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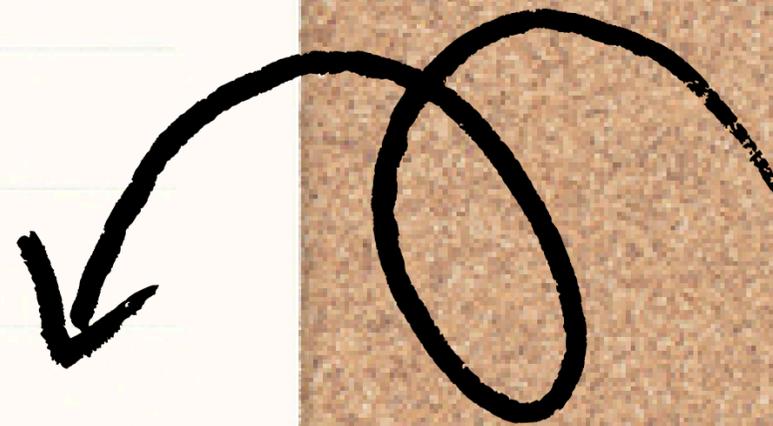
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Christmas Pageants



AND MORE



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Pageant Ground Rules

First Rule

Children are not
entertainment
for adults.

Second Rule

There is a difference
between telling the
story of the nativity
and telling a story
about Christmas.

Why are you
having a
pageant?

Are you telling the
story of the
nativity or telling
a story about
Christmas?

What are families
communicating
to you?

What script are
you using?

When will you hold
the pageant?

Where will you hold
the pageant?

Costumes?

Decisions to Make

Attendance

What are they wearing

Committment

Breaking Down
Family
Communication

What time of day do you see them?

Involvement as
leaders

ASK THEM NOW

time of day based
on involved age
levels

during worship if
telling the story of
the nativity

When
and
Where

travel plans matter

outside options

to begin or end the
season of Advent?

food

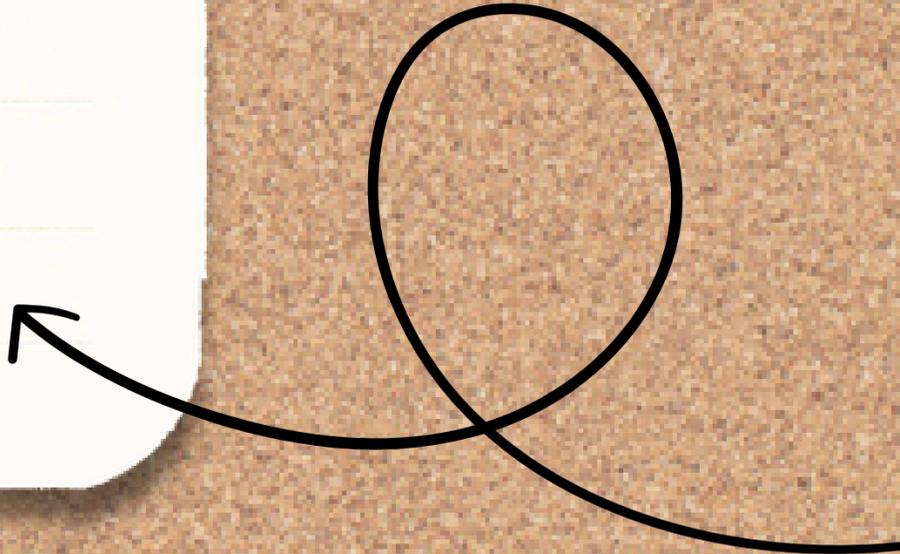
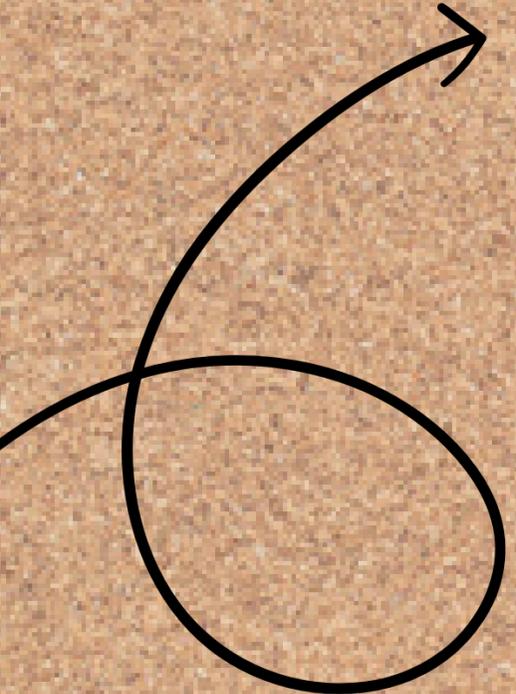


