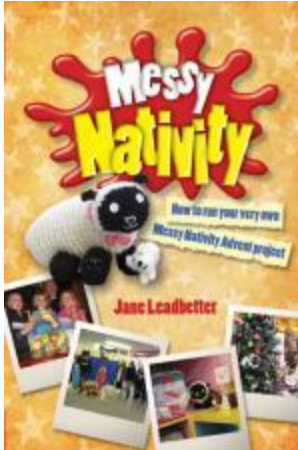




Community Christmas Sheep Trail



Adapted from Messy Nativity

<http://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-nativity>

Read some more UK stories

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THE IDEA:

Knit or buy some soft sheep, take them to local shopkeepers who name them and hide them in their shops.

Children and families hear the Christmas story with the addition that the shepherd wants to go and see baby Jesus but he has lost his sheep - can you help him find them?

The children/families pick up a sheet to go around the local shops to find the sheep, writing the names of the sheep by the name of the shop they found the sheep in. Have the children/families hand their sheets in at a Christmas Eve service.

Prize draw at the service = choosing one of the sheep to keep!

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Here is a photo of the knitted sheep ready to be given to shops to name and hide in Mosgiel in 2014.

(A knitting pattern for these sheep is included in the Messy Nativity Book)

Here is the 'Flagstaff's shepherd' before he lost his sheep!

'The Launch' of the Sheep trail was at the Community Choir Carol service, one week before Christmas. Children could pick up their entry form then or at school or from a couple of the shops involved.

