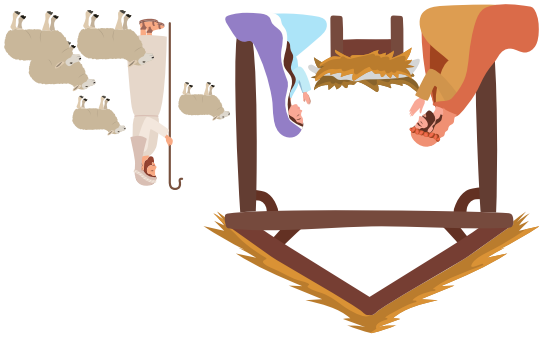


UPSIDE DOWN



Thoughts on Upside Down Christmas

How do you celebrate Christmas? Do you do the same things every year? Do you do anything unusual that might seem upside down to other people? Would you like to change something, to turn it upside down?

The Bible says

That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and suddenly they became very frightened. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people. Today your Saviour was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box." Luke 2:8-12

Do

Do an upside down Advent calendar. Do, or give something, for someone else each day.



Fact



Some people in the world have upside down Christmas trees. According to legend, a monk called Boniface cut down a fir tree in Germany and turned it upside down to show the triangle of the Holy Trinity - God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Idea



The story of Jesus' birth is so well-known that we often don't really think about how God's plan was very upside down. Jesus is known as 'the King of Kings' but he was born among animals instead of in a palace, and laid in a feeding trough instead of a cradle. His mother was a young, ordinary girl and his father was a carpenter. His first visitors, sent by angels, were shepherds; smelly, rough, poor people who lived outside of the town. God came to live as a human in Jesus, to show us how to live life from his perspective, however upside down it might seem.

Pray

Thank you for God's upside plan of Jesus' birth and that he has a plan for all of us, which will always be the right way up from God's perspective.

