

# Orange Peel Nativity Ornament

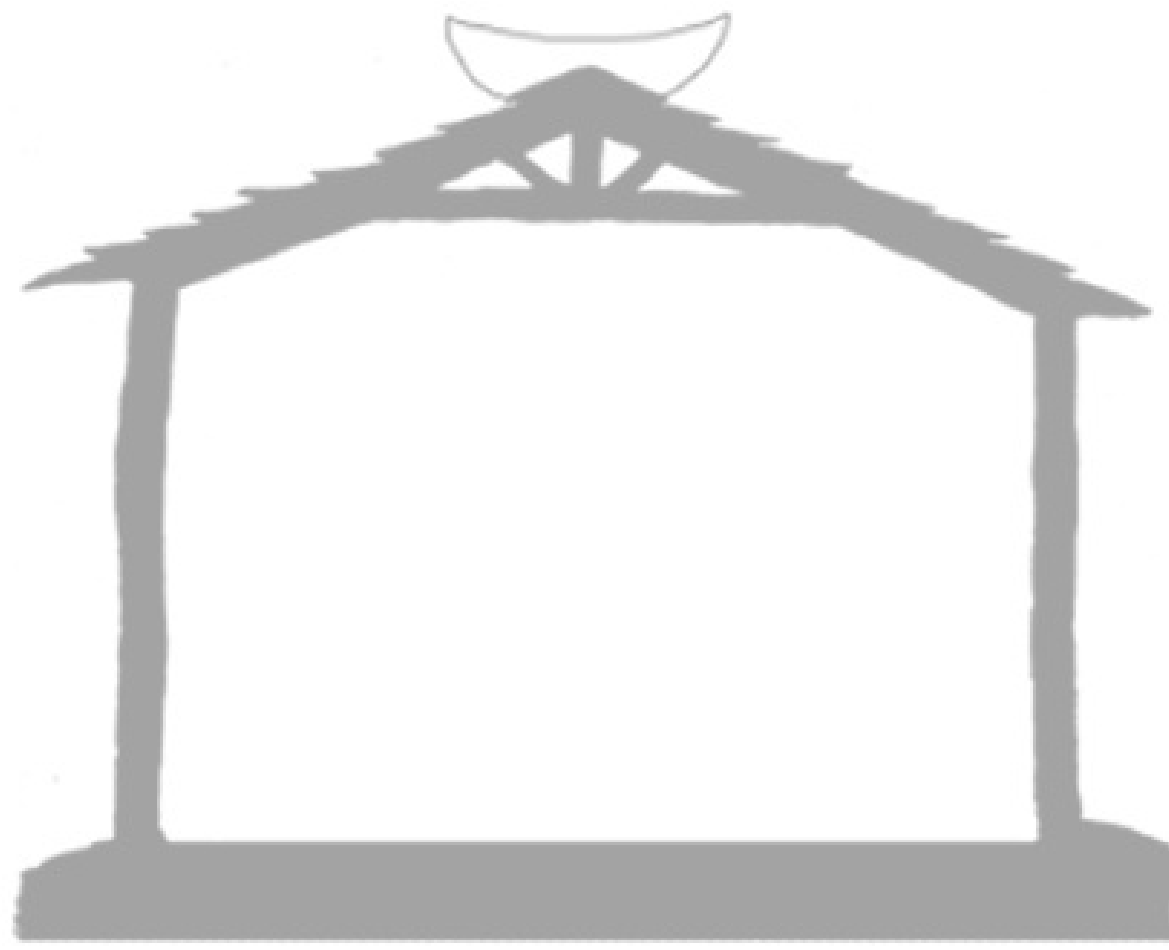
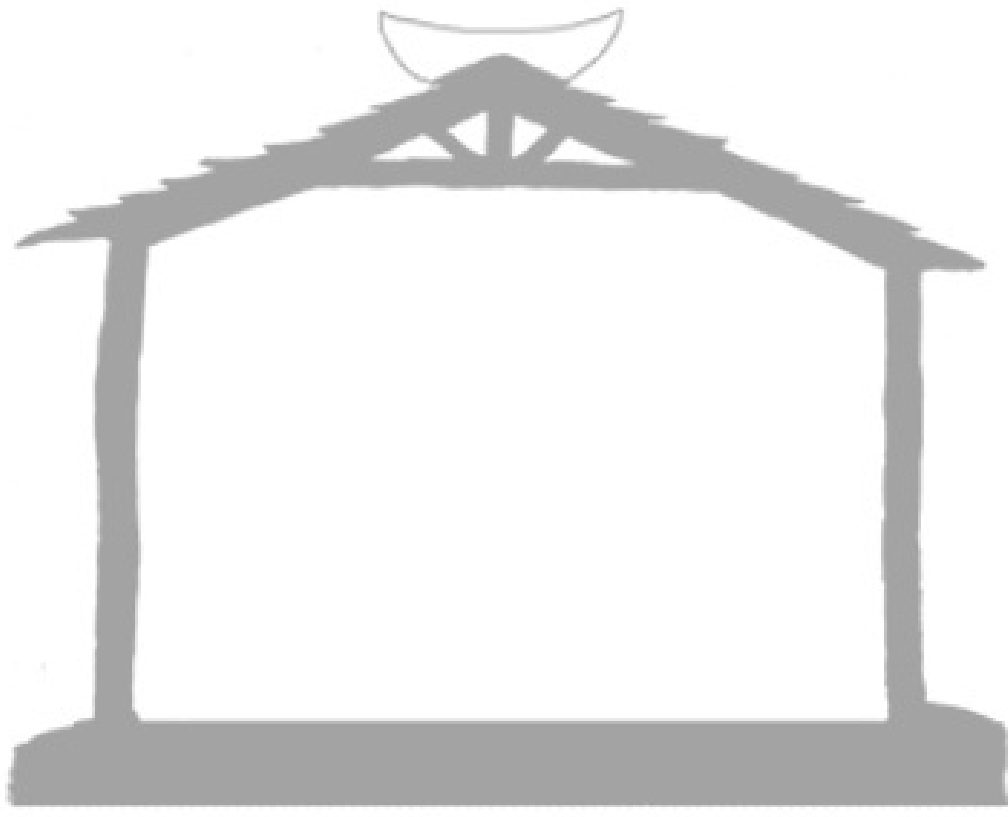
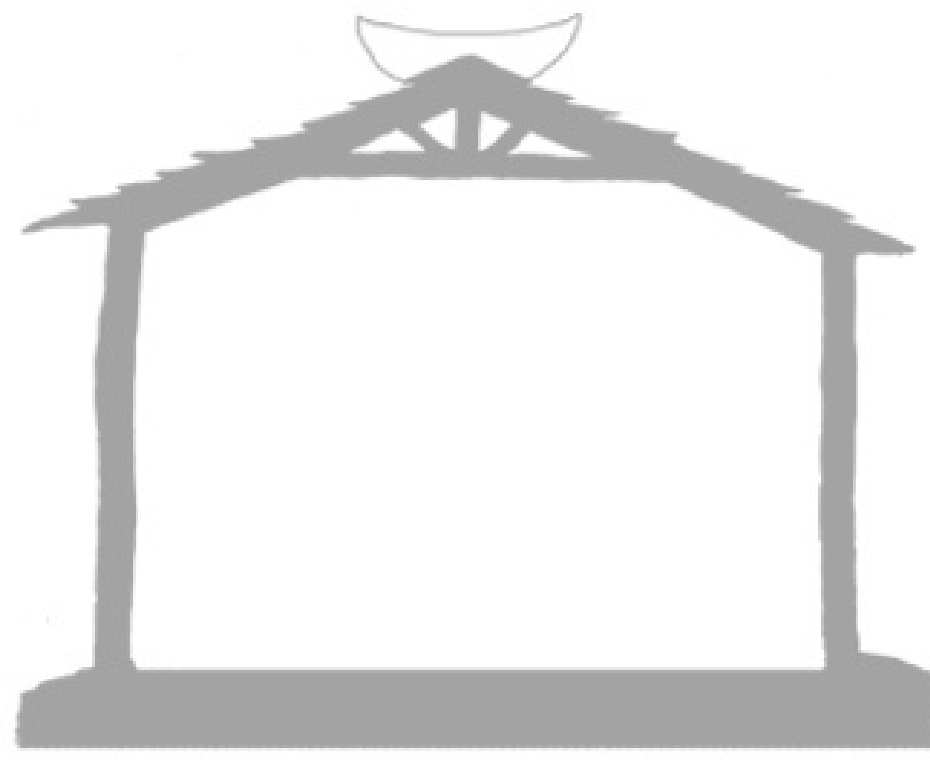
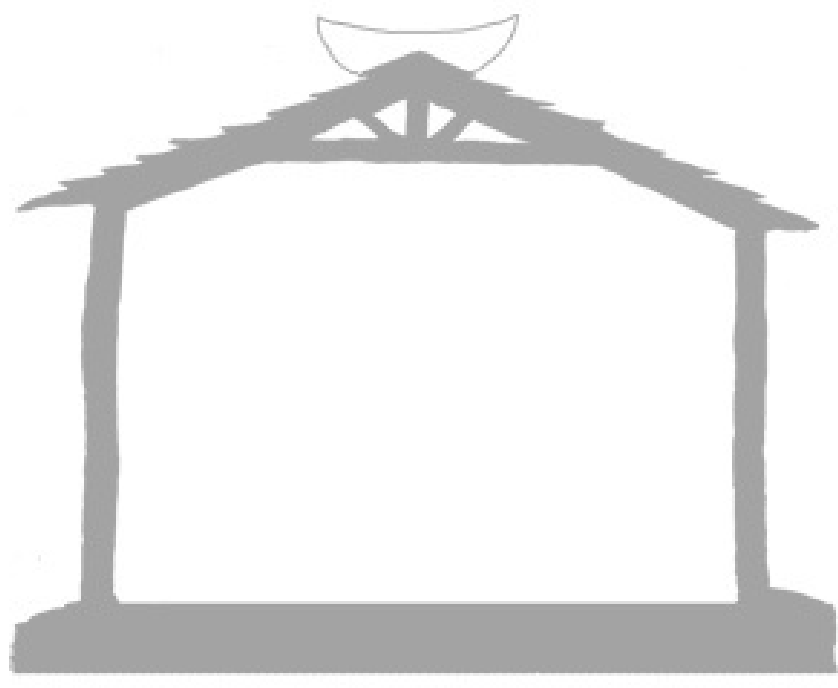
It is special to see how many people in different cultures around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in images of the Nativity. You may have seen some in your virtual or in-person experience of Glencairn.

