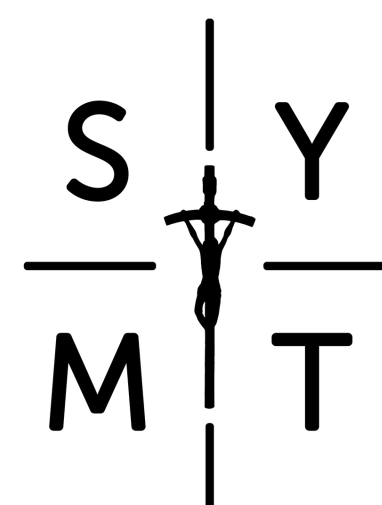


THE
GREAT

Advent

CRIB BUILD



THE GREAT ADVENT CRIB BUILD

The season of Advent consists of 4 weeks. For each week of Advent, a Christmas crib will be built in stages. This may be done as a class project or by individual pupils.

For each week of Advent, this season of waiting for Jesus to enter our world as a baby, we prepare for his coming. We will do this by preparing a Christmas Crib. For each week, we will be building and adding to it until it is ready for Christmas Day.

If you are a Faith in Action award participant, take a picture of your completed crib scene and paste it in your journal to receive 2 credits.

These instructions for constructing a Nativity Set are taken from the web: Amy's Free Ideas
https://amysfreeideas.com/English/Toilet_Paper_Tube_Nativity_set.html

WEEK 1

CONSTRUCT A MANGER WITH ANIMALS

If you are able you may want to paint it, so you will need paints and a brush. You will also need glue or tape.

You will want to gather material for straw/bedding/grass so have a look in your garden or the park and see what could be used.

Make a star for the top of the manger using tin foil and construction paper. Trace a star on the paper and wrap it in tin foil if possible.

Here are some ideas to help you get started:

Use a shoe box with lid



Or use craft sticks



Construct sheep (as many as you would like):

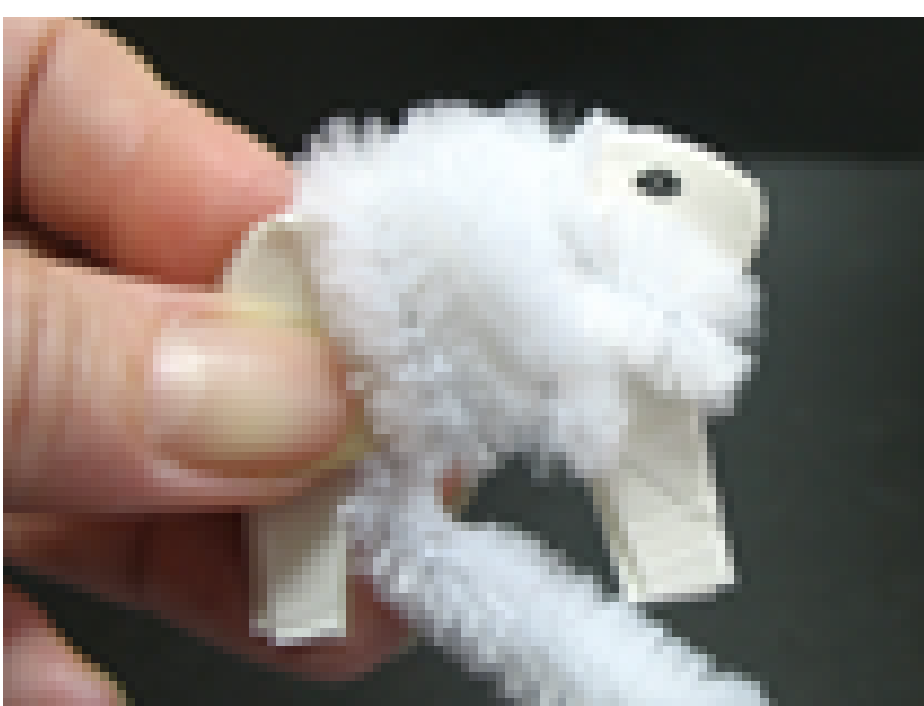
1) To make a baby lamb, flatten a toilet paper tube and cut out the lamb shape as shown in the photo (leave the back joined.)



2) Draw a face and fold the ears forward.

