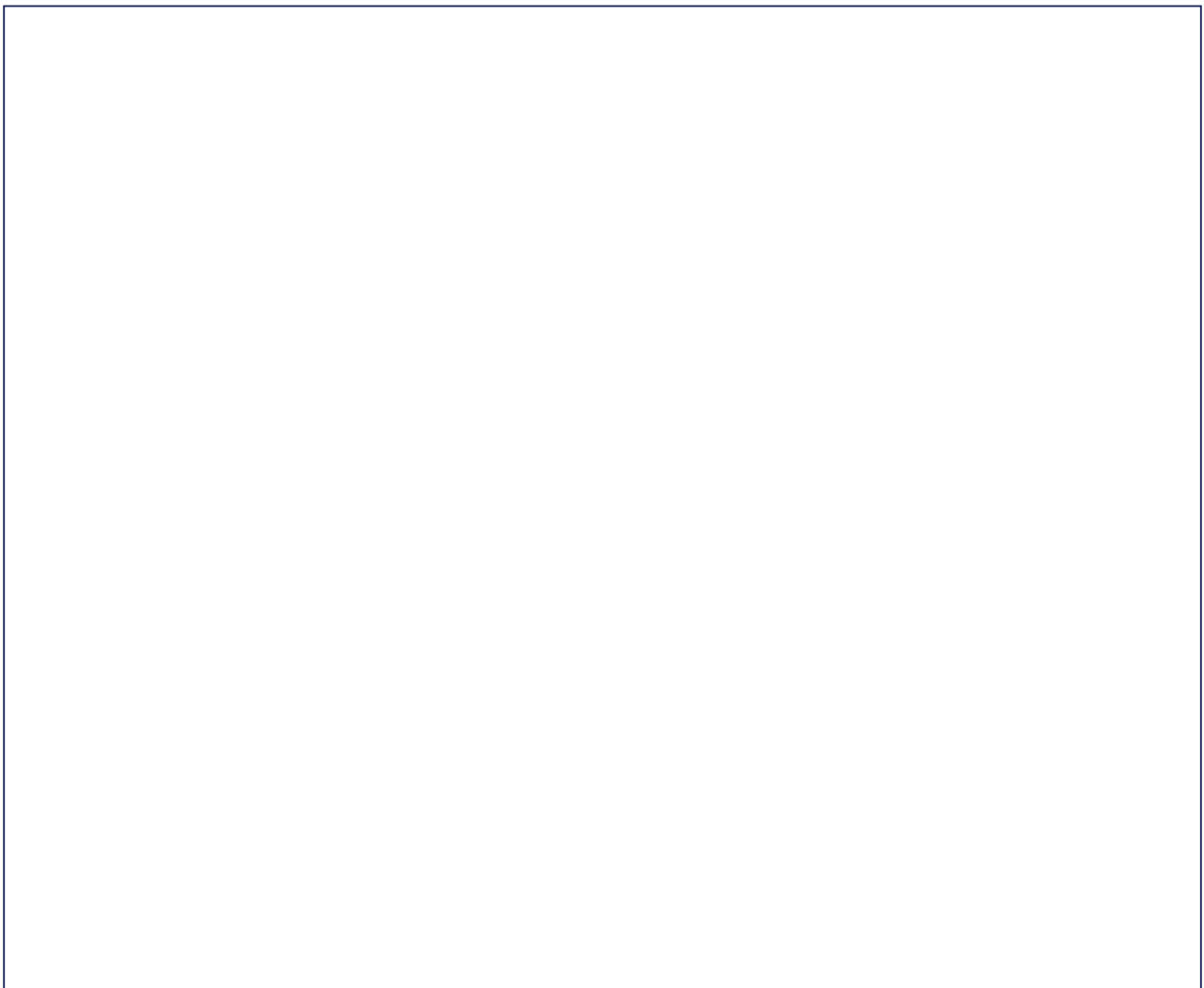


The Meaning of Christmas: A Visual Journey

Learning objective: To understand and illustrate the key symbols and stories associated with Christmas in the Christian tradition.

Max the monkey thinks the story of Christmas is like a big puzzle! Use the space provided to draw a scene from the Nativity story. Follow the steps to build your picture, then use the word bank to label the important parts of your drawing.

Draw: Create a detailed Nativity scene. The drawing should be a wide landscape showing a nighttime setting in Bethlehem. Include a rustic stable as the central focus, with the Holy Family inside. Surround the scene with the figures of the shepherds and the Three Wise Men, all guided by one large, brilliant star in a dark blue sky. Use bright colors for the star and the angel to show they are special.



Label words: Manger · Star of Bethlehem · Stable · Shepherds · Three Wise Men · Angel · Baby Jesus

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a simple stable with a roof of straw. Label the 'Stable'.
2. Step 2: Inside the stable, draw a small wooden bed for a baby. Label the 'Manger'.
3. Step 3: Draw a very bright, shining star high up in the night sky. Label the 'Star of Bethlehem'.
4. Step 4: Draw the Three Wise Men arriving with gifts. Label the 'Three Wise Men'.

5. Step 5: Add an angel in the sky telling the news to the shepherds. Label the 'Angel' and 'Shepherds'.
6. Step 6: Draw Baby Jesus resting in the manger. Label 'Baby Jesus'.