

Preparing the Manger

Advent is a season of waiting and preparing our hearts for the coming Savior. For this activity, craft or purchase an empty manger and some straw. Tell your children they are going to prepare the manger for baby Jesus' arrival. Throughout the month, each time someone is caught doing an act of kindness, ask him/her to place a piece of straw in the manger. The goal is to create a soft, comfortable place for baby Jesus to lay His head. On Christmas morning, add a small doll figure or the Jesus from your family nativity to the padded manger.

Discussion Questions:

- What is a manger?
- Why was Jesus laid in a manger?
- Why does God want us to show kindness to one another?

