













Nativity Station 1:

Prophets

Station Announcement (read aloud): Hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, the prophets recorded specific details about his life on earth. There are dozens of prophecies about Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection and Jesus fulfilled every single one!

Physical Challenge (everyone): Spin around a dozen times and then hold hands in a circle.

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out talking on a telephone.

Nativity Station 2: Mary

Station Announcement (read aloud): God sent the angel Gabriel to a woman named Mary with a wonderful message. She was going to give birth to a very special baby boy, God the Son and the Savior of the world, Jesus.

Physical Challenge (everyone): Do ten jumping jacks.

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out delivering a letter.

Nativity Station 3:

Joseph

Station Announcement (read aloud): God chose Joseph to be Jesus' earthly father. Joseph didn't understand at first that Mary was pregnant through the power of God, and so he was going to break off their engagement. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream to tell him that Mary was going to give birth to God's Son, Jesus.

Physical Challenge (everyone): Lie down on the ground (as if asleep) then do five pushups.

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out sleeping in a sleeping bag.

Nativity Station 4: Bethlehem

Station Announcement (read aloud): Because the Romans wanted to count every family

in Israel, Joseph had to return, with Mary, to his hometown of Bethlehem.

Physical Challenge (everyone): Run to another cone, count to twenty, then run back.

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out riding a donkey.

Nativity Station 5: Manger

Station Announcement (read aloud): In Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She laid him in a manger, which is a feeding-box for animals. They had to stay where the animals were kept because there was no room anywhere else.

Physical Challenge (everyone): 15 Toe Touches

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out feeding chickens.

Nativity Station 6: Shepherds

Station Announcement (read aloud): An angel announced to some nearby shepherds the most exciting news in the whole world—the Savior had been born. The shepherds ran to find the baby in the manger. When they saw him, they worshiped him. Then they joyfully went to spread the word that the Savior had come!

Physical Challenge (everyone): High five every person in the group.

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out lassoing cattle.

Nativity Station 7: Wise Men

Station Announcement (read aloud): Wise men from distant lands followed a special star to the place where Jesus was staying. They likely arrived when Jesus was a toddler. They brought three gifts for the new king—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts pointed to Jesus' identity as King, priest, and Savior.

Physical Challenge (everyone): Run to and touch three different cones then run back.

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out mining for gold.

Nativity Station 8: King Herod

Station Announcement (read aloud): Evil King Herod hated the idea of a new king. So, he ordered the death of every boy in Bethlehem, two and under. But not even a king could stop God's plan to save sinners. By the time the soldiers attacked, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had already escaped.

Physical Challenge (everyone): Do 10 lunges.

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out handcuffing a bandit.

Nativity Station 9:

Egypt

Station Announcement (read aloud): God sent an angel to warn Joseph in a dream about Herod's evil plan. In the middle of the night, Joseph, Mary, and little Jesus escaped to Egypt. This fulfilled another prophecy that God's Son would be called out of Egypt.

Physical Challenge (everyone): Make a triangle with your hands and do 5 squats

Acting Challenge (one person): Act out accidentally sitting on a cactus.

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES SCAVENGER HUNT

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- 2. "I am the bread of life." John 6:48
- 3. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11
- 4. ... He has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us Luke 1:68–69
- 5. The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29
- 6. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Revelation 5:5
- 7. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser." John 15:1
- 8. Behold, the man whose name is the Branch. Zechariah 6:12
- 9. . . . There is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.1 Samuel 2:2
- 10. But when [Jesus] heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick." Matthew 9:12
- 11. "I am . . . the bright morning star." Revelation 22:16
- 12. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

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