

Shepherds' Story/Angels' Song

Star Light, Star Bright

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Recreate the night sky over Bethlehem on that starry night so long ago...

Materials:

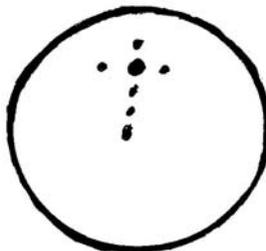
- ◆ A pin
- ◆ Black paper
- ◆ Coloured paper
- ◆ Cardboard tube (toilet roll size)
- ◆ Tape – black electrical tape in ideal
- ◆ Scissors, textas, glue stick
- ◆ Stickers and stars, glitter etc.

Method:

- ◆ Cut a rectangle of coloured paper large enough to glue around the cylindrical body of the cardboard tube.
- ◆ Cut a circle from the black paper large enough to fit over the end of the tube.
- ◆ Take the pin and poke holes in the circle in the pattern shown below.
- ◆ Make the second hole larger by poking it again.
- ◆ Now poke a few more holes around the circle, anywhere you like.



- ◆ Tape the circle to one end of the tube.
- ◆ Decorate your tube with textas, stickers, stars, glitter, etc.



Now use your imagination...

Point your tube at a light and look through the end that doesn't have the black paper on it.
Can you see the sky over Bethlehem?
Do you see the bright star of Bethlehem?
Can you also see the cross of Jesus in the night sky?

Try this at night:

Turn off all the lights and place a torch inside your tube. Shine it on a wall and see the night sky of Bethlehem there! Try it on the ceiling...

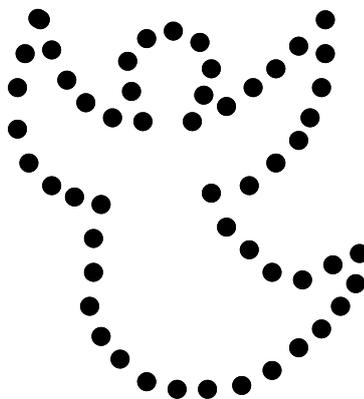
NIGHT SKY

Additional fun:

Make another tube, but this time pin-prick the outline of an angel on your black paper.

Put a torch inside this tube too, and shine it on the wall or ceiling at the same time as you shine another torch through the starry tube.

Make several angel tubes and shine a host of angels on your wall or ceiling among the stars...



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