



ADVENT LIVES

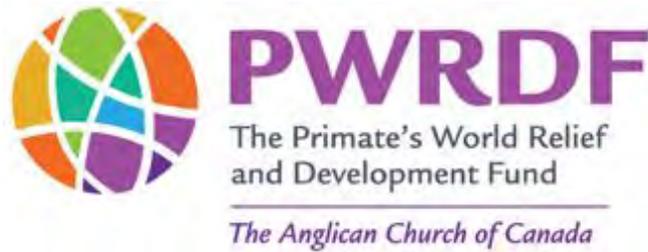
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The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the official Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. That's a lot of big words in one sentence, let's take a look at what that really means:



P Primate, the Primate is the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada; this is the most senior bishop.



W World, PWRDF has partners around the world.



R Relief, a response to address and act on the immediate needs of people who are victims of natural and human made disasters and violence. These responses typically include food, water, shelter and medical supplies.



D Development, a long-term commitment and partnership that is established when a community identifies a problem and a sustainable strategy is established to respond.



F Fund, the funds that we receive from our donors, including Anglicans across Canada, are shared with our partners to support their work in responding to the needs of vulnerable people around the world. We are careful stewards of these funds and work to ensure that development and relief programs are as efficient and effective as possible..

World of Gifts

PWRDF's World of Gifts allows people to support our partners by donating funds to supply items of need for their programs.





Hi, I'm the PWRDeLF,
Advent is my favourite time of year, I
love getting ready for Christmas, all
the preparations, the smells, the songs,
the stories and the hope, joy, love and
peace that we all share.

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Advent is the season in the church calendar that marks the beginning of the new church year. It is a time when we begin to prepare for the coming of God through the birth of Jesus.

We recall and retell the story of the Angel Gabriel's visit with Mary to tell her she would give birth to a child and name him Jesus. We hear about the uncertainty and of Joseph, the joy of Elizabeth, the journey to Bethlehem, the donkey, the sheep and shepherds and a multitude of Angels.



The story of Jesus' birth can be found in the Bible in the books of Matthew chapters 1-2 and Luke chapters 1-2.



This is how I remember the story of the Nativity, the birth of Jesus.

Do you know that Christmas story about the kid who was born the son of God? Well, I bet you didn't know that I was there! That's right, I saw the whole thing. And let me tell you, there were no pine trees covered in decorations, or hanging stockings, or chocolate advent calendars. It all started without the rituals and Christmas celebrations we know today.

The story begins a long, long time ago – more than 2,000 years ago in fact!

There was a girl named Mary who lived in a town called Nazareth. Mary was engaged to be married to a nice carpenter named Joseph.

One day Mary was at home doing... well I don't remember what she was doing, probably something normal like washing the hummus stains off a shawl, or sweeping the floor, or feeding her donkey.

Anyway, there she was minding her own business when the whole room lit up and the angel Gabriel appeared saying, "Peace be with you! God has blessed you and is pleased with you." Mary was very surprised and a little scared, too! She was so scared she dropped her wash bucket, sewing needle or broom – whatever it was – right on the floor! But the angel smiled and said, "Don't be afraid. God has sent me to say that you are going to have a baby. But not just any baby. Your baby will be the son of God, the Saviour who was promised. You will call him Jesus, and he will be the forever king over all people! Isn't that exciting?!" The angel's voice boomed with so much joy, it made my little pointy elf ears ring!

"Huh? But how can I have a baby?" Mary felt confused. The angel told her that it would be okay, the Holy Spirit would fall over Mary like a warm blanket. The angel also told her she could trust Joseph to take care of her, even though they weren't married yet.

Mary was excited and afraid. I was just confused. How could a human girl be the mother of the son of God, the forever king? Mary surprised me, she looked at that Angel, and said, "Okay, if that's what God wants, then that's what I want too." She sure was brave!

Well sure enough, over the next few months Mary's belly got bigger as a baby grew inside her. Near the time when the baby was ready to be born, the ruler of the land where Mary and Joseph lived, the Roman Emperor Augustus, declared that he wanted a list of all the people he ruled over – a census. So all the people in Israel had to travel to the place they were born to be counted on the list.

Even though Mary was very pregnant, sore and tired, she traveled with Joseph all the way to his home town of Bethlehem. It was about 115 kilometres away, which was a really long distance riding a donkey! I wanted to see what was going to happen, so I hung on to the donkey's tail as they walked.

When they got to the village, Mary knew that the baby was coming soon and she needed to find somewhere to rest, but all the inns were full. There was no room anywhere for poor Mary to lie down. I felt sad for Mary. The only place left to sleep was in a dirty old cave, a shelter for animals.

So there I was sitting on the back of that donkey, and believe it or not, the baby Jesus, God's greatest gift to the world wasn't born in a palace, but in a cave where he was laid in a feed trough – or a manger – to sleep.