Nativity scenes can be made from all different materials, seeds, pods, wood, ceramic, glass, precious metals and gems, grasses, and many more - whatever materials are available and familiar to the artisans in each area of the world.

This project uses paper and oranges to create a Nativity ornament, inspired by work of artisans in South American countries like Columbia and Ecuador.

## Materials

- A piece of cardstock or vellum paper that is printable
- Printer to print the template
- An orange, or two
- Baking sheet with parchment paper lining
- Small baking safe bowls, plates, or other dishes, 2 or 3
- Large needle
- Scissors
- String for a hanging loop and connecting parts of the ornament
- Coloring materials
- Glue
- An oven with a grownup to safely oversee the baking part



**Choose the size  
that works for  
the size of the  
orange peels  
you have.**

## Step 1

- Get a grownup to preheat the oven to 200 degrees.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Slice an orange or oranges into thin slices. Ask a grownup for help.
- Put the best slices on the baking tray.
- Take the others and peel off the skin, cutting into strips that are 3-4 inches long, place these white side down on the baking sheet and keep them flat by putting a baking-safe bowl, plate or dish on top of them.
- Take the ends of the oranges, scoop out the orange insides (yum, enjoy a snack!), rinse them off and cut them into star shapes by cutting out triangles. Ask a grownup for help with the cutting part.
- Place on the baking sheet, use a bowl or plate that's baking safe to weight the stars down, (the slices don't need that).



## Step 2

- Bake the orange peels and slices on 200 degrees for about 2-3 hours. Have a grown up turn the peels over every 30 minutes or so.
- Take them out when they're dried, but still nicely orange, don't let them turn brown. The orange slices should look a bit shiny and translucent in the center, like a stained glass window.

