

“Gingerbread” Nativity Scene

Supplies:

- 12” round cardboard covered in aluminum foil
- Plastic knife and spoon
- Toothpicks
- graham crackers
- Icing in decorating bag
- 1 sugar cone for tree
- animal crackers
- fruit by the foot
- Candy (gumdrops, mini candy canes, m&ms, Hershey kisses, marshmallows, sprinkles, etc.)

Complete these Activities:

- Read Matthew 1:18-24 (below)
- Since a stable was the only room for the Holy Family, Joseph probably made the manger-crib as ready as he could. Build your own “Gingerbread” Nativity scene using the graham crackers, icing, animal crackers and candy provided. (directions on back)
- Match the columns on the sheet to see how much you know about Christmas

Matthew 1:18-24

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.



How to Build your Nativity Scene:

1. Start with the bottom. Use your icing to attach the bottom graham cracker to your base (cardboard wrapped in foil). Then add the half graham crackers for the sidewalls, a full graham cracker for the back, and another one for the top. There might be a small gap between the top of the back wall and the roof. You can trim your graham cracker side walls to fit perfectly if you'd like. Trimming your side wall crackers to fit just right will prevent your roof from eventually bowing down under the weight of candy.
2. To create Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the angel, slide gumdrops onto a toothpick. Baby Jesus is two gumdrops wrapped in a piece of fruit by the foot, resting on a graham cracker. The angel has two candy canes for wings.
3. Use icing to attach them to your nativity scene. You can trim the excess toothpick off from the bottom with scissors. If you have a cardboard base you can also just push the toothpick through the cardboard base for more stability instead of trimming it.
4. Animal crackers make quick and easy stable animals.
5. Decorate with candies as you desire!

