

INSTRUCTIONS



FOR MAKING

Tracing
Glory



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



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In this document, you will find pictures of the ornaments our family uses with *Tracing Glory: The Christmas Story Through the Bible*. I made most of these ornaments with supplies from a local craft store, as well as items I already had around the house. With each picture, I have provided brief instructions on how I made that particular ornament. I have also included one general supply list of all the items needed to make the ornaments pictured here.

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE:

Many of the supplies I used for these ornaments were collected over several years of crafting with my children. The most cost-effective way to make these ornaments is to use supplies you already have at home and/or go in with a few friends who also want to make ornaments and split supplies and cost. For example, you may purchase an entire pack of pipe cleaners, and only use a few for your ornaments. So, it's beneficial to split the cost of supplies and share.

Another simpler option is to simply cut out the pictures provided in this document and use mod-podge or glue to attach them to pre-made wooden ornaments (purchased from a local craft store) or even just index cards with a hole punched in the top and tied with a ribbon. There are so many ways to create a visual to use with your children. Get creative and have fun with it!

*Use plant wire or jute twine to make hangers for each ornament. Use hot glue to attach to the back of each ornament.



CRAFT SUPPLY LIST FOR MAKING ORNAMENTS

- **Foam sheets** 12"x 18" (royal blue, green, light blue, black, gray, and brown)
- **Metallic glitter foam sheets** 12"x 18" (gold and silver)
- **Felt sheets** *optional* (1 green)
- **Small round or square craft mirror**
- **Multi-color pipe cleaners**
- **Multi-color glitter pipe cleaners** (plenty of silver and gold)
- **Craft utility wood** (2 squares, 2 rectangles, 1 heart, 1 star, 1 circle with star cut-outs)
- **Round wood beads** (2 large, 8 small)
- **Small popsicle sticks**
- **2 wooden blocks** (Joseph- 6"x 1.5"x 1.5" and Mary- 5.25"x 1.5"x 1.5")
- **Wooden round with bark and pre-cut hole** (looks like a tiny stump)
- **Assorted craft jewels/rhinestones** (multiple colors)
- **2 square scraps of burlap**
- **Small piece of colorfully striped fabric**
- **Jute twine**
- **Natural raffia**
- **Craft paint** (midnight blue, light blue, red, black, brown)
- **Small sprig of fake greenery**
- **Cotton balls**
- **Googly eyes**
- **Two large cinnamon sticks**
- **Small black metal chalkboard** (mine is 2.25"x 4")
- **Small decorative apple** (If you can't find this, you can use red foam paper to make your own)
- **Neutral-colored Legos** (I already had these at my house. You can use any type of building block).
- **Small twigs** (I just gathered these from outside)
- **Hot glue gun and glue**
- **Black Sharpie marker**
- **Chalk marker** (white)



DECEMBER 1 – GLOBE

YOU WILL NEED:

Blue foam sheet, green foam sheet

I bought this two-dimensional wooden globe as pictured from my local craft store. However, this can be easily replicated. Trace and cut out a circle (about 3.5 inches in diameter) on a blue foam sheet. Sketch and cut out some continents on a green foam sheet. Glue the continents onto the blue circle.



DECEMBER 2 – MIRROR

YOU WILL NEED:

Square or round craft mirror OR cardboard and aluminum foil

I bought a tiny square mirror from my local craft store and hot glued a silver glitter pipe cleaner around the edges. Another simple way to make a mirror is to cut a small square or circle from a piece of cardboard and wrap the cardboard in a sheet of aluminum foil.

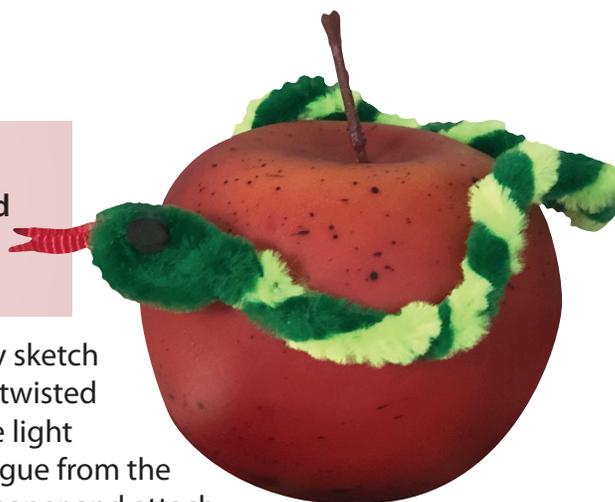


DECEMBER 3 – APPLE WITH SNAKE

YOU WILL NEED:

Small, decorative three-dimensional apple (or red foam sheet), dark green pipe cleaner, light green pipe cleaner, black foam sheet

I bought a small decorative apple, but you can easily sketch and cut out an apple on a piece of red foam sheet. I twisted together two pipe cleaners (one dark green and one light green) to make the snake. You can cut out a tiny tongue from the red foam paper and a tiny eye from the black foam paper and attach to the snake with hot glue. Attach the snake to the apple with hot glue.



DECEMBER 4 – ARK AND RAINBOW

YOU WILL NEED:

Light blue foam sheet, dark blue foam sheet, brown foam sheet, pipe cleaners (red, orange, yellow, blue, green, purple)

Trace and cut out a circle (about 3.5 inches in diameter) on the light blue foam sheet. Trace and cut out several layers of waves (for water) on the dark blue foam sheet. Sketch and cut out a small ark on the brown foam sheet. Hot glue the dark blue waves on the bottom third of the light blue circle. Hot glue the ark on top of the waves. Clip pipe cleaners to size, shape each into a half circle, and hot glue them to the top third of the light blue circle to form a rainbow. I outlined the light blue circle ornament by gluing a dark blue pipe cleaner around it.



DECEMBER 5 – TOWER

YOU WILL NEED:

Legos or any small blocks

I took neutral-colored Lego bricks from my sons' massive collection of Legos to create the tower of Babel, and I hot glued the bricks together to keep them from eventually falling apart. You can use any type of small blocks/bricks to create a tower with or for your children.



DECEMBER 6 – STARS IN THE SKY

YOU WILL NEED:

Dark blue foam sheet, gold metallic glitter foam sheet

I bought a round piece of craft utility wood that already had various sized, star-shaped hole cut-outs from my local craft store. I painted the wood a dark blue color. I traced and cut out a circle (slightly smaller than the round piece of wood) on a gold metallic glitter foam sheet and hot glued it to the back of the round piece of wood, so that the gold glitter would show through the star cut-outs. If you cannot find the round piece of wood with star-shaped holes, just trace and cut out a circle from a dark blue foam sheet. Draw and cut out various sized stars on the metallic glitter foam sheet. Glue the stars to the blue circle.



DECEMBER 7 – BUNDLE OF STICKS

YOU WILL NEED:

Several thin sticks, jute twine

Gather a couple of thin sticks from outside and break them into two to three-inch pieces. Hot glue the sticks together. Tie a piece of jute twine around the bundle of sticks.



DECEMBER 8 – LADDER AND ANGELS

YOU WILL NEED:

Several thin sticks, 2 glitter pipe cleaners (1 silver and 1 gold), two small wooden beads

Break or cut sticks into smaller pieces. You will need two 5-inch stick pieces and five 2-inch stick pieces. Place the 5-inch sticks parallel to one another about an inch apart. Place the five 2-inch stick pieces perpendicularly (and equal distance apart) on the two 5-inch sticks. Hot glue the sticks together to make the ladder. Use one pipe cleaner to make each angel. Twist the very end of one pipe cleaner into a small circle for the halo. At the opposite end, thread the small wooden bead onto the pipe cleaner and slide up until it touches the halo. Twist the remaining part of the pipe cleaner into a horizontal figure 8 (wings) and a vertical triangle (main body of angel). Hot glue the angels to the ladder.



DECEMBER 9 – COLORFUL TUNIC

YOU WILL NEED:

Gray foam sheet, piece of colorful fabric, jute twine

Sketch and cut out the outline of a tunic on the foam sheet (mine is about 3.5 inches from shoulder to bottom). Use the pattern from the foam sheet cut-out to trace the tunic outline onto the piece of fabric two times. Cut out the two fabric tunics. Hot glue the colorful fabric tunics to each side of the foam sheet cut-out. Tie a piece of jute twine around the finished tunic and use hot glue to secure it at the knot.