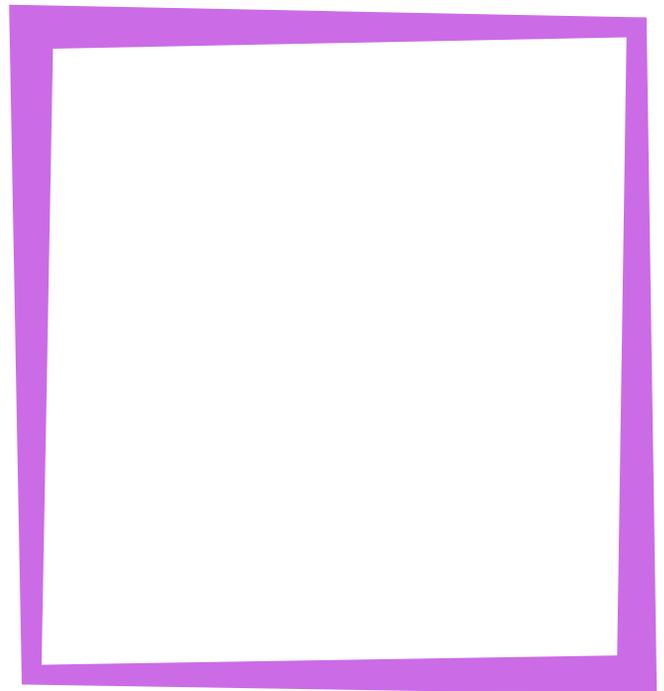
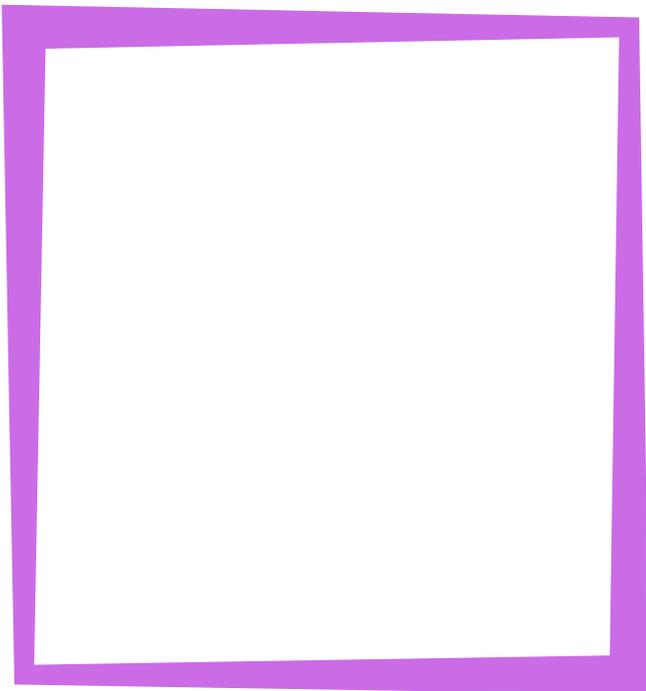
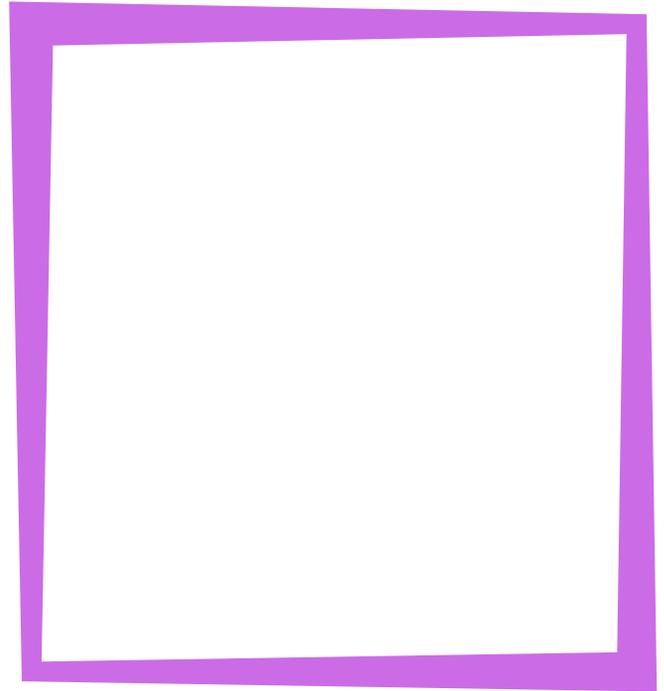
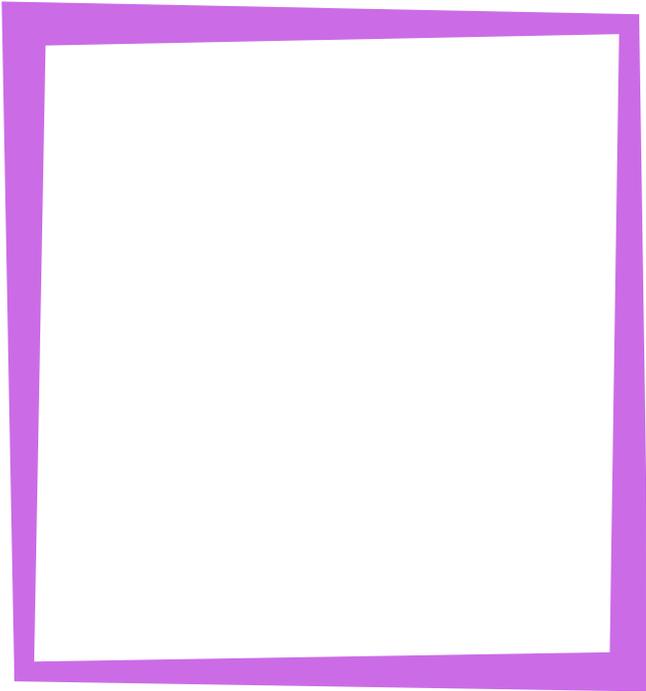
That night some shepherds came to see the baby and later – though I was long gone by then – some really wise ones came to see him too! They all came to see how God gave us the greatest present of all in the presence of Jesus. It was a gift that continues to bless us for all eternity.



