

## **Stations of the Nativity**

### **Supplies:**

- A variety of Nativity scenes (on loan from parishioners) or printed pictures of Nativity scenes
- Small tables
- Tablecloths
- Nativity station reflection
- Candle for every table
- Christmas music

### **Instructions:**

- Set up individual clothed tables around the room.
- Organize each table or surface with a Nativity scene, Candle, and reflection (included)
- On the final table, rather than a single candle, place an Advent wreath with all candles lit.
- Invite visitors/participants to take their time walking through the stations as they reflect on the journey that they have embarked on.
- Reflections and prayers, for participants to use at each station are included, you may develop your own if you'd like to.

### **Additional ideas:**

- Make your final station stand out by setting up a large homemade two-dimensional stable (see photo below for dimensions) with some hay bales
- Draw a stable and hay bales on a large piece of paper and set it up on the wall
- Invite children and families to bring their favourite stuffed animals or toys to place in the stable to help tell the Christmas story
- Invite children to come dressed as their favourite nativity character
- Invite families to pose in the front of the stable scene and take a Christmas photo
- Use a large homemade nativity scene
  
- **Want to make it virtual?** No problem!
- Email the attached leaflet to parishioners or copy and paste onto slides
- Rather than using home nativity scenes, you could find nativity photos online to include in a slide show format
- You can do the stations corporately using whatever virtual platform you currently are comfortable with. Or you can simply send out prepared slides for folks to do this individually throughout the Christmas season

*(\*\*Note: These additional ideas could also be used for a Christmas Eve service. Rather than a Eucharist, use the service to re-tell the Christmas Story in a new and exciting way.)*

*Please find attached a Stations of the Nativity leaflet with readings, reflections and prayers for each station for your use.*