DECEMBER 10 – DOOR WITH BLOOD

YOU WILL NEED:

Rectangular piece of craft utility wood (mine is approximately 2.5 x 5.5 inches) OR light brown foam sheet, wood stain or brown craft paint, red craft paint, extra craft utility wood for door frame (optional)

I used a craft knife to cut some small wooden strips (two strips at .5 x 5.5 inches and one strip at .5 x 1.5 inches) to make the door frame. I hot glued these strips to the side and top of a rectangular piece of craft utility wood. I used some extra wood stain we had to stain the door a darker wood color. You could also use brown craft paint for the door. Use red craft paint for blood on the top and sides of the door. Use a sharpie or extra piece of scrap wood to make a door handle. If you do not have craft wood, this door can be made with a brown foam sheet, red craft paint, and a black marker. Trace and cut out a rectangular door from the brown foam paper. Add a frame and door handle with the black marker. Paint the sides and top of the door red.

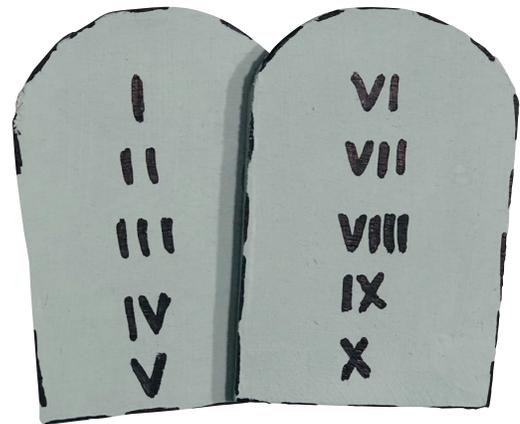


DECEMBER 11 – STONE TABLETS

YOU WILL NEED:

Thin craft utility wood OR gray foam sheet, gray craft paint (if using the wood), black marker

I sketched two "stone" tablets (approximately 1.75 x 2.5 inches) on a piece of thin craft utility wood and used a craft knife to cut them out. I painted the tablets gray, hot glued them together (slightly overlapping), and used a permanent marker to write Roman numerals from 1 to 10 on them. The tablets can easily be sketched and cut out from a gray foam sheet as well.



DECEMBER 12 – CROWN

YOU WILL NEED:

Gold glitter foam sheet, glitter pipe cleaners (any colors), assorted craft jewels/rhinestones

Sketch a crown onto the gold glitter foam and cut out (mine is almost 4 inches from the highest point to the bottom of the crown and 3 inches wide across the center). Decorate the crown however you like by hot gluing colorful jewels and glitter pipe cleaners on it.

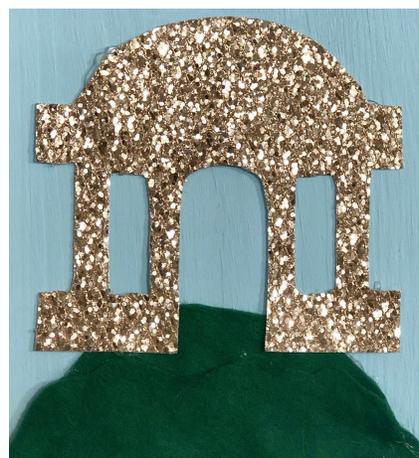


DECEMBER 13 – TEMPLE

YOU WILL NEED:

Square piece of craft utility wood (4.5 x 4.5 inches), light blue craft paint, gold metallic glitter foam sheet, green foam sheet OR green felt

Paint one side of the wooden square light blue. Sketch an outline of the temple onto the gold glitter foam sheet. You can blow up, print, and cut out the picture provided to use as a pattern, or you can come up with your own temple design. Sketch and cut out a small hill on the green foam sheet or the felt. Glue the hill and temple onto the wooden square.



DECEMBER 14 – STUMP WITH BRANCH

YOU WILL NEED:

Wooden round with bark edges and pre-cut hole (looks like a small stump), small sprig of fake greenery

Thread the sprig of greenery through the hole in the wooden round and hot glue it to the back to secure.