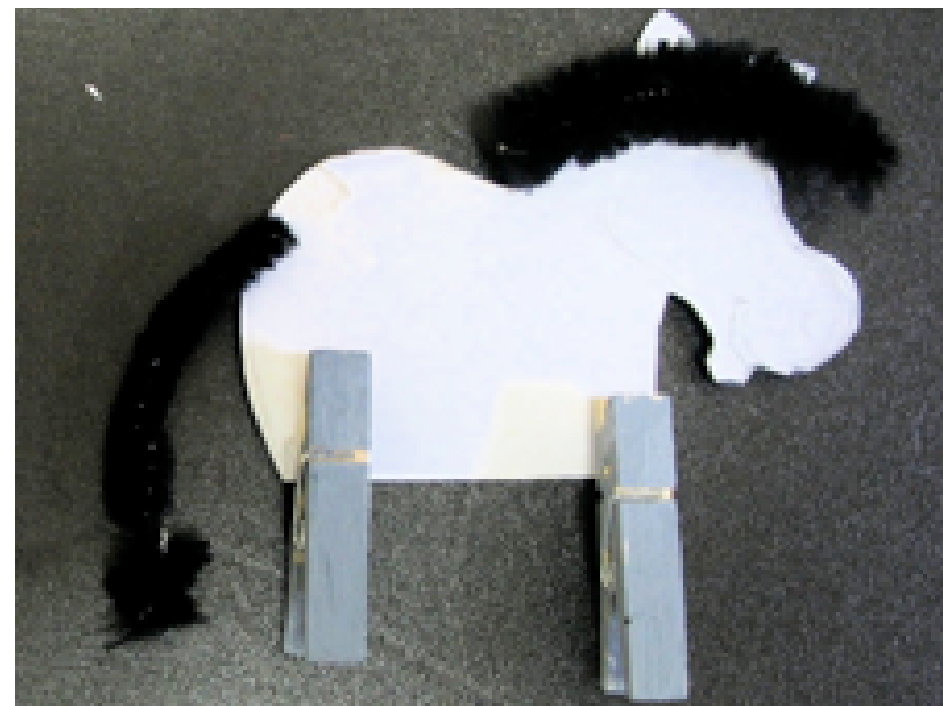


3) Wrap a pipe cleaner around the body to represent the wool. Begin under the chin and tuck the other end between the back legs.



Construct a cardboard/clothes peg donkey:

- 1) Cut out body and head from thin grey cardboard
(you could use the backs of note pads)
- 2) Clip on tiny wooden clothes pegs (paint grey if you wish)
- 3) Glue on eyes, or draw eyes and details on face
- 4) Glue on pipe cleaner for the tail
- 5) Glue body to outside of clothes pegs
(stand up at once to make sure legs are even, then lay flat to dry)



