Cards of hope for Christmas

A creative craft activity

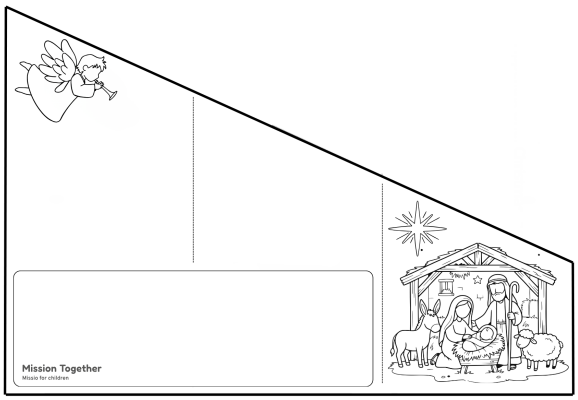
In Advent we hear a lot about the prophet, John the Baptist. Prophets were messengers for God. The messages shared by the prophets guided people and gave them hope. We can send messages that do the same too. At this time of year, we often send Christmas cards that let people know we are thinking of them and wish them well. Christmas cards that have pictures of the baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph, share another message of hope. What might this be?

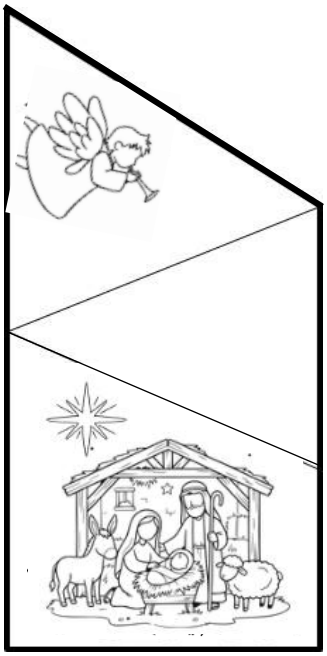
These Christmas cards remind people that Jesus Christ is the reason for Christmas. At Christmas, we remember that God loves us all so much that he wanted to live alongside us - to be close to us. God's love for all his children gives the world hope. That message of hope is worth sharing.

So let's prepare our hearts for Christmas by making some Special Message Christmas Cards.

Activity instructions

1. Print copies of the template on pg. 2 onto thin white A4 card. Ask pupils to cut around the solid line. This should leave pupils with a trapezoid shape.
2. Ask children to fold the shape along the dotted line, concertina from right to left. This should leave children with a narrow, folded card (see bottom right).
3. Invite children to colour the front of their card.
4. Ask children to write a Christmas message for someone special (keeping inside the text box), including ways they will share God's love with that special person this Christmas, e.g. by helping them with jobs.
5. Alternatively, children could write cards to housebound members of your parish. The card should contain a promise of prayer. Speak to your Parish Priest and ask if any parishioners could help post these cards by hand. Perhaps Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the sick might take a Christmas card along when they next visit a housebound parishioner.





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