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Touch and Talk Nativity Story

Directions: Print the nativity scene on card stock, one per child. Glue different textures unto the sheet where instructed. Kids can do as a craft or they can be done ahead of time. Then as you read the special nativity story that highlights the textures in the scene, have kids feel each item as they listen. Story also gives opportunities to share sounds like animal or baby noises. Use items that are not choking hazards and secure with craft glue or glue gun. This can be used in the classroom or mailed/given to students.

Mary was a special young lady who God loved very much. God chose her to be Jesus' mother. Before Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph had to travel to the city of Bethlehem. Traveling was hard because Mary was going to have a baby very soon.

One night, she and Joseph looked for a safe place to sleep. They asked many people if they had a room for them. But they all said no. One man said that they could sleep in his animals' stable. A stable is like a barn. ***Can you feel the roof of the stable? What do you think it would feel like to sleep inside? What noises do you think the animals would make? What about a sheep? Or a donkey?*** That would be a pretty noisy place to sleep. ***Can you feel the fluffy sheep and smooth donkey?***

While they were there, Mary gave birth to a baby. They named him Jesus. Mary and Joseph loved Jesus very much. They wanted him to be warm and safe. Mary wrapped him up in swaddling. Swaddling is like a blanket. ***Can you feel baby Jesus' soft swaddling?*** Then Joseph made Jesus a bed in the manger. He put down some crisp straw to make a comfy place for Jesus to sleep. ***Can you feel Jesus' bed in the manger? How do you think baby Jesus was feeling? How were Mary and Joseph feeling? What sounds do babies make?*** God was pleased. He sent a ***bright and shiny star*** to tell everyone that Jesus was born. Thank you Jesus for being our Savior.