

## The Nativity

The only guide to celebrating a greener Christmas shows you how to make your home merry, bright, and eco-friendly! Part craft, gardening, and cookbook, part home décor and entertaining guide, *A Greener Christmas* lets the whole family get in on projects that are simple, seasonal, and of-the-moment. Welcome guests with candlelit lanterns, hand-stitched stockings, and cozy homemade wreaths. Trim your homegrown tree with shiny recycled tinsel, spicy dried citrus fruits, and wood-scented pine cones. Give heartfelt, environmentally-friendly gifts like homemade herbal teas and mulled wine sachets, all wrapped up in gorgeous, reusable packaging. And set a mouthwatering holiday spread, with the freshest breads, cheeses, meats, and produce, all sourced from local farms. Edited by food and lifestyle maven Sheherazade Goldsmith, this book will help you plan the most beautiful, most festive, and most responsible Christmas yet.

This is a gorgeous new Christmas edition from the popular and creative Usborne Touchy-Feely team. Charming illustrations by Rachel Wells accompany a delightful, tactile retelling of the Christmas story, complete with fluffy donkeys, woolly sheep, a glittering angel and, of course, the baby Jesus sleeping in his soft blanket. This appealing large-format book makes the perfect present for young children who are experiencing Christmas for the very first time.

From pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller comes the perfect gift for the Christmas holiday—a profoundly moving and intellectually provocative examination of the nativity story. Even people who are not practicing Christians think they are familiar with the story of the nativity. Every Christmas displays of Baby Jesus resting in a manger decorate lawns and churchyards, and songs about shepherds and angels fill the air. Yet despite the abundance of these Christian references in popular culture, how many of us have examined the hard edges of this biblical story? In his new book Timothy Keller takes readers on an illuminating journey into the surprising background of the nativity. By understanding the message of hope and salvation within the Bible's account of Jesus' birth, readers will experience the redeeming power of God's grace in a deeper and more meaningful way.

Exquisite artwork with gold foil and a skillfully written text convey the universal appeal of the Christmas story to children of all ages. The account of Jesus' birth, familiar to children around the world, is powerfully retold here. Giotto's unsurpassed fresco cycle of the Nativity brings the story to vibrant life, while Geraldine Elschner's thoughtful text engages readers young and old.

The story of the nativity is brought to life with twinkling lights in the pages. The ten twinkly lights in this beautifully illustrated book bring the story of the nativity to life for little children. From a shining angel to the sparkling star the wise men follow, the lights create a unique and enchanting retelling of the story of the very first Christmas.

Experience the magic of the first Christmas in this illustrated board book, an ideal introduction to the nativity story for young children. The Christmas Story tells the tale of the first Christmas a long, long time ago, when the baby Jesus was born. The sky is filled with angels and a bright new star that tells the shepherds and the three wise men that someone very special has arrived.

There's no room at the inn but Mary and Joseph, and sleeping baby Jesus, are warm and cozy in the stables. Colorful illustrations and engaging text bring this classic story to life for new readers. Little ones will love pointing out details in the pictures of Nazareth and Bethlehem, and naming all the animals in the stable where the baby Jesus was born. The Christmas Story is perfect for reading aloud during the festive season and beyond.

A simple, straightforward retelling of the Christmas story, with vibrant illustrations from artist Jo Parry (*Candle Bible for Kids*). This sturdy and colourful little book is just right for little ones starting to learn about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the shepherds and wise men who came to meet Baby Jesus. An excellent value gift, perfect for gift giving or stocking fillers.

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

Every year, millions of people around the globe celebrate Christmas. But what does it all mean? Why did God choose a young virgin named Mary and a simple carpenter named Joseph to bring his only Son into the world? Why was the Son of God born in a lowly manger in a small town called Bethlehem? Who was this infant named Jesus, the One prophecies foretold would save the world from sin and suffering? And what does this nativity story mean for us today? Drawing from both the Old and New Testaments, noted pastor and theologian David Jeremiah provides answers to 25 of the most thought-provoking questions surrounding the most pivotal moment in human history--the birth of Jesus Christ.

