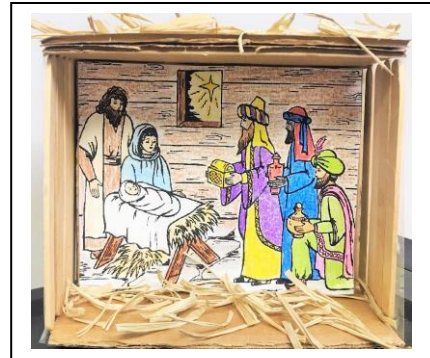




Instructions:

- Piece of cardboard 6"x 8.5".
- Fold 2" from top and bottom to form ceiling and floor.
- Put box tape from ceiling to floor on both sides to form a room.
- Stick popsicle sticks to sticky side of tape (inside).
- Color picture.
- Glue to inside.
- Glue explanation behind.
- Glue hay to roof and floor.



We celebrate the manifestation of Jesus as Son of God to the Wise Men that came from the East to adore Him.

- ❖ The star announced the coming of Jesus. Today the Gospel announces the message of Jesus to all. The Wise men were not Jewish like Joseph and Mary. They came from faraway lands (the Orient: Persia and Babylonia). Jesus' message is for all nations.
- ❖ The Wise Men persevered a long, difficult, tiring journey. Following God implies sacrifice, but God rewards us with joy and eternal life.
- ❖ The Wise Men had faith in God. They believed even though they didn't see or understand. Maybe they thought they would find God in a grand palace; but they adored Him and gave Him gifts in a manger, thereby accepting God's plan.
- ❖ The Wise Men were generous. They gave Him:
 - **gold:** given to kings. Jesus is the king of the world.
 - **incense:** given to God. Jesus is the son of God made man.
 - **myrrh:** placed on chosen men. Jesus was chosen amongst men.
- ❖ What do we offer God? In life we should search for God untiringly and happily offer Him all that we have and are. We should also be stars leading others to Jesus.
- ❖ The Wise Men felt great joy seeing baby Jesus. They knew how to value God's great love for men. (adapted from Catholic.net)