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We can only accept orders accompanied by payment	Price	No of sets	Cost
Holy Family crib set (with prayer booklet and CD of Powerpoint)	£12.00		
Plain wooden cross set of 5	£ 7.50		
Dove cross set of 5 (3 cm height)	£ 7.50		
Olive wood nativity stars set of 5	£ 5.00		
Olive wood plain stars set of 5	£ 5.00		
Children's Prayer card (50)	£ 2.00		
St Francis Prayer card (50)	£ 2.00		
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Pax Christi Bethlehem Advent Project



The idea

An Advent project which aims

- to encourage prayer and reflection on the coming of the Prince of Peace at Christmas.
- to raise awareness that Bethlehem is a living place today, its people in need of prayer and support.

The project draws on Pax Christi's experience of working in solidarity with the people of Palestine, and a regional pilot organised with the

'Handing on our Faith' programme of Nottingham Diocesan Education Service. This has since been taken up by schools in Birmingham, Coventry, Wrexham and Salford.

Share a time for family prayer

Explore a message of peace

**Bethlehem Advent Project
Holy Family crib set**

Learn about Bethlehem today

Think of God becoming fully human

Connect with others around the world

How the Crib sets were used

- Schools prepared 'packs' with a Holy Family crib set, a prayer and reading guide, night-light candle and simple cloth.
- The Pax Christi power-point *Bethlehem Story* was made available for use by class teachers to introduce Bethlehem as it is today.
- During Advent each child took the class Holy Family crib set home for a night for family prayer and discussion. Families were invited to write some reflection or comment on the experience in a diary booklet.

Some diary responses

Me and my family set the figures out with the candle. We said a beautiful poem and read some prayers. We prayed for some Bethlehem boys who stayed with us and read about the problems they were in.
(Isobel, Year 5)

We sang "Away in a Manger". Edward was interested in the photographs of Bethlehem nowadays. He was surprised. "Does it still exist?", he asked. We reflected on other children who cannot celebrate Christmas in the way we do, because they are poor or live in countries where there is war or conflict.
(Robinson family)

Examples

- Think about someone you may have hurt
- Smile at 5 people today
- Talk to someone who is lonely
- Thank God for the beautiful world we live in
- Think of children who live in countries where there is war
- Be a peacemaker today - in your class or in your family.

Continue the message of peace in the New Year



Use Pax Christi's peace assembly ideas with a class or whole school groups. Our rainbow peace flag and prayer cards are great resources. Create your own school Peace Garden. This are a great way of bringing children together to plan and care for a common project and also think of what peace could mean, look like, feel like when we create our own Peace Garden.

These resources can be found on the CD accompanying this pack or on the Pax Christi website education page. www.paxchristi.org.uk

More ideas for Advent

Advent Peace Calendar

Children could create their own Advent calendar, using old Christmas cards or drawing pictures themselves, to make a background collage. Use small sticky 'post-it' notes for the windows - one on top of another, to be peeled back and reveal the picture or words underneath. Discuss what sort of actions to include - things that help us think about Christmas and Jesus the peacemaker.

Other resources and contacts for teachers/parents/carers

Open Bethlehem Project: is an international campaign set up to draw attention to the problems of those living in Bethlehem today. The website has a number of power-points and a video about Bethlehem.
www.openbethlehem.org.

Trees for Life project: find out more about the importance of olive trees in Palestine and projects to encourage the planting of trees today.
<http://www.olivecoop.com/trees-for-life/>

Olivewood goods from Bethlehem: beautiful leaving or Christmas gifts