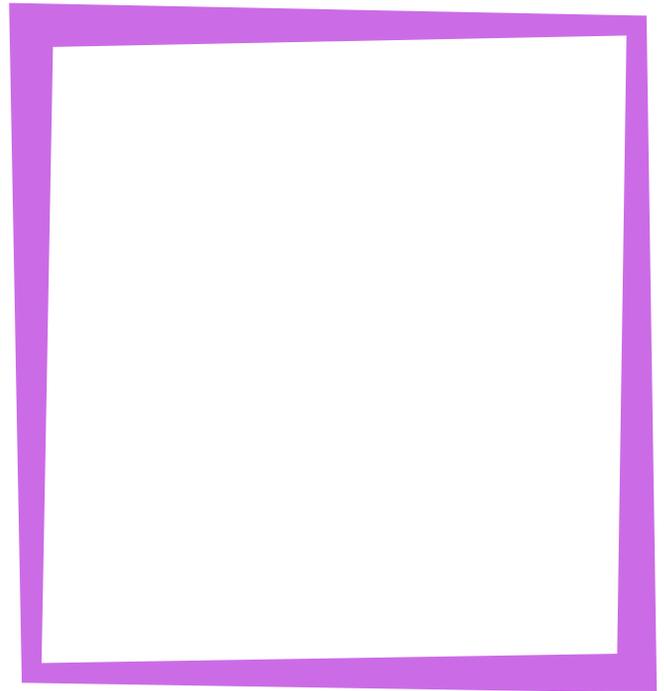
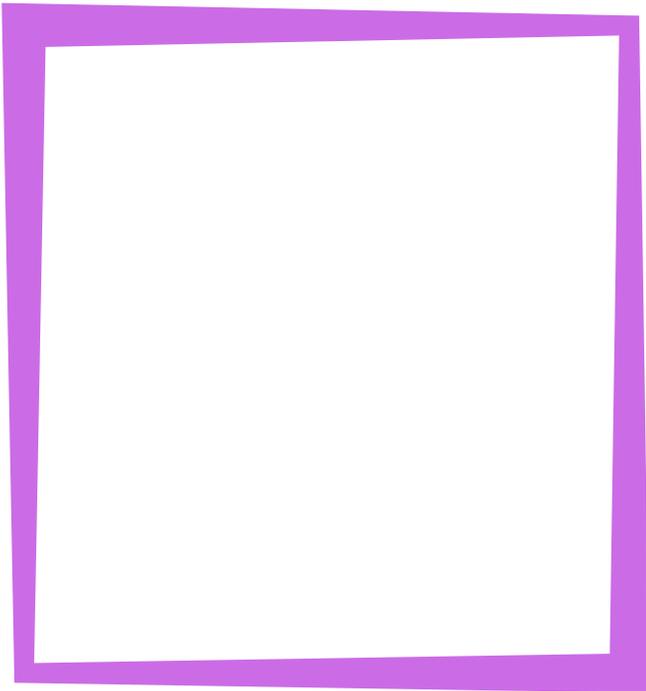
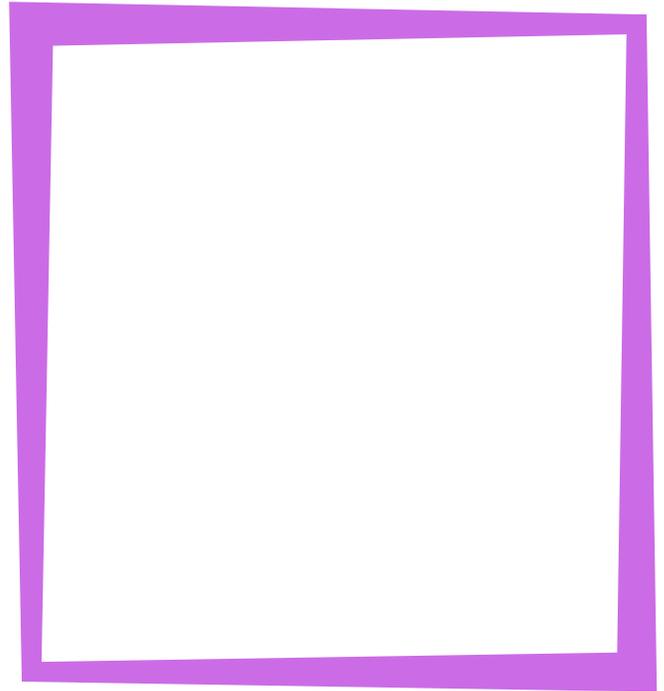
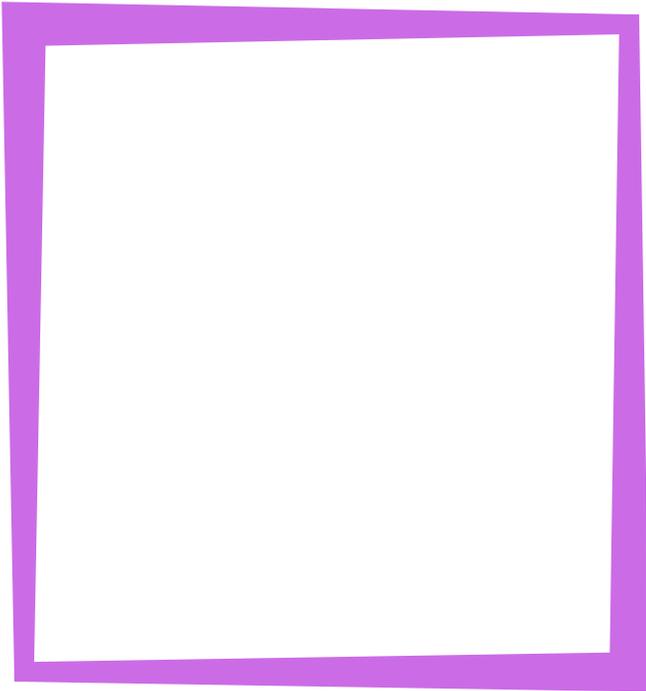


My Nativity Story

Draw or write your memory of the Nativity Story.



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ADVENT

Advent is a time for us to prepare, and to make room in our lives for the coming of Jesus; we decorate our homes and churches, we sing songs and say prayers, we light candles and have special calendars.



How do you and your family prepare during Advent?



Preparing for a gift that makes a world of difference.

The greatest gift we have ever received is the gift of Jesus' birth. Mary and Joseph's long journey to Bethlehem required a lot of preparation, too.

That preparation and the birth of Jesus were made easier by the compassion, love and justice-seeking of those Mary and Joseph encountered along the way.

- The compassion of the Angel Gabriel
- The compassion, love and justice of the cave owner
- The compassion and love of the donkey and animals
- The compassion and love of the shepherds
- The compassion, love and Justice seeking of the wise ones.

