

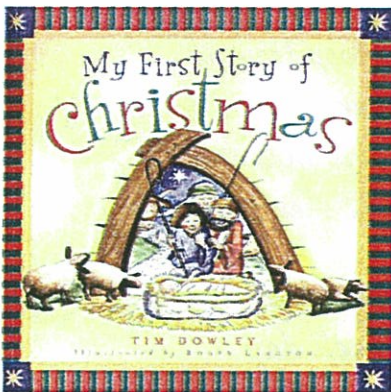
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Christmas Resource Ideas

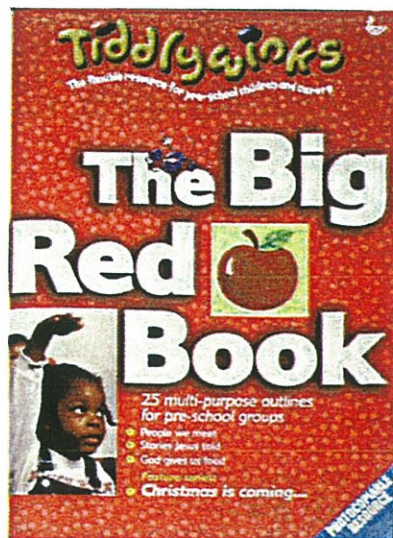
My First Story of Christmas ISBN-185985656X
by Tim Dowley, published by Candle Books.

This book is a very simple story of the first Christmas perfect for playgroup age children. It covers the whole story from Mary being told by the angel that she was to give birth, Mary and Josephs trip to Bethlehem, right through to the visits from the shepherds and the wise men. It ends by telling the children why we give presents at Christmas - "just as God sent Jesus as the best gift of all."

This book is beautifully illustrated, and at the cost of \$2.95 is a bargain. Unfortunately the book is small in size so may not be suitable if you have a large group of children, but a great book if you are looking for a present for your playgroupers. It can be purchased from Koorong Bookstores.



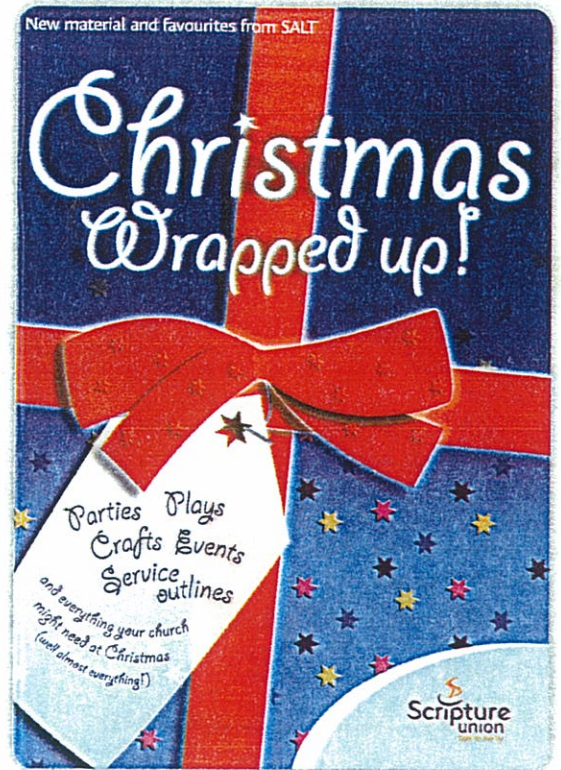
Tiddlywinks - The Big Red Book ISBN-9781859996584



It is difficult to find Sunday School material for children 5 and under that is appropriate for this age group and at a decent price. "Tiddlywinks" material is both of these. Each book covers 25 Bible stories and has a double page of ideas- craft, activities, games, songs, rhymes, and stories- enough to fill in well over an hour. There are also activity pages for each week that are fully photocopiable. A lot of the songs in these books are to tunes that will be familiar to you and the children so it makes learning them far easier, e.g. "The Wheels On The Bus", "I Hear Thunder", etc.

There are six books available and each has a main theme that goes for ten weeks and then three shorter themes to take you up to the 25 weeks. "The Red Book" has Christmas stories in it and "The Yellow Book" has the Easter stories and stories suitable for Mothers' and Fathers' Days.

"Tiddlywinks" - a series of books relevant for teaching 3-5 year olds in Sunday School. \$25.95 each and are available from Scripture Union or Koorong (a limited supply only).



Christmas Wrapped Up

If you have ever felt that the commercialism of Christmas is overwhelming, this book has all the creative ideas to re-discover the true meaning of the celebration of Christ Jesus' birth. This book will give you almost everything you need to get the most out of Christmas for years to come. Includes all age Christmas day services, songs, plays for all sizes of groups, Christmas parties, short presentations, ideas for Christmas evangelism, quick Christmas talks, and more!

Available from Scripture Union, only \$24.95

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