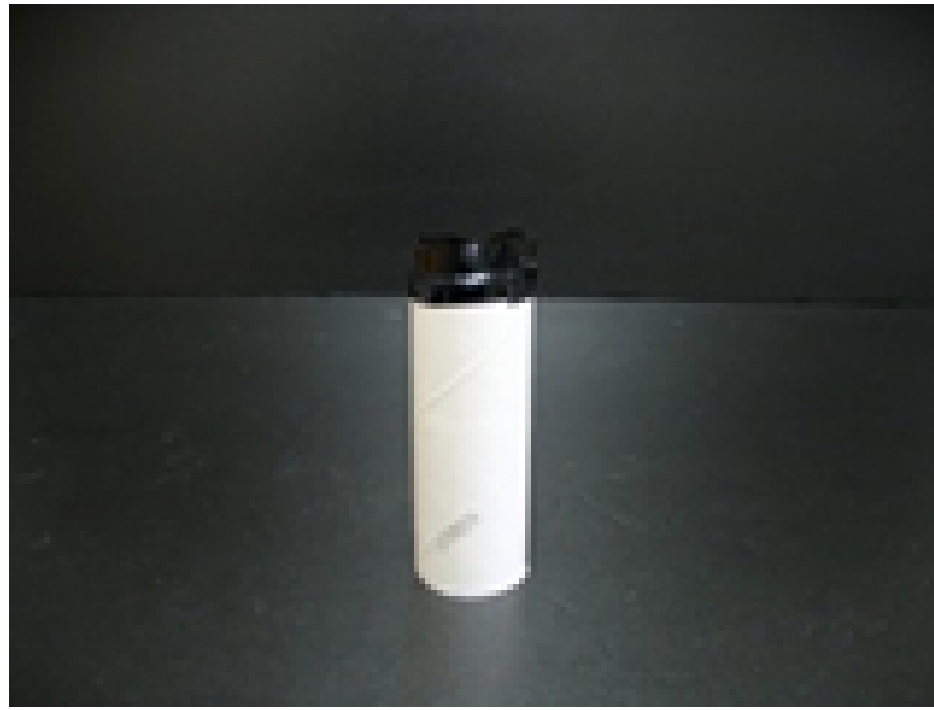
WEEK 2

CONSTRUCT THE WISE MEN, SHEPHERDS AND ANGEL

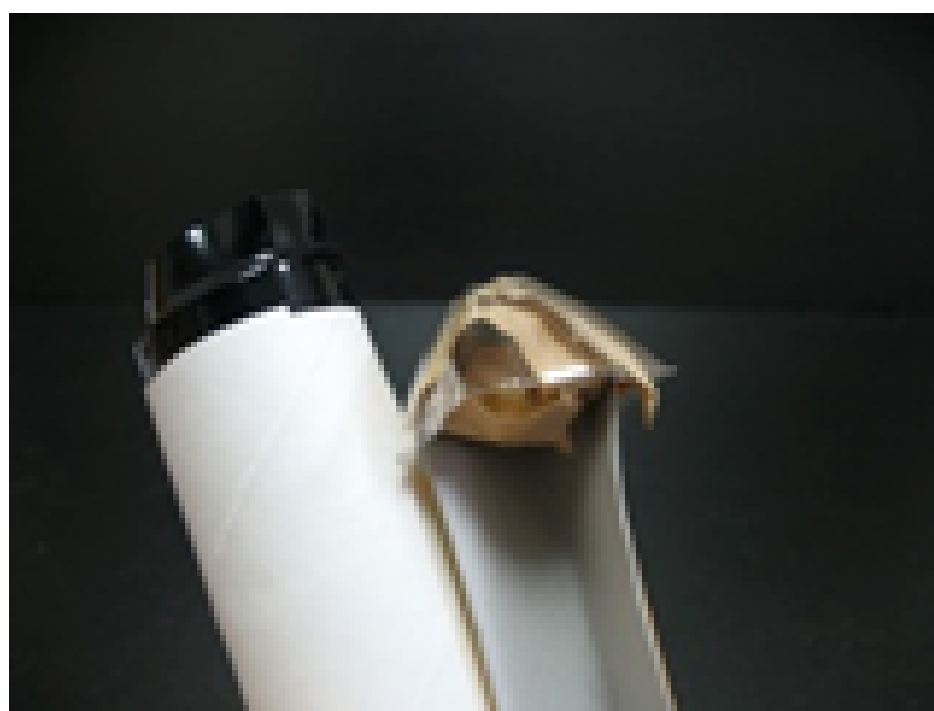
For each figure in the nativity set (except for the baby,) you will need one toilet paper tube and one round portion of an egg carton to make the round top of the head.