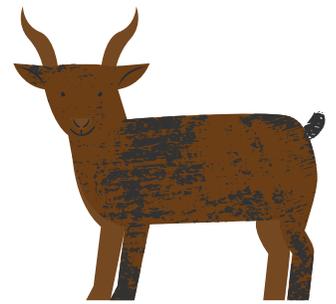
The awesome thing is, compassion, love and justice continued to be themes throughout Jesus' teachings, and the best part is, we are a part of this story today.

As we listen to our sacred stories and the Gospel message and learn about the way Jesus lived, and what he taught, we learn how we can use those lessons to guide our choices and live in the way of Jesus –sharing compassion, love and justice.

I am sure you can think of examples in your family, church and community of people living the way of Jesus.

At PWRDF we are so fortunate for so many reasons. One is because we get to be right in the middle of encountering the abundance of compassion, love and justice seekers from across Canada. It is with grace and deep gratitude that though receiving donations and support we can share your generosity to make a world of difference in the lives of families and communities around the world and help them to prepare to receive livestock, seeds, and other resources and equipment.





Preparing to receive goats.

In Malawi, a country in East Africa, PWRDF is supporting a program with Partners In Health to provide goats to Community Health Workers.



There are 1,228 (786 women and 442 men) community health workers (CHWs) in an area of Malawi called Neno district. Each CHW will receive three female goats, called nannies.



Some CHWs will receive goats directly from the program. Then these goats will have babies (called kids) and the CHWs will give the kids to their fellow CHWs.



Each CHW will learn how to care for their goats and build a shelter for their goats to sleep in during the night where they will be safe from other animals.



More than 50 of the CHWs will be selected to be animal health workers and they will learn how to keep the goats healthy with vaccinations and how to treat common goat illnesses.



Each animal health worker will receive a goat treatment kit to care for the goats in their communities.



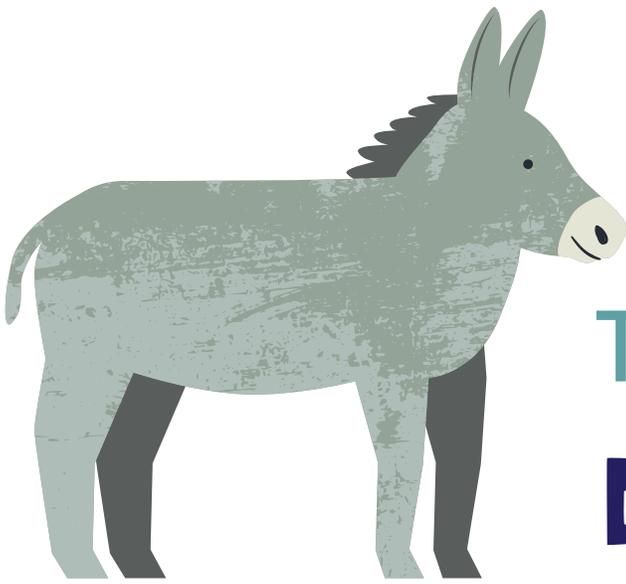
Nanny goats will be purchased within Neno district because they are used to the conditions and environment in the district.



Each CHW will sign an agreement with Partners In Health saying they will care for the goats they receive and they will pass on three healthy female goats to CHWs in their communities when the goats are between 9 and 11 months old.

PWRDF is also supporting programs that provide chickens to farmers in Colombia, and donkeys to people in Kenya. In both places, people will learn how to take care of their animals.





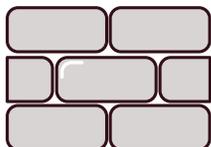
The Gift of a **DONKEY**

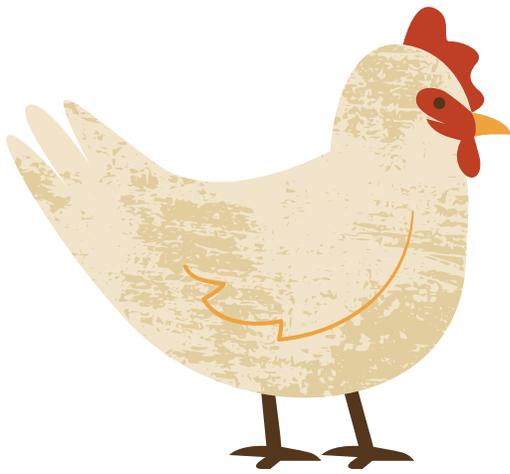
Donkeys can

- Carry more than four times the amount of water a woman or child carries on their head everyday.
- Carry a lot of firewood.
- Carry lot of materials for construction like sand, rocks and cement.
- Pull a cart full of crops and produce at harvest time.
- Carry a variety of other heavy or cumbersome materials needed for family small businesses.

Donkeys

- Are drought resilient
- Do not eat or drink too much
- Produce manure for the garden





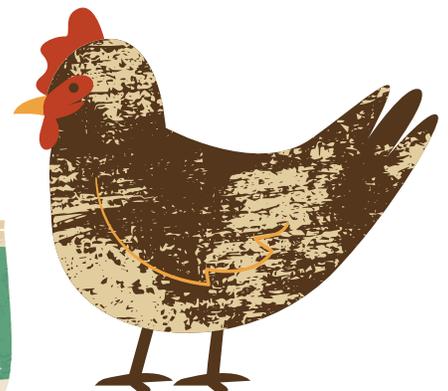
The Gift of **CHICKENS**

" 'Coc-Co-Co-Coc ake' says my chicken and I'm happy." - Karen, a farmer in Colombia

- When the hen makes buck-buck-buck there's an egg in the nest that makes you happy.
- Women of the countryside take care of chickens, and children care for the chicks, with love and joy.
- A great responsibility in the time of this pandemic is to take care of the chicks so they can take of the farmers and their families.
- The hen house can be made with materials that are find on the farm; the chickens are feed with produce harvested in the garden, and, they can sell the extra eggs to buy the food and medicines needed.
- The hen is very friendly.
- The eggs give vitamins when eaten.