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls) and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant. The nativity of Jesus is an event that carries much cultural recognition. However, is it a narrative which commands much support in the academic world? Is it a story which holds much historical truth? Or were the two biblical accounts of the birth of Jesus an opportunity for the authors to impart a theological truth or otherwise? These are the sort of questions that are often asked of the nativity accounts and questions which are answered in this concise and yet well-researched and informative book. Some twenty arguments are looked at and presented in a clear and detailed manner, building a cumulative case for the objection to the historical nature of the Gospel accounts. The author also questions what purpose these stories do serve if indeed they do carry little or no historical truth. With reference to a wide array of contemporary and iconic works on the subject, Pearce has created a compendium of critical arguments against the historicity of a story which still remains a vital piece of our collective cultural and religious tapestry. "For anyone beginning to doubt the reliability of the gospels as eyewitness accounts, Pearce's *'The Nativity'* will teach you everything you need to know to move past the limitations of biblical infallibility and explore the complicated process that went into the gospel narratives of Jesus Christ." - Derek Murphy, author of *Jesus Potter Harry Christ* The accounts of Matthew and Luke both unambiguously affirm that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, through the direct action of the Holy Spirit and without the intervention of a human father.

This book is a summary of the main restoration works carried out at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that commenced in September 2013. Work on roof wooden structures, wall and floor mosaics, internal plasters, wooden architraves and painted columns of the naves, external wall surfaces and Narthex is all presented in a sequence of reports that accompany the reader up to the final interventions through accurate descriptions of historical and archaeological features, initial state of conservation and appropriate techniques of conservation and restoration. Topics are treated with the methodological and linguistic rigor specific to each disciplinary sector involved even if, in the interest of making reading and comprehension easier, it was sometimes preferred to present only significant case studies, which are nevertheless representative of groups of wider and more complex problems. Through the reading of this work, the reader can simply fulfil his desire for knowledge and obtain answers to certain curiosities about the past history of the Church. At the same time, useful guidelines in dealing with conservation and restoration interventions at historic-architectural sites of similar complexity can be found. The book is, therefore, addressed

to a generic reader, interested in the history and conservation of one of the most representative examples of our heritage, but also, in light of its technical and scientific value, to university students, technicians, restorers, architects, structural engineers, archaeologists and historians. An excellent way to introduce classic Bible stories to your toddler. Each story is retold using clear and simple language, supported by exciting and colourful illustrations by Helen Prole. This Bible covers 63 favourite stories from Old and New Testaments, with only two to three lines of text per page, and Scripture references throughout. You'll soon discover why the Candle Bible for Toddlers has become a favourite on family bookshelves all over the world.

Baby's First Nativity is the perfect introduction to the story of Christmas. Delightful rhymes and timeless verses take the child on a journey to Bethlehem to find the newborn king. Beautifully illustrated with peek-through windows, this is a book to treasure.

He's had a crush on her for years. She doesn't want to date until her daughter is out of the house. Will June take a chance on Judge when the success of his Christmas light display depends on her networking abilities? Judge Glover has been trying to win Three Rivers' Christmas lights display contest for over a decade. He's never been able to do it, but he's more determined than ever. To do what he wants, he needs to upgrade his WiFi network to get the lights and sound to take things to the next level. And to do that, there's no one better than Juniper Nichols. She owns Nichols Networks, and she offers premier Internet service in Three Rivers. She'll definitely be able to deliver the WiFi connection to make Judge's show the best it can be. But June's not sure she's ready to go up to Shiloh Ridge, because one look from the strong, sexy cowboy billionaire, and the walls around her heart start to crumble. Can June take a chance this Christmas? Or will Judge be left a loser in their relationship and the Christmas light display?

The greatest story ever told is born again in this beautiful new retelling of the nativity. The traditional feel and charming illustrations make it the perfect introduction to the Christmas story for little ones just discovering it for the first time.

The gentle beauty of the story of the first Christmas is now available as a board book. With a simple, lyrical text and radiant artwork, this book is perfect for the youngest child to be a part of the wonder of the Nativity.

Journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus with this charming retelling of a traditional Christmas story. A wonderful introduction to the Nativity for young readers, this beautifully illustrated storybook is one for parent and child to treasure at Christmas.

This delightful pack contains a 30-piece jigsaw of the Nativity scene for children to assemble, as well as a beautifully illustrated 24-page picture book that retells the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, and the birth of baby Jesus. Beautifully illustrated jigsaw and book makes a wonderful present. High quality, 30-piece jigsaw is a perfect introduction to beginner level puzzles. The Nativity picture book is a charming way for children to read and discover the story of Christmas and Jesus' birth.

Beautifully presented with a foil-effect dust jacket, a retelling of Jesus' birth in the manger features enduring prose and opulent, stylish illustrations that make this volume perfect for reading by the fire or aloud to a group.