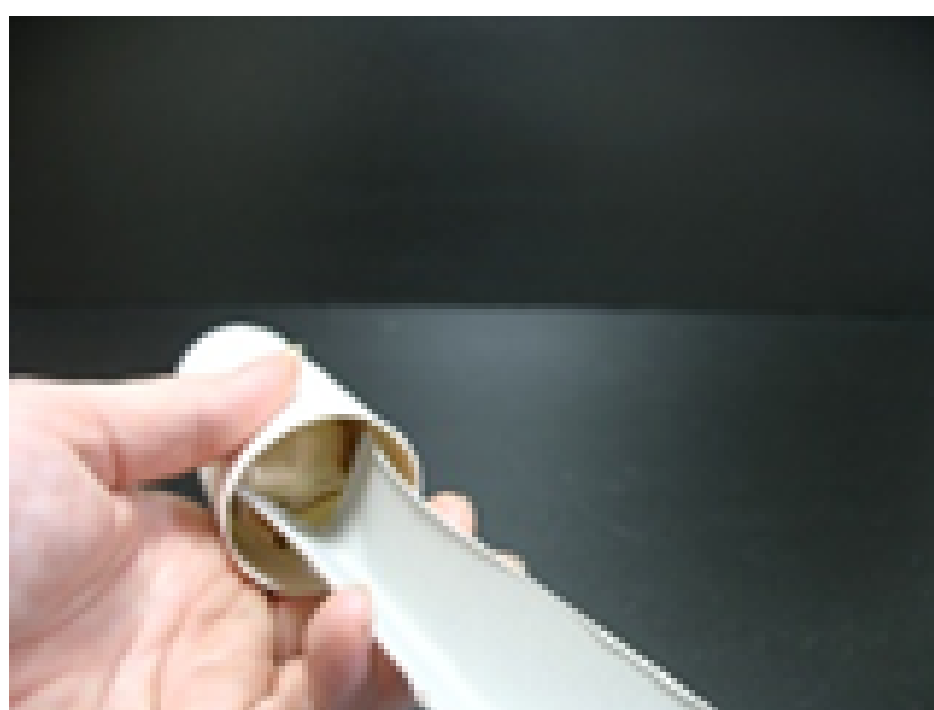
1) Put a strip of tape all around the top of the toilet paper tube. You can use clear tape or black tape as in the photo.



2) Put a wad of tape, sticky side out, into the egg cup and use a ruler or make a plunger by folding a piece of cardboard in half lengthwise to push the head up from the bottom of the toilet paper tube.



3) Push the head up from the bottom of the toilet paper tube so the rounded part crests just above the top of the tape.



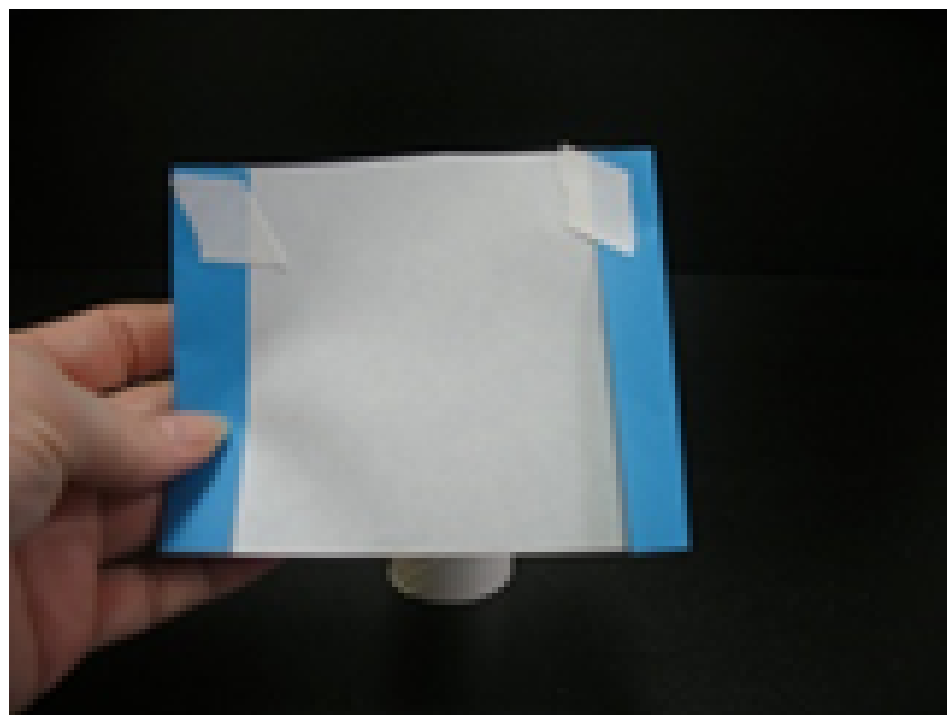
4) Clip it down to the toilet paper tube every half inch and press the tape onto the cup. Pull the plunger out. (The tape will stay in the head, but it has done its job of enabling you to push the head in place)