Chickens

- Are easy to care for and fun
- Do not eat or drink too much
- Produce manure for the garden



The Gift of a **GOAT**



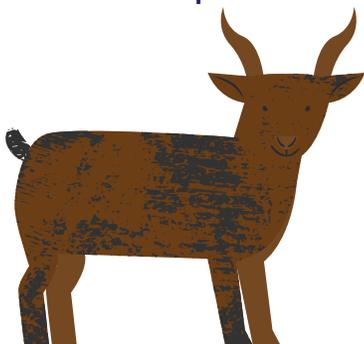
Goats can do a lot!

- Goats are fairly easy to keep and maintain and look after and all family members can help in their care.
- In Malawi, goats are used for breeding.
- They provide protein for the families, which helps them have a nutritious diet.
- They produce manure which is used in fields and kitchen gardens as a natural fertilizer.

Goats

The goats are received by community health workers (CHW) in Neno district, Malawi. The CHWs are not paid a lot of money so the goats help support the family by providing extra income. Because of this goats are considered valuable assets for families.

- They can breed the goats and increase herd size and sell the surplus goats in their communities
- With more income, families can pay for school fees, medicine, farming equipment and seeds, nutritious food, clothing, and home improvements.



The Gift of a **MIDWIFE**



The "lliklla = manta" or "rebozo" Traditional Indigenous Shawl

- Shawls are an essential part in the work of Indigenous midwives (parteras) in Peru and Mexico.
- The shawls are made by local Indigenous women with multicolored fabric with cotton thread, pictures and figures of animals of the region.
- The manta or rebozo is used to:
 - Carry medicinal herbs, ointments, oils and all the necessary materials to help the pregnant women.
 - Relax and reposition the baby during labour.
 - Provide the mother with comfort and wellbeing through the "manteo" or "manteado" technique, which is a soft screening, like a rhythmic tug.
 - Carry a baby

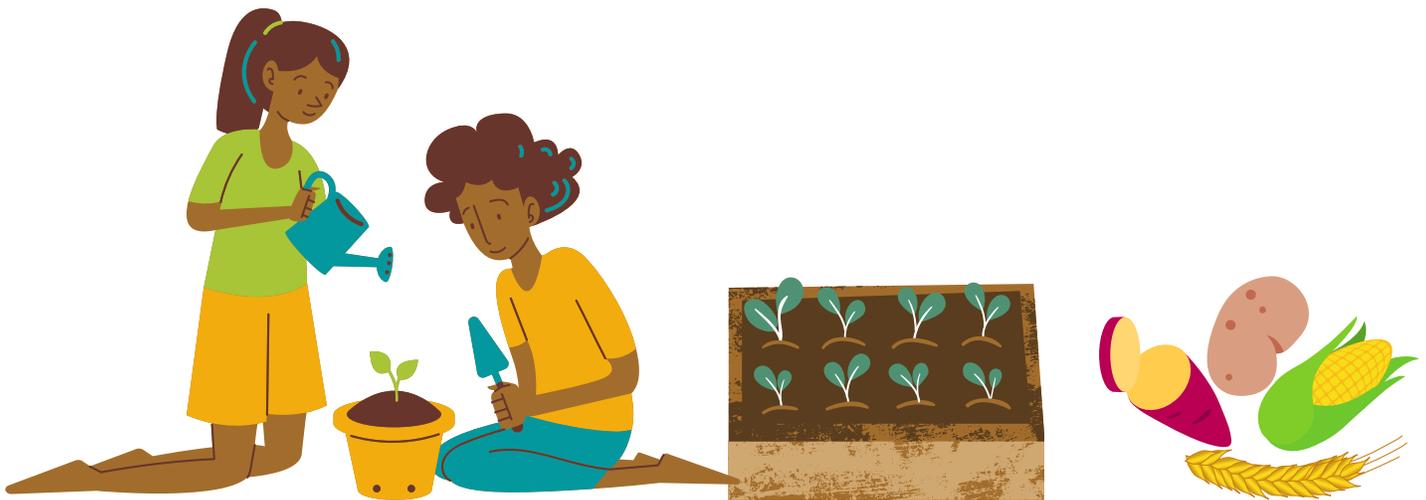


The Gift of **SEEDS**



Seeds provide:

- Hope for a bountiful harvest
- Tools to heal the land
- Potential to increase food security
- Potential to improve nutrition security
- Potential to provide income to improve a family's standard of living
- Motivation to work hard to feed the family
- Plants to protect top soil that prevents soil erosion
- Roots to keep the soil healthy and not too packed down
- Roots to allow rain to seep into the soil naturally
- Roots to feed all the tiny microorganisms in the soil that help the plants grow
- Resources to contribute to the community seed bank



Friend of PWRDF Theo interviews PWRDF staff person Jeanine Cudmore

Theo had some questions about the animals in PWRDF's World of Gifts. Here is part of his conversation with Jeanine:



In the World of Gifts, there are animals that people can buy. If I donate a goat, is the goat real?

Yes, the goat is definitely real. It will be a female goat because the female goats produce the little kids.

Where does the animal come from. Are they Canadian?

No, we don't actually ship animals from Canada to our partners or to the communities where we work. We buy the goats locally.

Are animals really what the community needs or is there something else I can do?

This is a need that the community members have identified themselves, and the goats will be going to the Community Health Workers

Is my goat loved?

Yes, absolutely. Goats are very valuable in Malawi and because of all of the work the Community Health Workers do they definitely value anything that they get

Thank you for answering my questions.



Hover your phone over this QR code to watch the whole video



Fundraising Stories

MONSTER COOKIES

At Holy Trinity Church in Cochrane, Ont., the youth group baked enough mini pies and monster cookies to buy four goats, and then the Men's Group pitched in to buy 10 more.

FRESH WATER, BABY BLANKETS, AND A GOAT

St. George's, Goderich and Christ Church, Port Albert offered a PWRDF Sunday using services from the PWRDF web site and stories of PWRDF ministry. The Sunday School learned about our National Relief and Development Ministry too! Exploring the PWRDF World of Gifts mailed in the Anglican Journal, the children talked about all the ways we can contribute to other people's wellness around the world. They decided to ask the congregation to help them donate to PWRDF's ministry. The children thought it was very important to have fresh water to drink and cook with, that babies need blankets, and they wanted to help someone have a goat too! They raised \$350 to enable this support of PWRDF's work.