DECEMBER 15 – LAMB

YOU WILL NEED:

Black foam sheet, cotton balls, googly eyes

I did not make the lamb pictured; it was an ornament I already had in our collection. However, you can easily make a lamb by sketching and cutting out a circle (about 3.5 inches in diameter) from the black foam sheet. Use hot glue to cover the entire circle with cotton balls. From the remaining black foam sheet, sketch and cut out a small oval shape (about 1.5 inches in diameter) for the lamb's face. Sketch and cut out two even smaller ovals for ears and attach to the back of the larger oval at the top (sticking out). Glue the lamb's face on top of the cotton balls in the center of the circle. Glue two googly eyes to the face. Sketch and cut out two more small ovals from the black foam sheet for feet. Glue to the back of the black foam circle at the bottom (so the feet stick out from the bottom).

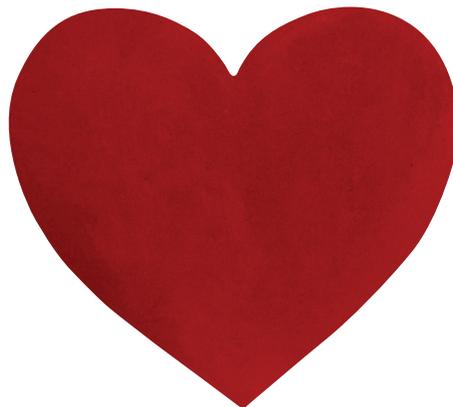


DECEMBER 16 – HEART

YOU WILL NEED:

Wooden heart (craft utility wood) OR red foam sheet, red craft paint (if using the wooden heart)

If using the wooden heart, paint it red. If using the red foam sheet, sketch and cut out a heart shape.



DECEMBER 17 – CHALKBOARD

YOU WILL NEED:

Small black chalkboard or chalkboard tag (mine is 4"x 2.25"), white chalk marker

Use the chalk marker to write "His name is John" on the chalkboard.



DECEMBER 18 – MARY

YOU WILL NEED:

Wooden block (5.25" x 1.5" x 1.5") OR large popsicle stick, light blue craft paint, large wooden bead (if using wooden block), scrap of burlap, piece of neutral colored raffia.

My husband used his miter saw to cut a small wooden block of these dimensions from a 2x2 board. If cutting a custom block is not an option, you can look for a pre-cut block at a local craft store, or you can use a large wooden craft stick (popsicle stick). If using the craft stick, use a craft knife to cut one rounded end off, so the stick is about 5.25 inches long). Leave the other end rounded for the head (you won't need the wooden bead if using the craft stick). Paint the wooden block or craft stick a light blue color (if using the craft stick, leave the top rounded portion unpainted for the face). If using the block, hot glue the large wooden bead to the top. Wrap and hot glue the scrap of burlap around the wooden bead (or rounded top of the craft stick) and tie the burlap together at the middle of the body with a piece of raffia.



DECEMBER 19 – JOSEPH

YOU WILL NEED:

Wooden block (6" x 1.5" x 1.5") OR large popsicle stick, dark green craft paint, large wooden bead (if using wooden block), scrap of burlap, brown pipe cleaner.

My husband used his miter saw to cut a small wooden block of these dimensions from a 2x2 board. If cutting a custom block is not an option, you can look for a pre-cut block at a local craft store, or you can use a large wooden craft stick (popsicle stick). If using the craft stick, use a craft knife to cut one rounded end off, so the stick is about 6 inches long). Leave the other end rounded for the head (you won't need the wooden bead if using the craft stick). Paint the wooden block or craft stick a dark green color (if using the craft stick, leave the top rounded portion unpainted for the face). If using the block, hot glue the large wooden bead to the top. Wrap and hot glue the scrap of burlap around the wooden bead. Hot glue a piece of brown pipe cleaner around the bead on top of the burlap.



