

IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE A NATIVITY SCENE

The nativity scene is an essential component of Christmas decorations every year, but why is the nativity scene set up at Christmas?

The nativity scene, which is decorated in homes at Christmas every year, signifies the Christmas story according to the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. It originates from early Christianity. Illustrations of the nativity scene from this time initially show the Baby Jesus alone in his crib in the stable at night, accompanied only by an ox and donkey. The other figures were gradually introduced to illustrations of nativity scenes later on.

Traditionally the nativity scene is set up on the first Sunday of Advent so that the family can delight in the sight of the nativity scene for longer and enjoy the anticipation of Christmas.

The nativity figures can then either be added to the scene gradually as the figures appeared in the biblical Christmas story or arranged straight away when the crib is set up. While the first method can make the wait for Christmas seem shorter, the second approach has the advantage of the family being able to enjoy the whole nativity scene instantly.

The most important element of the nativity scene is the baby Jesus in the actual crib. Mary and Joseph watch over him on Christmas Eve. This scene is usually shown in the setting of a stable as this reflects the Christmas story in the Bible true to the original.

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