

Chrismon Crafts

Felt Stars: All Age

(adapted from an idea from *Follow the Star*: Burwood Uniting Church Victoria; AlterNativity 2006)

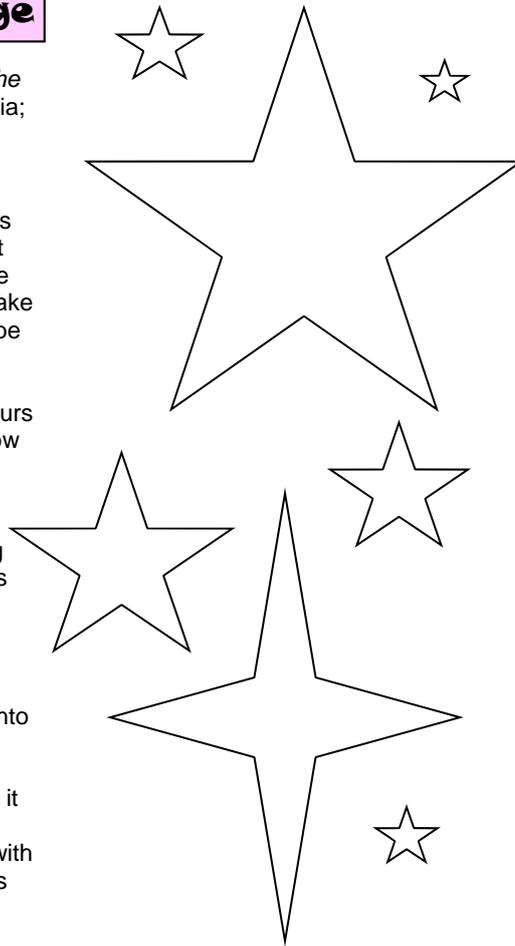
You will need:

- ◆ Star templates – use different sizes or all the same depending on what you intend to do with the stars; one size only will do if children are to take them home, different sizes would be good for decorating the church
- ◆ Felt – they can be just white or yellowy colours, or a range of colours if you want a multi-coloured rainbow effect
- ◆ Scissors, felt pen for tracing
- ◆ Craft glue
- ◆ Metallic wool or thread for hanging
- ◆ glitter fabric paints, jewels, sequins etc to decorate
- ◆ needles, embroidery cottons

What to do:

- ◆ Use the templates to trace stars onto felt.
- ◆ Attach a length of metallic wool or thread to hang the star with – glue it on or use a needle to sew it on.
- ◆ Children can decorate their stars with glitter fabric paints, jewels, sequins etc.

Advent 1: Reading: **Luke 21: 25-36**: signs in the sun, moon and stars; the fig tree parable



Intergenerational opportunity:

Older children and/or adults may like to use embroidery or quilting techniques to personalise their stars. This offers an opportunity for cross-generational interaction: arrange for adults who do embroidery or quilting to teach some of the children appropriate techniques.

Suggestions for use:

Children can, of course, take them home to put on their Christmas tree, but at Burwood UC they do this as an Advent activity for the whole congregation.

You can make up a craft package (star plus thread) for each member of the congregation to decorate; the finished stars are used to decorate the church – on your tree in the foyer, hanging from tinsel throughout the church, hanging from the stable roof, or create a galaxy of stars in the sanctuary.

Variation on the theme:

Do the same with an angel shape and create a host of angels on the sanctuary.

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