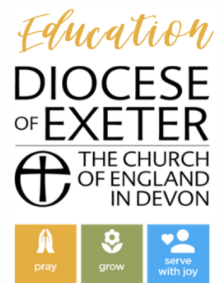


FOREST SCHOOL STARS



Why a star?

A star features in the account of Jesus' birth told by Matthew. We hear that it guided the wise men to him and stopped over the place he was. Stars reflect the light of the sun and illuminate the sky. For thousands of years people used to navigate where they were travelling by looking at them. You can find out more about star gazing here:

<https://www.schoolsobservatory.org/learn/astro/nightsky/ukstargazing>

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.'

Matthew 2: 2, 9-10

Stars are signs of hope as they give us light in the darkness and can help us when we have lost our way. In John's gospel Jesus is described as 'the true light that gives light to everyone' – what do you think this might mean?

For this activity you will need:

- Sticks
- Secateurs (gardening scissors) might be helpful
- Masking tape/thin wire/string to tie them together
- Things to decorate it with (leaves etc. to decorate)

Easy

Find six sticks of about the same size make them into a star shape and stick together

Medium

Find two long bendy sticks, fold them in three to make two triangles, tie them together and make a star.

Harder

Find one long bendy stick (willow is ideal) and try to make a five point star. See [here](#) It doesn't matter if they are not exactly the same size. You could make lots of stars of different sizes and make a mobile or make one big one for your front door or use it to decorate your table for Christmas. See if you can find some leaves to weave around them.

