bob and Larry are putting the finishing touches on their first Christmas musical, a lavish production that will compete with a simple church pageant, opening the same night.
- Very Opinionated Christmas Tree, A** BK. G.9119
Abingdon Press 2005
A Very Opinionated Christmas Tree presents three short plays along with monologs, reader pieces and skits for the Christmas season. The title drama will help your church see what makes a real Christmas tree – not just a decorated tree.
- Waiting for Christmas: Stories and Activities** BK. G.926
Carol Greene 1987
Filled with creative stories and activities, this book will help make your season of Advent a time of joyful expectation.
- Walking in His Footsteps** KIT F.424
2004 Group Publishing
A multimedia journey through Jesus' last week. Participants are guided by dramatic narrative on CD as they move through 12 interactive multi-sensory stations. Can use at retreats, camp, as outreach, special events or a Christmas/Easter event. Includes CDs, videos, leader's guide and 10 participant booklets.
- We Rejoice in the Light: Candlelighting Ceremonies for Advent** BK. G.9152
Sandy Dixon 1988 CBP Press
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