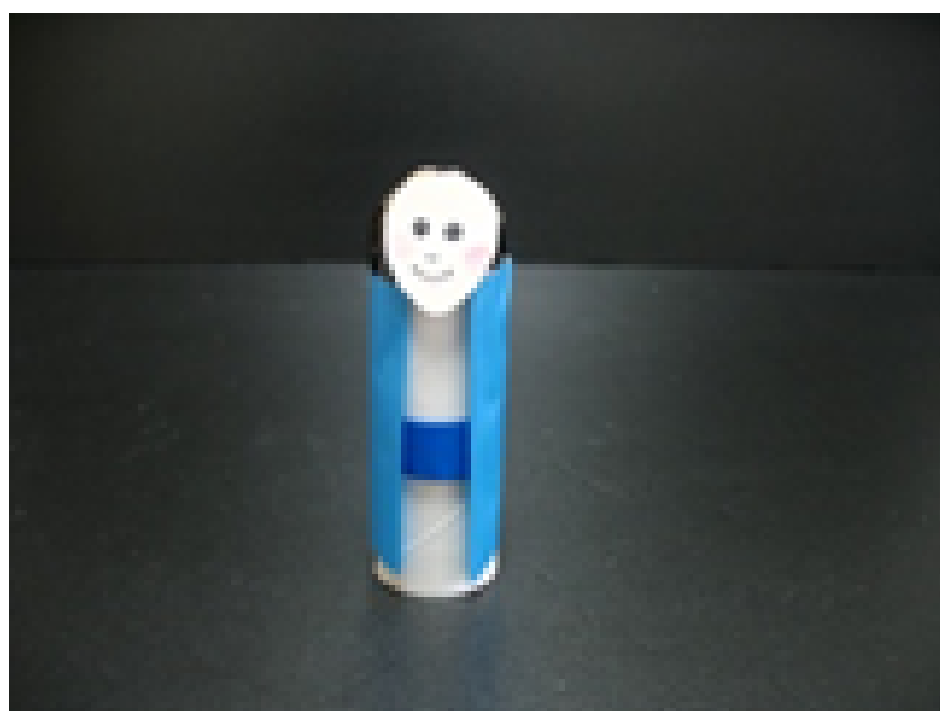
5) Make a belt by folding a contrasting colour in thirds lengthwise and fasten around the middle (one small piece of double stick tape in the back should be enough.) You don't have to fold it, but it looks less flat if you do.



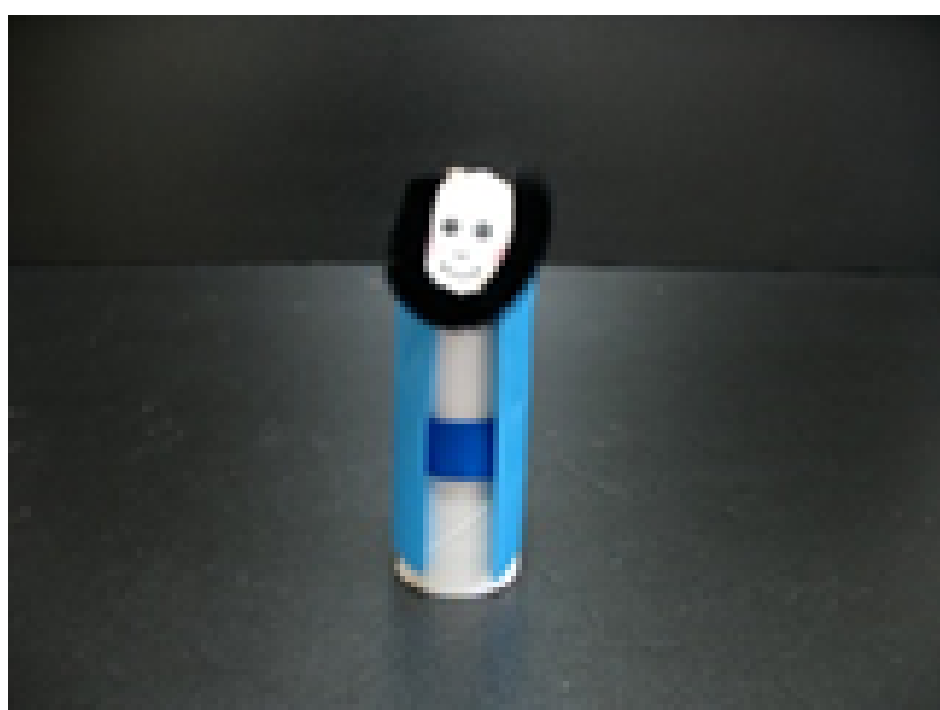
6) For the outer robe, cut it shorter than the toilet paper tube, and fold the edges in, so that it leaves a gap in the front. Two small patches of double stick tape are all you need. Again, you don't have to fold the front edges, but if you do, it keeps it from looking flat.



