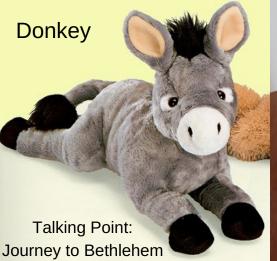




Using items you likely already have around the house, you can create a fun, hands on experience for little ones









## Nativity Story Sensory Box

I created this sensory box using a combination of items I already had at home and a few I purchased. If purchasing items, you could easily create this for less then \$20.

This is intended to be a simple way to share the story of Jesus' birth with little ones using objects. I shared this with my 2.5 year old and within a few minutes of playing with the items she was already teaching her baby sister about Jesus!

TIP: This resource is most effective if you decide ahead of time what you would like to share. Don't read from a page or follow a Script but have a conversation with your little ones, sharing the story. This might be something that you choose to build upon throughout the Advent season, perhaps adding more details or reading bible passages.

Mary: Object is a baby blanket to represent her being the mother of Jesus.

Joseph: Object is wood to represent that he was a carpenter.

Jesus: Object is a doll wrapped in a cloth.

Stuffed Donkey represents the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.

Garland represents the angels that announced the birth of Jesus. You could also talk about the angels visiting both Mary and Joseph to tell them about the coming of Jesus.

Stuffed Sheep represents the shepherds who saw the angels and were the first to hear the news of his birth and the first to go visit him.

Star represents the star that appeared when Jesus was born. You could talk about the light it gave to lead the wisemen to find him.

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh represents the wisemen and the 3 gifts they brought. You could also talk about the significance of each gift. (Note: for these items I used chocolate coins, a cinnamon stick and a small jar with olive oil.)