



"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

# Paper Bag MANGER CRAFT



## ANGELS and the BIRTH OF JESUS

<sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Luke 2:8-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Brown paper bag
- Clothespin or Popsicle/craft stick
- Permanent maker
- White and Yellow/Gold construction paper
- Gauze or toilet paper
- Straw
- *Optional:* Yarn or other item to use for hair
- *Optional:* Cutouts of caption to glue to front of bag (*template to follow*)

### PREPARATION BEFORE ACTIVITY

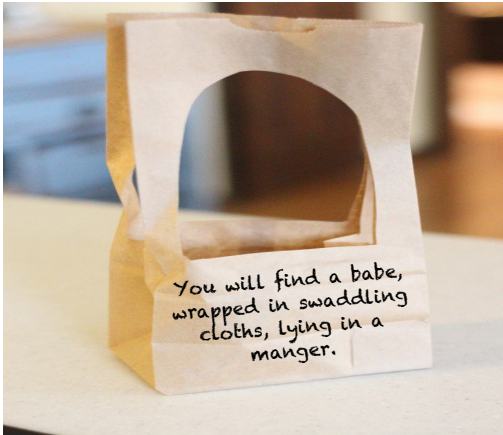
- Cut out stars from the yellow or gold construction paper (*template to follow*)
- Cut out angels from the white construction paper (*template to follow*)

### WHAT TO DO

1. Trace a window shape onto your paper bag. Use scissors or and an exacto knife to cut. Once you open the bag, it will have windows on the sides of the bag too!



2. a) Write/copy in permanent marker on the front of the bag:  
 "You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."  
 b) Glue the cutout of Luke 2:12 to the front of the bag.



3. To make Baby Jesus, draw a face on the round end of the slotted clothespin or popsicle/craft stick. *Optional:* Glue a little doll hair curl (that I bought at a craft supply store) on the top of each of our babies.



4. Cut a small piece of gauze or toilet paper to act as the swaddling cloths. Wrap the baby!



5. Fold the top of the paper bag down about an inch and staple. Attach the star and angel. Place straw and the baby inside the manger.



TEMPLATE: *Print, cutout, and glue to the front of the bag at the bottom.*

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**TEMPLATE:** Use patterns below to cut out yellow or gold stars and white angels. Attach to top of manger.

