

Nativity Manger Scene

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Today Trey teaches us about the Nativity Manger scene!



Hi! Today we are going to learn about how the Nativity Manger scene or crèche became part of Catholic Tradition by **WATCHING** a special Advent Adventure **BONUS VIDEO** we made when Trey was just a little kid! In the video he is dressed as a saint. Can you guess who?

We've made it easy for you to make your **OWN manger scene** that you can color yourself! **Just follow the simple steps below**—and make sure to see the **VIDEO** your Adventure Guides made to show you how it works:



1. **Print off** colorable manger scene cutouts that you **download** at www.holyheroes.com/nativity.



2. **Color them, cut them out,** and **tape or glue** them onto some of **your own cardboard** so they are more sturdy (*paper plates work great in place of cardboard*).

3. **Cut out** a bunch of your own **cardboard "stands"** and **insert** them **on the bottoms** so the cutouts can **stand up**.

4. Put your "sacrifice manger" in **front of the stable background**—*that's where Baby Jesus will go when He's born*—and **put the animals around** the stable. Don't forget to **color the little animals** that you will find hidden in the stable already!



REMEMBER: Some of the manger scene items are not to be used right now—save them for later when it gets closer to Christmas morning!

You can color them and get them ready now...but just wait a few more days before you use them. Okay?



RUTH in Salvation History



The Book of Ruth is one of the two books in the Bible named after a woman (the other one is Esther).

This book is about the ties and the strength of family and how powerful it can be, even when you weren't born into the family, even when they are your in-laws. Ruth's story isn't about miracles and it isn't about deliverance; this story is about family, more specifically, the love of family. Ruth gave up everything to follow Naomi, her mother-in-law, even though she really didn't have to. She even said to Naomi, "Where you go I will go, and

where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). It must have taken a lot of faith and love for her to say this. Because of Ruth's unconditional love for Naomi and her family, Ruth would become the great grandmother of David, from whom Jesus descended.



You can **READ** the whole story in the **Book of Ruth**. It's short!

HELP RUTH! Complete the **MAZE** below correctly so you can figure out the **TWO NAMES** needed below!

Ruth went to a town in Judah to get food.

Write the name of that town here:

A very famous person was born in that town.

Write the name of that person here:

Where should Ruth go?

★ Ruth starts here

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More about RUTH



READ the Picture Bible pages 247–252.

UNSCRAMBLE the words in **BOLD** below. These words describe how Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz behaved. God took care of them all, rewarding them for these acts of love.

THILUFAP = They were all _____ towards God and each other.

Write down how you can show this trait towards your family this Advent: _____

SENSKNID = They all acted with _____ towards each other.

Write down how you can show this trait towards your family this Advent: _____

NEGESOUR = They all were _____ and shared what they had with each other.

Write down how you can show this trait towards your family this Advent: _____

THINK back on this week, and **WRITE** down some other ways to show love to your family.

I will do these things:

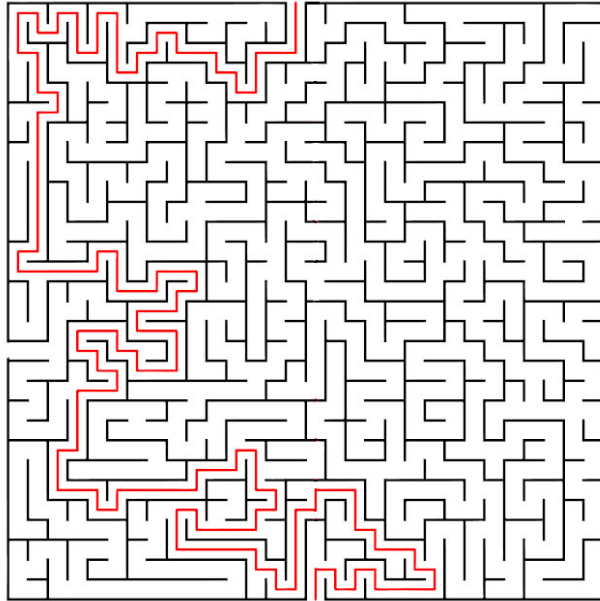
RUTH'S Wedding

COLOR the picture below of Ruth and Boaz at their wedding!



Ruth Maze

1. Bethlehem
2. Jesus!



Bethlehem

Ruth Word Scramble

- Faithful
- Kindness
- Generous