FACE MASKS

St. Olave's in Toronto raised funds through the sale of face masks. With the dedication of a pair of long-time parishioners, masks were sewn and embroidered with the church name and words "O Lord open thou our lips." All proceeds from the sales went to PWRDF to support St. Jude Family Projects

SEVEN FARMS

For many years, parishioners in the Parish of French Village, N.S. had been purchasing flowers in memory of loved ones at Christmas. In 2019 they chose to support PWRDF's World of Gifts. The goal was set at \$450 to "buy the whole farm." The response was amazing and they raised more than \$3,000 – enough to purchase seven farms plus additional livestock!

BUYING THE FARM

Emmanuel Anglican Church in Saskatoon held a PWRDF Sunday followed by a Soup and Bun lunch, raising funds to "buy the whole farm" from PWRDF's World of Gifts guide. More than 50 parishioners shared a meal and took advantage of the 6:1 match from the Government of Canada. By the end of the meal, more than \$800 had been raised.



Fundraising Ideas

- **knit or crochet a shawl**
 - Collect sponsorships
 - Auction off the finished shawl
 - Sell shawls at the Christmas Bazaar
- **Make seed pots to sell**

VIRTUAL IDEAS

- **Open Mic night**
- **Cooking Lessons**
- **Online Gaming Tournament**
- **Paint or Craft Night**

There are some really great ideas and resources to help you plan your fundraising on this website:

www.soapboxengage.com/blog/1863-virtual-fundraising-ideas

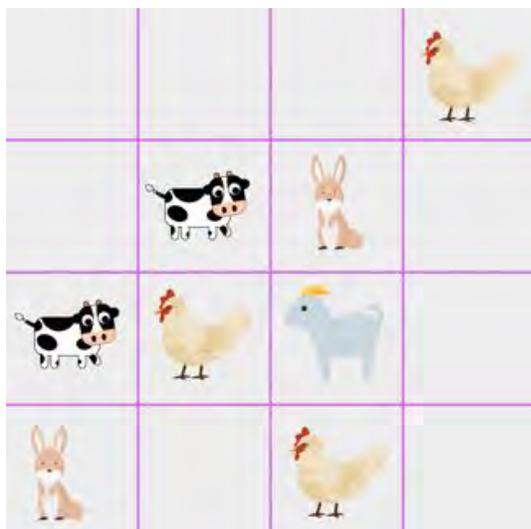
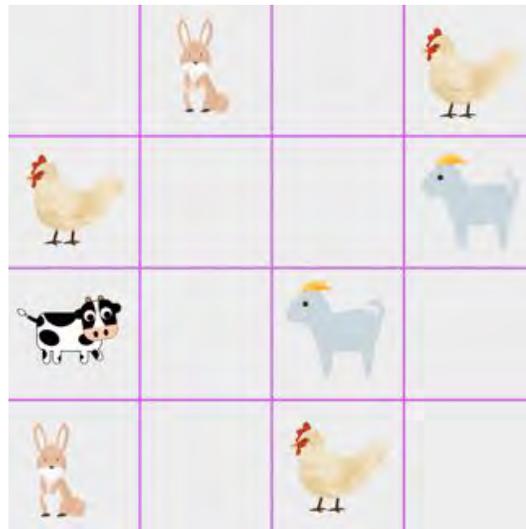
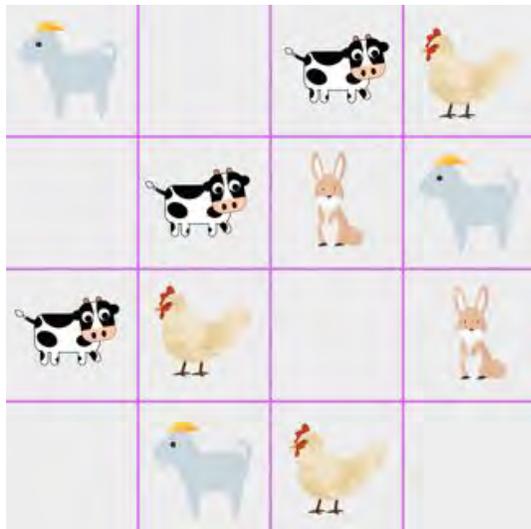
Tips

- Have a plan
- Set a goal
- Involve people
- Promote your initiative
- If you are doing something virtually, test it out before hand to make sure the technology works
- Be creative and have fun

