



Outdoor CHRISTMAS

Outdoor Christmas Challenge; how many can you do? Tick the box next to each challenge once you've completed it.

Remember to wrap up warm and wear suitable footwear!

Name of Explorer:.....

Decorate The Woods



Make bird feeder decorations by threading food items such as sliced orange, berries, popcorn, bread, sliced/cubed apple onto twine. Go for a walk in the woods and decorate the trees with your colourful bird feeders.

The shepherds spread the news to all who would listen about what they knew about the baby Jesus lying in the manger. Hanging these decorations is a fun way to open up conversations with people about the good news of Christmas.

Bark Rubbing Nativity



Collect lots of different bark rubbings, use different colours if you wish. Then cut them up to create your own nativity scene.

Just like the simple bark makes a mark when we make the rubbings, a baby was a simple gift, who left a huge mark in the world. What mark does Jesus make in your life?

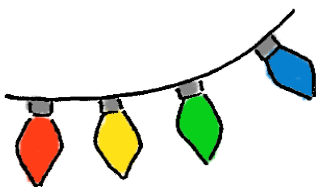
Donate Food



Travel to a shop either on foot, or bikes/scooters and buy some food to donate to your local foodbank. The Trussell Trust runs a network of over 400 foodbanks. Visit their website to find one.

We give gifts to remember the most amazing gift of all; Jesus. In this season of giving we must remember that whilst some eat in excess, others struggle to eat a single meal, so giving and sharing what we have with others through foodbanks is essential.

Christmas Light Walk



Go on a walk past the houses and shops in the area where you live. Do this after it has gone dark if you can. Look at the Christmas lights that you can see.

These lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. He guides us and helps us to see the way we should go. Everytime you see a display of lights that you love, shout 'THANK YOU' to offer Jesus thanks for all that he does for us.

Christmas Cairn



Find some rocks and stones; build them up on top of each other to make a cairn shaped like a Christmas tree (biggest at the bottom, smallest at the top).

Cairns are often used to mark a point on a journey. Many people travelled on a journey during the Christmas story (Mary & Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men), all to discover the Saviour, Jesus. What does your journey look like? Pray for God to guide you on your journey with Jesus.



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Outdoor Popcorn



Pop some popcorn kernels in a pan over an outdoor fire. Make sure to teach children about staying safe around fire.

Watch how the heat changes the popcorn from kernels to fluffy edible treats. This reminds us of how Jesus can change our lives. Before you eat the popcorn, think about things in your life that you'd like Jesus to change this Christmas. All say 'Amen' and take a bite of your sweet treat together.

Stick Maze



Create a maze out of sticks and enjoy your journey walking around solving the route together.

Mary and Joseph had a long journey ahead of them to reach Bethlehem, what do you think they saw or smelt? Do you think they knew the route well or do you think they got stuck?

Porridge Picnic



Wrap up warm, take chairs or a picnic blanket outside, and eat a bowl of porridge. Enjoy the warmth that the hot food brings.

At Christmas, we gather together and remember that God loves us so much that He sent us His Son, Jesus. As the porridge fills you with warmth, talk about the warmth of God's love. How do we know when someone loves us? How do we know that God loves us?

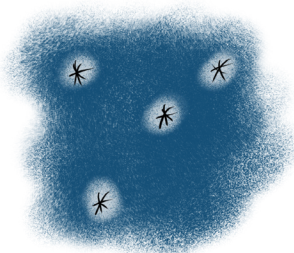
Leaf Tree



Collect leaves, noticing the different colours and shapes. How is the area around you changing with the season? Thread the leaves onto some string, starting biggest at the bottom, to create a leaf tree that you can hang up in your house.

Through our changing seasons, changing reasons to celebrate and changing circumstances, God is our constant. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. No matter what is going on in our lives, God loves and cares for us.

Star Gazing



Enjoy the crisp winter air by star gazing. How many can you see? What do they look like? Can you count them?

Wise Men followed the star to find Jesus. The stars on top of our Christmas trees remind us to do our best to follow Jesus. When you look to the sky remember how it must have felt to see such an incredible star like the Wise Men did, and how we can all find ways to follow Jesus.