7) Draw a face on coloured paper, cut out and fasten to the figure.



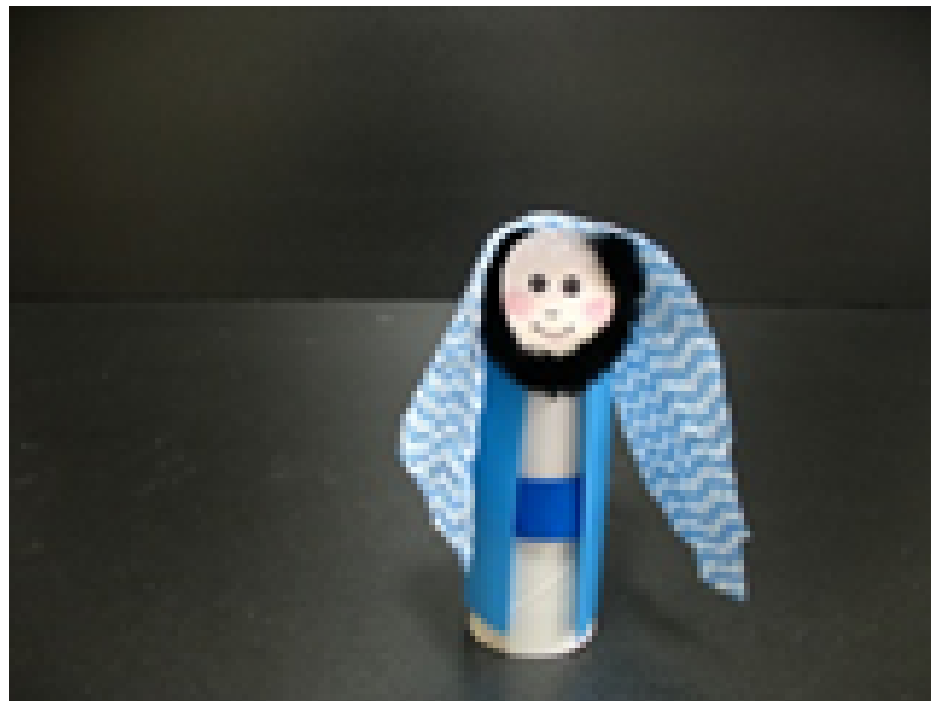
8) Cut a thick pipe cleaner for a beard and glue or tape into place.



