



Setting Up a Christmas Representation in Your Home

Picturing the story of the Lord's birth with a nativity set or crèche is a wonderful way to help your family remember the true meaning of Christmas. Families with young children may want to have two nativity sets—one that is for everyone to look at (but not touch) and another set that the children can gently handle.

Ways you can use the Christmas representation:

During the month of December, you may want to read the various stories related to the Lord's birth in family worship or at bedtime.

If you have a full set of figures—Mary, Joseph, the baby Lord, an angel, shepherds and wise men—you could illustrate different parts of the Christmas story starting with the angel appearing to Mary.

Rather than have the shepherds and wise men near the manger scene, some families wait to bring the shepherds to the see the baby Lord on Christmas morning. And the wise men slowly make their way around the living room until they reach the Lord.

Your children may enjoy making a nativity scene with a modeling compound such as Sculpey or making a picture of the nativity. These can make lovely gifts for relatives or add to the Christmas décor in your home.

A collection of nativity scenes from various cultures (along with those made by your children) can make a beautiful Christmas display!