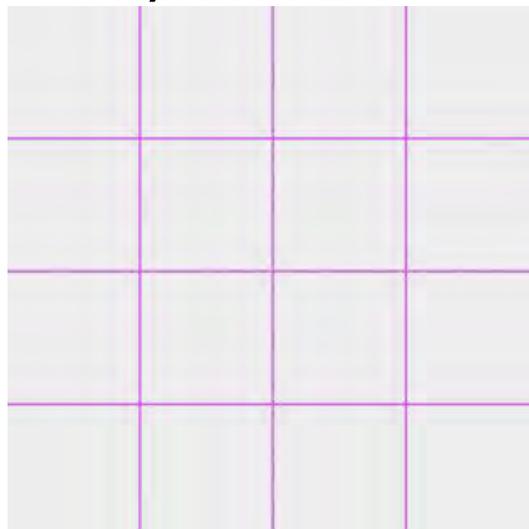


Activities

Puzzles, Games and Crafts



Make your own

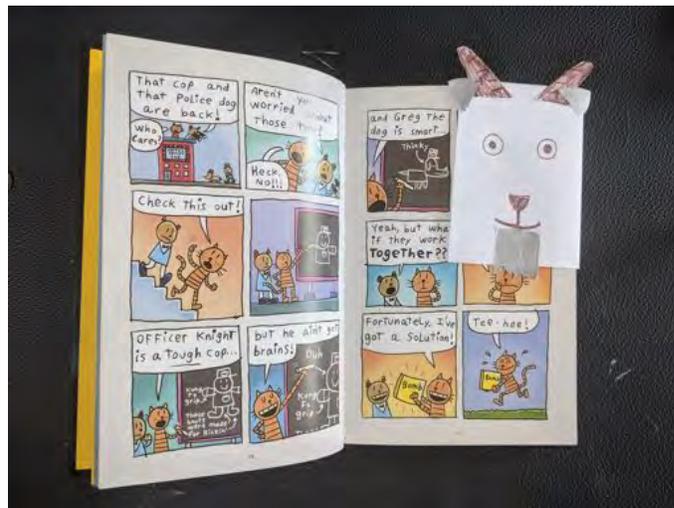
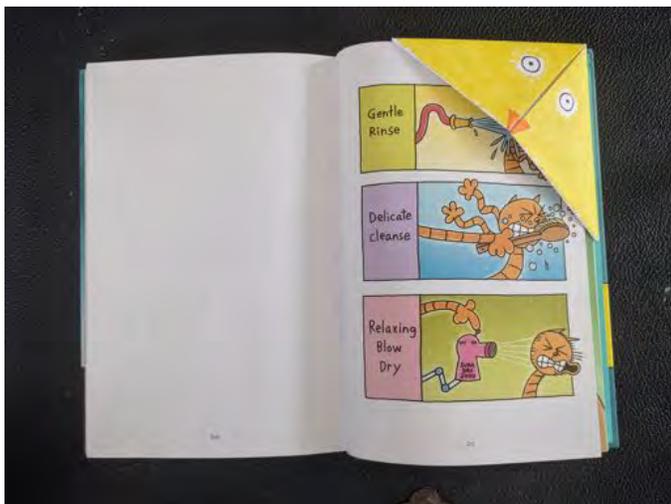


How to play: each section (2x2 square), row, and column can only have 1 of each picture. The puzzle is figuring out how to get all of the pieces on the board without having more than 1 of each picture in each section, row, and column.



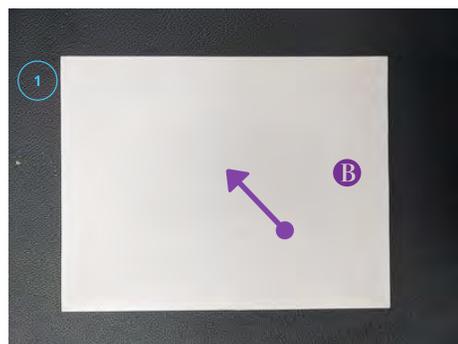
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Chick and Goat bookmarks

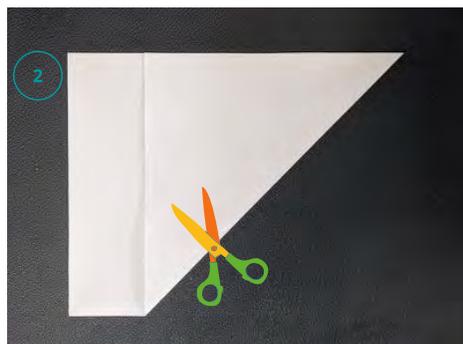


The basics of the Chick and Goat bookmarks are the same for each, all you need to get started is some paper, glue, pens or pencil crayons and scissors.

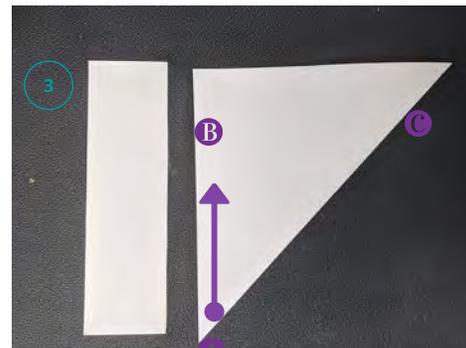
How to make your basic bookmark shape



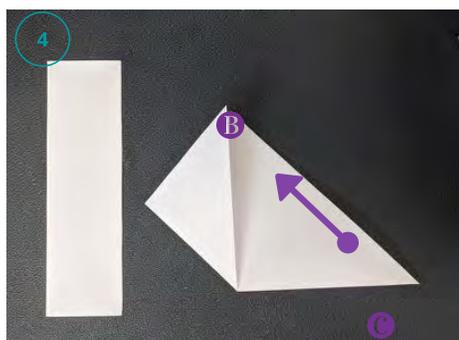
Step 1: If your paper is not in a square already then fold point B to the top edge of your paper to make a nice straight line.



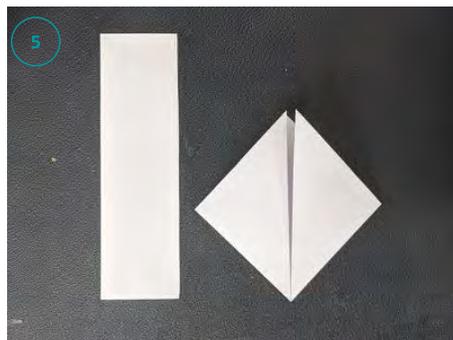
Step 2: Cut the extra piece of paper off and keep to one side.



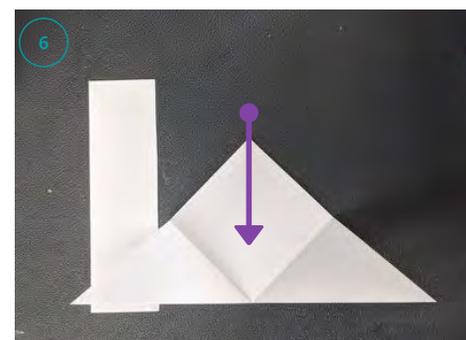
Step 3: Fold point A to point B.



Step 4: Fold point C to point B.

