

# My Own Nativity Scene

## Materials:

- Toilet paper rolls; seven per student
- Blue, green, and four other colors of 8.5-inch by 3-inch strips of construction paper; one set of colors per student
- 3-inch by 2-inch white construction paper; one per student
- 1-inch by 6-inch strips of yellow construction paper cut straight bottom and zig-zag on the top; three per student
- Blue, green, and four other colors of tissue paper; one sheet of each color per student
- Glue
- 6-inch pieces of string; one per student
- Markers
- Tape
- Optional: cotton balls

**Students will make their own nativity sets. For each figure, students will glue the appropriate construction paper color onto the toilet paper roll so that the construction paper is against the bottom of the roll, leaving the top uncovered. Students can draw faces on the uncovered part of the roll. Specifics for different figures below:**

- **Mary:** Use blue construction paper and cover head with tissue paper. Wrap the cloth in string or pipe cleaner.
- **Joseph:** Use green construction paper and cover head with tissue paper. Wrap the cloth in string or pipe cleaner.
- **3 wise men:** Wrap top of the roll with yellow construction paper with zig-zag top to make crowns. Choose three other colors (not blue or green) and wrap the lower part of the roll as with Mary and Joseph. Leave enough space for a face.
- **Shepherd:** Use any color construction paper and cover head with cloth or tissue paper.
- **Sheep:** Cut off a toilet paper roll about one inch tall. Cover the whole roll with cotton balls except about a one-inch diameter circle for a face.
- **Baby Jesus:** Cut off about one-third of a toilet paper roll (use what is left over if you made a sheep). Cut it in half along the long end on both sides. Use half of it for the manger and the other half for the baby.
  - Tape the two ends of one of the halves together to make a small roll. Wrap it in a thin piece of white paper or a tissue. Draw a face on the uncovered part and wrap a pipe cleaner (gold if possible) around the top.

**Optional: Students can make a stable out of two toilet paper rolls standing up a few inches from each other with a strip of construction paper or cardboard taped or glued to the top.**

**Instruct students to put baby Jesus in the manger on Christmas Day or after Christmas Eve Mass. Remind them to use the nativity set as a reminder to pray to baby Jesus and to imagine the nativity scene.**

**Liturgical Year: Christmas**