An illustrated version of the birth of Jesus Christ, taken from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Flower is a formidable woman who, along with her husband Mordecai, runs the most respected inn in all of Judea. She loves her husband, friends, all children and babies. But she has problems; the angels Gabriel and Michael are visiting her, thieves are plotting her murder, Romans are invading her beloved Bethlehem, she has the reputation of being the strongest 'man' in the city, and with the census in full swing, traffic is gridlocked and parking is difficult at the market. Flower, a Story of the Nativity, is not the typical Nativity Story. It is a gritty, exciting, and realistic adventure story. While some of the characters are fictitious the people and events are patterned as realistically as possible after what we know of the circumstances. With that in mind, this book is true to the Biblical accounts. Additionally, it addresses many questions; Who were the Wise Men, Where were they from and what became of them? What was the Star of Bethlehem? How did Gabriel and Michael interact with people? Why was there a census? Why did God allow the innocents to be murdered? Why are the genealogies in Matthew and Luke different? Why does Luke say Jesus was taken to Nazareth after his birth but Matthew says he fled to Egypt, and many more.

The story of the birth of Jesus, presented in language appropriate for developing readers.

Presents the story of Jesus' birth and the arrival of the wise men and shepherds at the manger.

'Twas the evening of Christmas, when all through the town, Every inn was so crowded, no room could be found. Tired Mary and Joseph, who went door to door, At last found a place on a small stable floor. For over 200 years, families have gathered on Christmas Eve to hear the much loved words of Dr. Clement C. Moore's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. This year, families can gather together to share the real Christmas story—the story of Jesus' birth. 'Twas the Evening of Christmas echoes the familiar language and rhythm of Dr. Clement's poetry, but instead of focusing on Santa, it focuses on the baby Jesus, who is, after all, the true hero of Christmas. All families will delight in this simple retelling of the most famous story ever told. With a cover that comes alive with foil and sculpted embossing, this book is sure to become a Christmas classic.

Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. The Living Nativity introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals. The Living Nativity explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child. The Living Nativity provides a prayer, meditation, and reflection questions for each day of Advent. The Leader's Guide includes suggestions for worship, discussion questions focused on the readings, and guidance for a mini-retreat on a theme of the week.

Why the Nativity? 25 Compelling Reasons We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

From Parks and Recreation star Aubrey Plaza and creative partner Dan Murphy comes the long lost tale of the Christmas Witch, Santa Claus's much misunderstood twin sister. The perfect gift for the holiday season and beyond! Gather 'round the fire to hear a Christmas legend that has never been told before...until now. Each year a mysterious figure sweeps into town, leaving behind strange gifts in the night. No, not Santa Claus, but his sister... The Christmas Witch. Her story begins many, many years ago when her brother was torn away from her as a child. Raised alone by a witch of the woods, Kristtorn's powers of magic grew, as did her temper. Determined to find her long lost twin, she set out on a perilous journey across oceans to find him. But what she found instead was a deep-seated fear of her powers and a confrontation that would leave the fate of Christmas hanging in the balance. From award-winning producer and actress Aubrey Plaza and her creative partner Dan Murphy comes a holiday story unlike any told before. With all the richness of classic folklore, they've woven a tale of bravery, love and magic. Whatever you thought you knew about Christmas...think again.

Sybil MacBeth writes that Advent and Epiphany are the often-neglected parentheses around Christmas. And they deserve more attention and better publicity. This Season of the Nativity sets the stage the liturgical year, our yearlong journey through Scripture and salvation history.

Sybil MacBeth's memoir, front-porch theology, and pages of practices and activities invite individuals and families to enjoy this season in a way that has more peace and more Christ and less chaos and guilt. She offers simple tools for busy people – perhaps to reclaim a joyful and yes, serious nativity season for the first time. Sybil MacBeth is a dancer, a doodler, and a former community college mathematics professor.

Her books include Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God, Praying in Color: Kids' Edition, and Praying in Color--Portable Edition.

Learn more about Sybil and her work at [prayingincolor.com](http://prayingincolor.com). "This gorgeous book is going to remain at my reading chair, dog-eared and