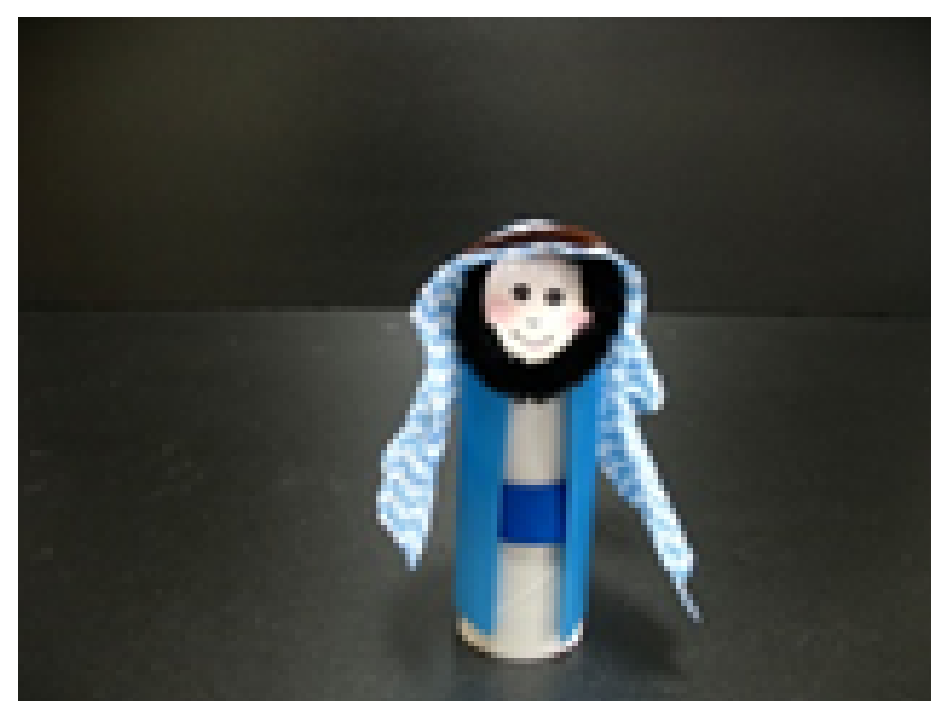
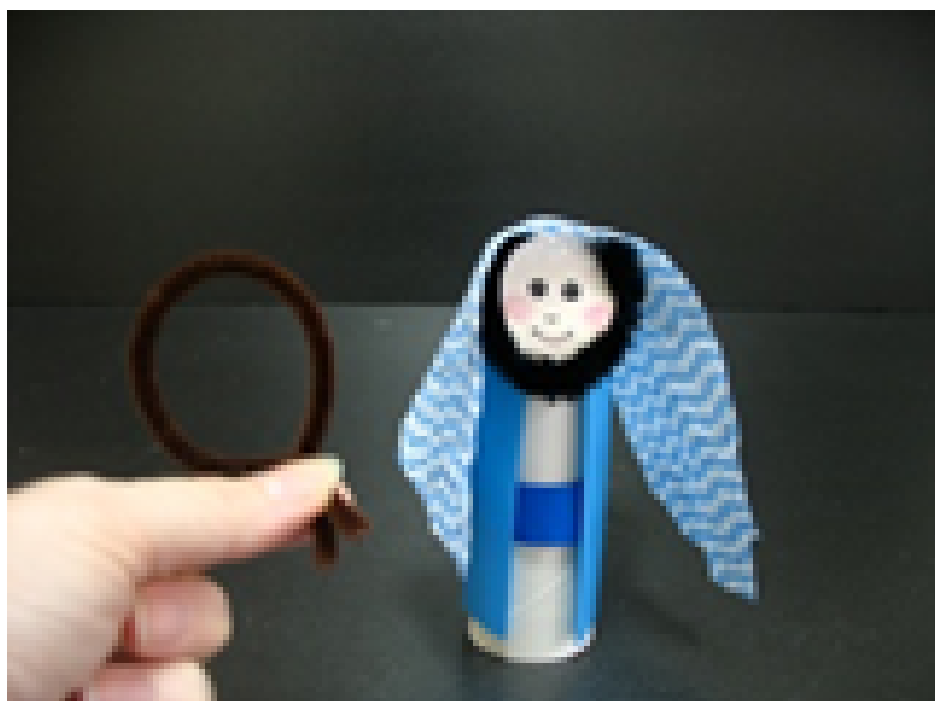
9) Cut a triangular head cloth from a thin type of dish cloth.



10) Glue or tape the head cloth in place.



11) Form a loop from a thin chenille wire, and glue on top of the head cloth.



12) Those are the steps for constructing a figure. Vary the colours to represent shepherds and wise men, so they are different from Mary and Joseph. (the shepherds have pipe cleaner moustaches and beards.) Make a crook out of a pipe cleaner. To make an angel, add paper wings to the back of a figure.



WEEK 3

CONSTRUCT MARY AND JOSEPH

Follow the steps for constructing a figure from week 2.



For Mary, cut the toilet paper tube shorter, and put a thick pipe cleaner across the top of the face for hair. Next week you will glue the baby to her front.

WEEK 4

CONSTRUCT BABY JESUS

1) To make a baby Jesus, flatten a toilet paper tube and cut out an oval (use front and back pieces to keep it from looking flat.) Draw a face and glue or tape it to the toilet paper tube.



2) Put a small piece of double stick tape below the baby's face and fasten the end of a strip of toilet paper to it. Wind the toilet paper around the figure, and end on the back so the ugly end won't show. Glue or fasten with double stick tape.
Glue to the figure of Mary (see pic from last week)

