



Edible Nativity: Christmas Story Snack (Healthy)

Instructions:

1. **Gather** your ingredients from the list below.
2. **Read** a small chunk of the Christmas story from the center page.
3. **Assemble** the first character (Joseph).
4. **Continue** alternating between reading and assembling until the whole nativity is complete.
5. **Eat** and enjoy!

Ingredients:

Joseph: 1/2 string cheese body + grape head

Mary: 1/2 string cheese body + grape head

Manger: 2 clementine slices as cradle

Stable: 4 thin pretzel sticks as outline of stable

Baby Jesus: baby carrot wrapped in tortilla triangle with 1/2 toothpick "pin"

Angel: 2 apple slice wings + 1/3 string cheese body + grape head

Sheep: white popcorn sheep

Star: star ornament (can also use slices of starfruit or star-shaped crackers)

Wise Men Gifts: metallic wrapped candy (we used Rolos)

The Christmas Story (Easy to Read Version)

It was about that same time that Augustus Caesar sent out an order to all people in the countries that were under Roman rule. The order said that everyone's name must be put on a list. Everyone traveled to their own hometowns to have their name put on the list. (Luke 2:1,3)

Joseph (Luke 2:4)

Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee, and went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. It was known as the town of David. Joseph went there because he was from the family of David.

Mary (Luke 2:5-6)

Joseph registered with Mary because she was engaged to marry him. (She was now pregnant.) While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby.

Manger (Luke 2:7)

Mary gave birth to her first son. She wrapped him up well and laid him in a box where cattle are fed.

Stable (Luke 2:7)

Mary put Jesus in the feeding box because the guest room was full. (Luke 2:7)

Baby Jesus (Isaiah 9:6)

This will happen when the special child is born. God will give us a son who will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be "Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace."

Angel (Luke 2:8-12)

That night, some shepherds were out in the fields near Bethlehem watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord was shining around them. The shepherds were very afraid. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. I have some very good news for you—news that will make everyone happy. Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is the Messiah, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a feeding box."

Shepherds/Sheep (Luke 2:15-17, 20)

The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this great event the Lord has told us about." So they went running and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the feeding box. When they saw the baby, they told what the angels said about this child. The shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

Star (Matthew 2:1-2)

After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked people, "Where is the child who has been born to be the king of the Jews? We saw the star that shows he was born. We saw it rise in the sky in the east and have come to worship him."

Gifts (Matthew 2:9-11)

The star went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. They were very happy and excited to see the star. The wise men came to the house where the child was with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened the boxes of gifts they had brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.