bookmarked, all through the Yuletide season. It will also be under the tree of just about everyone on my gift list. We will all have more interesting winters, and greater intimacy with Jesus, because of it." —Lauren F. Winner, author of *Still and Mudhouse Sabbath* "This beautifully designed book caters to those of us for whom waiting for Christmas is the very best part about the holidays. With activities like Advent calendars, games, doodles, carols, and my personal favorite—"flaunting the color purple"—Sybil MacBeth helps us see the Nativity as an entire season stretching from Advent through Epiphany, each day an opportunity for Technicolor grace." —Jana Riess, author of *Flunking Sainthood and Flunking Sainthood Every Day* If you think you're already familiar with Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, think again! After reading this book, you'll never see those seasons in the same way. With humor, spiritual wisdom, and innovative activity suggestions, the author makes you open your eyes in wonder." —Linda Douty, spiritual director and author of 5 books, including *Rhythms of Growth: 365 Meditations to Nurture the Soul* "With heart-open honesty, Sybil MacBeth opens the door to a new exploration of the three-part Nativity Season. With personal and family-friendly practices and her appealing approach, Sybil invites both seasoned Christians and curious seekers to prepare in Advent, nestle into Christmas, and wonder anew in Epiphany. Extremist? Not really, but perhaps the leader of a new awakening. —Connie Denninger is a retreat leader, teacher of prayer and spiritual disciplines, and advocate of the Arts in Christian Practice Sybil MacBeth's genius is for getting the grand themes – like prayer and yearning and waiting and birth and joy – into real life. She starts with scripture and tradition and solid theology and ends up right on the kitchen table or living room (where children and adults alike are actually enjoying one another). As an on-the-ground parish priest, I want this book in every home of every parishioner. That's because I know they want what I want – not to dread the approach of Christmas and feel inadequate in its wake – but to truly experience God's great activity before, during and after in a way that's full of pleasure and meaning. This book lines out the very concrete path from the wish to the reality. —Rev Carleton Bakkum, Episcopal Priest and Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, VA. - also an artist The "Season of the Nativity" by Sybil MacBeth is an invitation into spiritual growth through frameworks and forms – by sharing with the reader some familiar and many new ways to prepare for and celebrate Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Her book is an incarnational feast of ideas – both thoughtful and fun, challenging at times and delightful as well. You will want your own copy as well as several to share with your friends. —The Reverend Canon Meredith Hunt, Episcopal Priest, Diocese of Western Michigan As Luther translated Scripture in the language of the people, Sybil Macbeth's *Seasons of the Nativity* translates the Church's ancient Incarnation liturgy into the every day lives of God's children of every age. If you adopt any of Sybil MacBeth's suggestions for observing the Church's liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany--watch out! You may find yourself holding the ChristChild in a whole new way--that may change your life and the lives of those around you! Whether its *Praying in Color* or her latest work, *Seasons of the Nativity*, Sybil MacBeth makes the mysterious things of God (prayer) and the Church (liturgy) accessible to everyone. In her book, *Seasons of the Nativity*, Sybil MacBeth moves liturgy into action as she provides meaning-full ways to anticipate and expect, welcome and receive, enjoy and cherish the gift of Jesus in the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. The Rev. Dr. John R. Denninger, Bishop/President Southeastern District Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

A beautiful and tender introduction to the nativity story, featuring soft touch-and-feel on every page Crowded inn Stable, small Donkey clip-clops to the stall... Introduce your little one to the magic and wonder of the Christmas nativity story. With rhythmic rhyme and lyrical imagery, author Rhonda Gowler Greene guides little ones through the classic nativity story and celebrates the timeless joy of Christmas. Little ones won't be able to resist the eye-catching, tactile touch-and-feel on every page, and will love exploring the soft touches of the sheep, cow, and other animals in the Christmas stable who gather to witness the miracle of Jesus's birth. With beautiful text, eye-catching touch-and-feel, and tender, radiant illustrations, this book is the perfect holiday gift and stocking stuffer to celebrate baby's first Christmas.

By arranging a few rocks together an entire story can be told. *A Savior Is Born, Rocks Tell the Story of Christmas*, created by Patti Rokus, is an unforgettable picture book that uses majestic rock art and simple yet powerful text to inspire wonder and awe as the miracle of Christmas unfolds across the pages. Readers will be absorbed in the nature-filled artwork that shows the birth of Jesus and the celebration of the very first Christmas in a powerful and unique way. X

This book allows families to begin a Christmas tradition focused around the Nativity story for the 9 days leading up to Christmas. Each day children wake up to find a wrapped gift, which contains a figure from the Nativity. The story follows that character's role in the story of Christmas. Wonderful illustrations bring the story to life as new characters are introduced each day.

The text from the King James Bible will be very familiar to many readers, but Rylant's artwork makes the story fresh and offers a unique new visual perspective.

Martin Luther's conception of the Nativity found expression in sermon, song, and art. This beautiful gift edition of a classic collection combines all three.

Illustrates the story of the birth of Jesus and the arrival of the wise men and shepherds at the manger.

Share the true meaning of Christmas with your children this holiday season. This simple but poetic text brings to life the story of Jesus' birth in a stable in Bethlehem. First published in 1952, this Little Golden Book adaption of the Christmas story was illustrated by beloved artist Eloise Wilkin. This classic picture book retelling of the Christmas story is a perfect gift for the holidays.

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