

JANUARY 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

INCLUDED:

Foam ornament pieces
Ties



USE YOUR OWN:

Hands
Pen/pencil (optional)



LUKE 2:16-21



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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1. Right before this part of the gospel reading, a group of angels appeared to the shepherds and told them the good news. How would you have responded?
2. How did Mary respond to everything happening?

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1. Think about it: this is only the second time in Biblical history a group of angels appeared!
2. Mary quietly absorbed everything going on and kept them in her heart.

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1. Poke out the holes in the top of the star trail, the bottom of the heart, and the top of the crown. It may be easier with a pencil or pen. Tie one string to the top as a hanger. Tie the other string to connect the heart and the crown.

2. Add the Christmas star, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus to the heart. Think about how the shepherds would have found the Holy Family!



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3. Add Jesus' hands to the outside of the swaddling clothes. Swaddling clothes were likely just bands or strips of fabric, wrapped around the baby Jesus.

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4. Hang up the Holy Family heart and remember the joy of the birth of the King! Remember, we are still in the Christmas season until Epiphany in a few days. We can still celebrate the birth of Christ and remember his great love for us through the whole year!



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