

Reflect upon Christmas with Gener8 ~ No Room!

Introduction: action words.

What action words can you think of for getting ready for something? Brainstorm words that precede rockets taking off, the start of a race, the countdown to a TV programme...

I wonder what sort of countdown we could devise for Christmas?

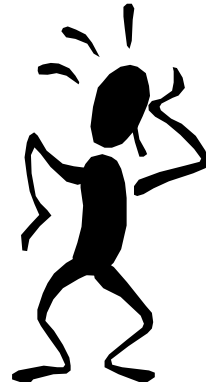
2. Word search: what's missing?

In our sketch we are looking for something missing from each word. In our word search we need to find one special word that is **not** on the list.

(You may use some letters more than once)

H	C	R	U	H	C	A	K	E
S	A	U	R	C	H	O	G	G
T	R	E	A	A	R	N	E	N
N	D	C	H	R	I	S	T	I
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CHURCH	CARD
CAKE	
PRESENTS	
CHRISTMAS	
STOCKING	
TURKEY	
PLUM	
PIES	
PUDDING	
CAKE	
CHOCOS	



3. Puppet sketch: What a party!

Oh no! The puppets forgot to invite the most important guest to the party. You would never do that... let's make party invitations for Jesus and think about how we could make Christmas more like a birthday party for him.



Dear Jesus,
Please come to a special birthday
party

on _____

place _____

time _____

I would like to give you _____

Love from _____

4. No Room Sketch: Christmas Rush

Mr. Rush in his shop is too busy to get the Holy Family out of the cupboard; the housewife is too busy preparing for Christmas to celebrate it herself; the child is too busy with a presents list to think about giving and the Program Director has only 3 minutes left at 4.30am.

What does my use of time at Christmas say about my priorities and beliefs? Does it matter?

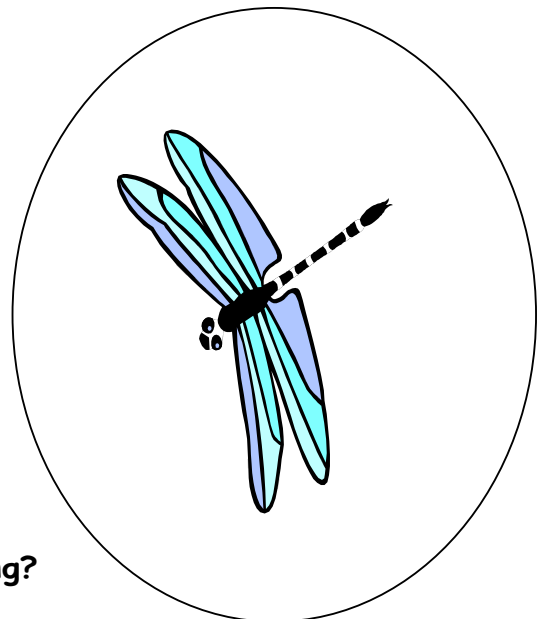


5. Song: A busy time of year

Make a list of all the presents you want for Christmas, and of all the things you would like to do, and of all the food you hope to eat! What a long list! Now go through the list and cross off all the things that Jesus did **not** have when he came to earth. What's left? Does that make us think about our lives?

6. The wise men's chant: Let's be on our way.

Take a little box (Oxo cube ones are excellent) and take it apart carefully. Turn it inside out and either ask your teacher to spray it gold or silver, or stick pieces of beautiful paper on the plain side. Re-glue the box and decorate it with tiny sequins and glitter. Wrap up a coin of chocolate money in tissue and place it inside your box. Give the box to someone special and explain to them the story of the wise men.



7. Song: Celebration

As you join in this song, consider all that you can celebrate this Christmas. What has God given to you to that is good/beautiful/amazing?

8. Round up: The boy in the nativity.

The little boy said the wrong lines in his play, but he got it right, didn't he? Sometimes we say or do what we have been taught without thinking for ourselves, and often it takes a child to show the grown-ups the real meaning of Christmas.