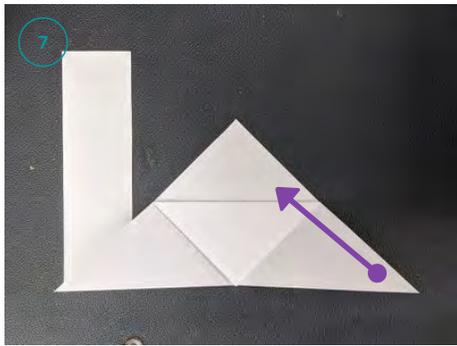


Step 5: Unfold points A and C.

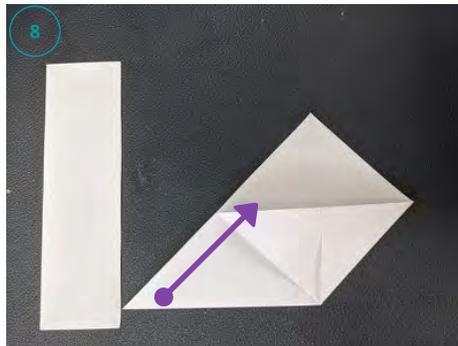


Step 6: Fold point B to the bottom centre.

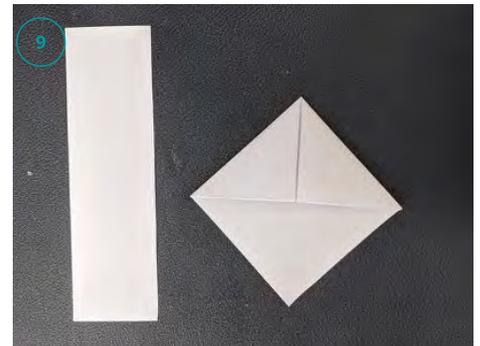




Step 7: Fold point C and tuck it in the pocket.

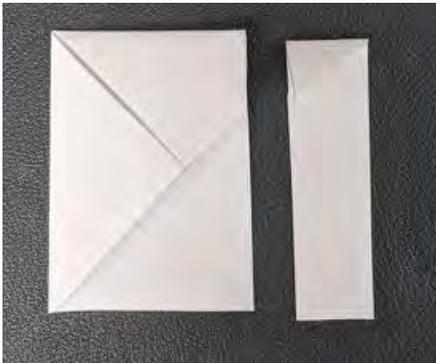


Step 8: Fold point A and tuck it in the pocket.



Step 9: Yay! You have made your basic bookmark shape.

Additional steps for a Goat book mark



Step 1: With the pocket facing upwards and to your left, cut about 2 cm off the right side of your square.



Step 2: On the piece of paper you have cut off draw a horn, ear and beard.



Step 3: Cut those shapes out and colour them in.

The fun part is decorating your bookmark and making them animals by drawing eyes and a beak. You could add wings and a comb for the chick or glue on the horns, ears and beard for the goat and draw on the eyes and mouth.

What animals or designs will you make?



Activities

Goat and Donkey decorations

You will need:

- A goat & donkey template*
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Scraps of material
- Pens
- Needle and thread
- Pins
- Yarn
- Glue
- Any buttons or things you have to decorate



Step 1: Make a Donkey and Goat template.



Step 2: Cut out your templates.



Step 3: Take some yarn and wrap it around your template



Step 4: Make a loop at the top so you can hang your decoration



Step 5: Colour in the hooves.



Goat and Donkey decorations



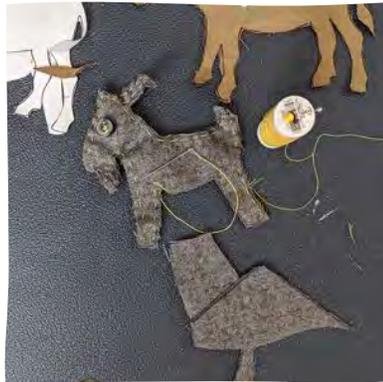
Step 1: Trace your template on some scrap material.



Step 2: Pin two pieces of material together and cut out.



Step 3: Using a needle and tread sew around the edge.



Step 4: If you have a button you can sew that on for an eye.



Step 5: Stuff your decoration with the cut off pieces.



Step 6: Make a loop out of some of the spare material.



Step 1: Glue any other scraps on to your animal



Step 2: Make a loop and glue or sew on to your animal



Now you are ready to decorate your tree or give as gifts or use as gift tags.

*There are some great templates available on Pinterest



Spring preparation

Newspaper seed pots

Winter and gardening are not two things that we normally think of together but there are some things that we can do through the winter to prepare for planting season.



Step 1: Cut the paper in half.



Step 2: Fold the paper in half.



Step 3: Fold the paper in half again.



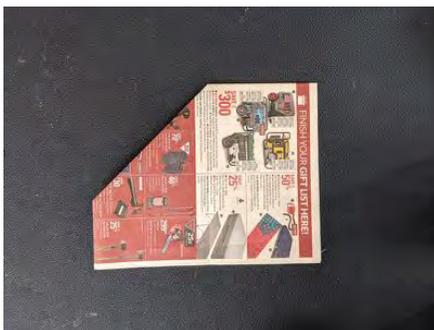
Step 4: Unfold the last fold.



Step 5: Have the paper so the fold is at the top.



Step 6: Bring half of the folded edge to the centre line to make a triangle.



Step 7: Turn the paper over.



Step 8: Bring the other half of the folded edge to the centre line to make a triangle.





Step 9: Fold the top right edge to the centre.



Step 10: Fold the top left edge to the centre.



Step 11: Turn the paper over.



Step 12: Fold the top right edge to the centre.



Step 13: Fold the top left edge to the centre.



Step 14: Fold the top right edge to the centre.



Step 15: Fold the top left edge to the centre.



Step 16: Turn the paper over and fold the top right edge to the centre.



Step 17: Fold the top left edge to the centre.



Step 18: Fold the top left edge to the centre.



Step 19: Turn the paper over and fold the top left edge to the centre.



Step 20: Open your seed pot up and you are ready to start planting your seeds.



Draw a picture of you and the PWRDeIF doing your favourite Advent activity.

Share your picture with us on instagram @PWRDF_justgeneration
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Holy goats

Support for community health projects

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