DECEMBER 20 – BABY IN THE MANGER

YOU WILL NEED:

Large and small craft sticks, brown craft paint, tiny wood peg man, scrap of burlap, natural raffia

Use a craft knife to cut a large craft stick into two 3-inch pieces with no rounded edges. Hot glue the two pieces together with the sides tilted upward (like a tent). Cut two small craft sticks into four 2-inch pieces (with one rounded end on each). Hot glue each pair together in a crisscross. Hot glue the two crisscrosses to the large craft sticks to form the legs of the manger. Fill and glue a bundle of small raffia strips to the inside of the manger for hay. Wrap the wooden peg man in a light-colored scrap of burlap. Use hot glue to attach the baby to the raffia in the manger.



DECEMBER 21 – ANGELS IN THE NIGHT SKY

YOU WILL NEED:

Rectangular piece of craft utility wood (about 2.5 x 5.5 inches), dark blue craft paint, 5 glitter pipe cleaners (some silver and some gold), 5 small wooden beads

Paint the craft wood dark blue. Use one pipe cleaner to make each angel. Twist the very end of one pipe cleaner into a small circle for the halo. At the opposite end, thread the small wooden bead onto the pipe cleaner and slide it up until it touches the halo. Twist the remaining pipe cleaner into a horizontal figure 8 (wings) and a vertical triangle (main body of angel). Hot glue the angels to the craft wood.



DECEMBER 22 – STAR

YOU WILL NEED:

Wooden star (craft utility wood), gold glitter foam sheet

Using the wooden star as a pattern, trace and cut out a star from the gold glitter foam sheet. Glue the gold glitter cut-out to one side of the wooden star.



DECEMBER 23 – CROSS

YOU WILL NEED:

2 large cinnamon sticks (mine are about 10 inches), piece of jute twine, red craft paint

Break one of the cinnamon sticks so that you have a piece about 4 inches long. Use jute twine to tie the remaining 10-inch cinnamon stick to the 4-inch piece to make a cross. I added blood to the cross with red craft paint.



DECEMBER 24 – CITY SKYLINE

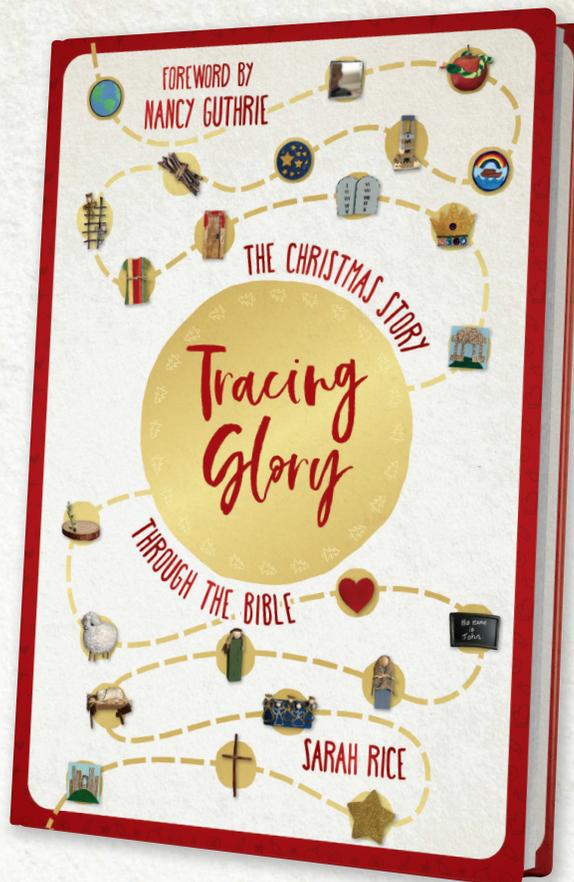
YOU WILL NEED:

Square piece of craft utility wood (4.5 x 4.5 inches), light blue craft paint, silver metallic glitter foam sheet, gold metallic glitter foam sheet, green foam sheet OR green felt, small assorted craft jewels

Paint one side of the wooden square light blue. On the silver and gold glitter foam sheets, sketch and cut out narrow rectangles of various heights. Cut out two tiny rectangles of equal height (for city gate) and a narrow archway. Cut a small hill from either the green foam sheet or green felt. Glue all the pieces onto the wooden square to create a city skyline (with entry gate and archway) on the top of a hill.



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