

Week 4

Early in the morning on 25 December, Mary gave birth to baby Jesus. At the same time in the hills and fields surrounding Bethlehem, shepherds were looking after their sheep. God sent some angels to tell them that His son (our Saviour) had been born in Bethlehem in a manger. When the angels were gone the shepherds headed to Bethlehem to find baby Jesus and tell everyone about what the angels had said...

To make angels see how we made Angel Gabriel in Week 1.

To make a Shepherd you'll need:

- a toilet roll
- striped paper, or white paper with stripes coloured on it
- light pink paper, or white paper coloured light pink
- black or brown paper (optional)
- scissors (not pictured), glue and sellotape
- a black pen and a pencil

Cut the pink paper to fit round your toilet roll. Now glue the paper to your toilet roll.

Next cut two pieces of striped paper to fit round your toilet roll. Take one of those pieces and cut a 'U' shape (for the shepherd's face). Stick that striped paper onto your toilet roll over the pink paper, and draw the shepherd's eyes and nose with the black pen/pencil on the pink paper you can see underneath. Next is the Shepherd's beard which is optional. On brown or black paper (your choice) draw a 'U' shape and join the top of the U together with a wavy line. Once you have cut out the beard make a few cuts to the bottom, draw on a mouth and stick it to the bottom half of the shepherd's face.

Take your second piece of striped paper and cut it in half length ways. Put one half to the side, and cut a semicircle from the other half (to get the right size draw round the bottom of the toilet roll and fold that circle in half).

To make the shepherd's headaddress glue the striped semicircle above his face (straight side down) and put the striped strip of paper over his head attaching it at both ends with Sellotape. You now have a finished shepherd.



To make a sheep you'll need:

- a toilet roll
- cotton wool
- white card
- white paper
- black card or white card coloured black
- scissors (not pictured), glue and Sellotape
- a black pen and a pencil

Start by making the body of your sheep. Cut off a third of the toilet roll and put to one side. Glue cotton wool round the remaining two thirds toilet roll. Next cut your sheep's head out of the black card. Cut two small white paper circles for the eyes, add a dot with your black pen to each and glue both eyes to the head. Sellotape the head to the cotton wool covered body.

For the legs you will need the third of the toilet roll you cut off earlier. Colour the entire outside black with your pen. Now cut your black toilet roll in half so you have two rings. Squash both rings flat and at the bottom of each one, in the middle cut out a square (which goes through both layers). Next use Sellotape to attach the legs to the body. You now have a finished sheep. Feel free to make as many as you like!



Come back next week for another exciting instalment in the Christmas story.