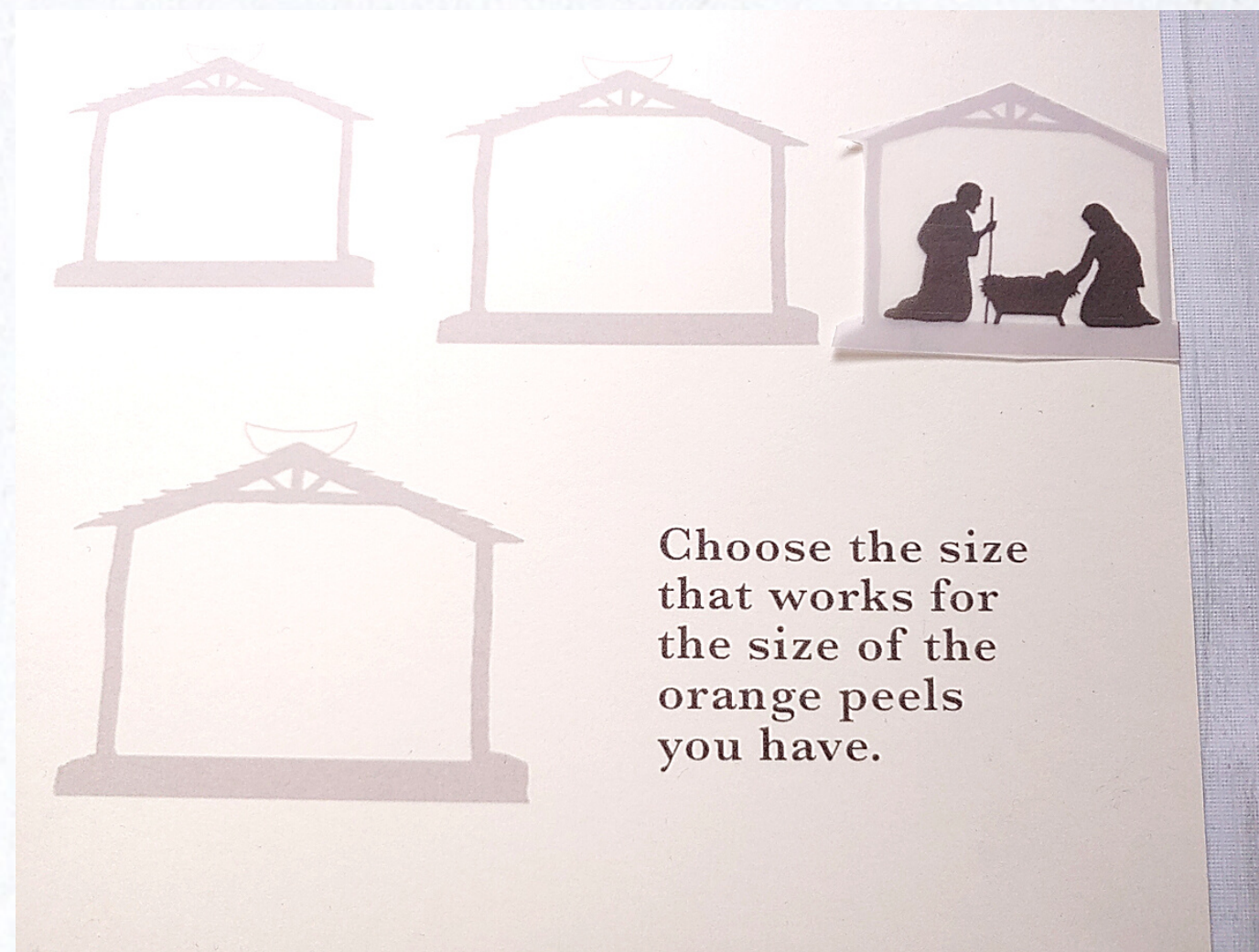


# The Nativity Scene

While the oranges are drying in the oven:

- Print out the template on heavy cardstock paper or vellum paper.
- Cut out the template
- Draw in a Nativity scene in silhouette or in colors, using your own imagination of what the birth of Jesus Christ could have looked like.

## Step 3



## Step 4

- Glue the strips and bits of dried orange peel for the sides and roof of the Nativity stable.
- Glue one of the orange slices onto the 'crescent moon' shape at the top of the stable.
- Leave as is, or add one of the star shapes you cut to the center of the orange slice.



## Step 5

- Thread your big needle with string and stitch through the crescent moon shape and orange slice to hold them securely together, making a large loop to hang the ornament with.
- Stitch through the other side of the crescent moon and tie a knot on the back, cutting off the excess string.
- Hang your ornament in the window to catch the light through the window-like orange slice, or on a Christmas tree.



**All done!**