A note about costumes



Some people have serious issues with costumes. There are so many reasons, including fear, sensory issues, and concerns about germs.

Costumes should NEVER be a stumbling block. Don't make this the hill to die on.



Where do I get my script?

web search

(please think about the
creativity behind the
authors work appropriated
by AI)

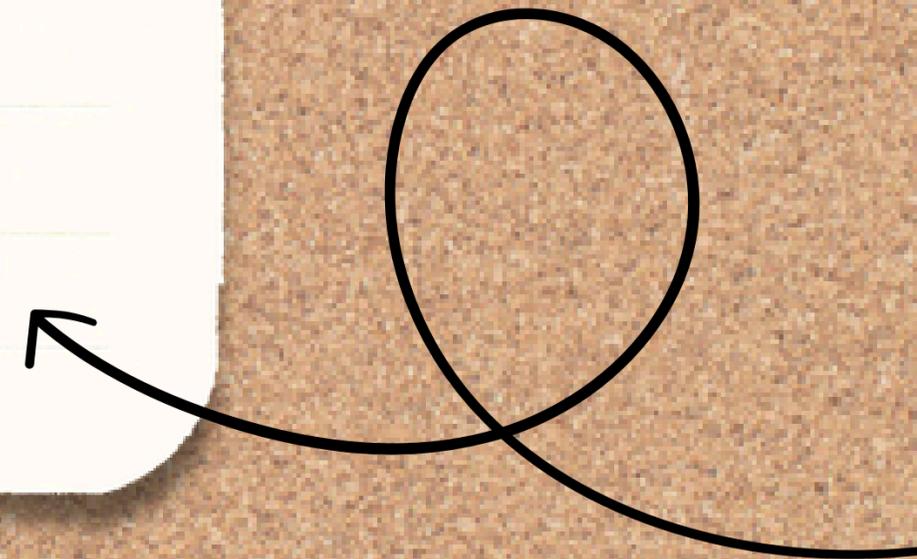
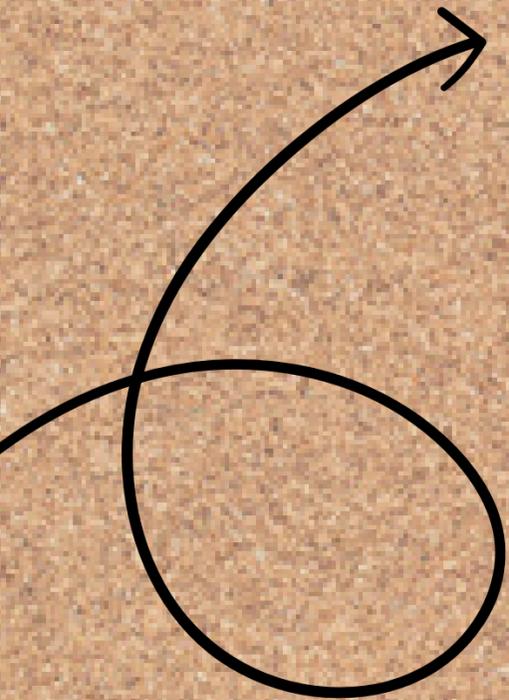
The Bible
plus hymns

quality
children's
books



Keep in mind:

- 10-15 minutes MAX
- narrator driven vs memorized lines
- how is music happening



At Home Connections

1

Reclaim the Season

how we live
liturgically when our
everyday lives follow
the traditional
calendar

2

Tag Alongs

connecting to what is
already happening in
their everyday lives

3

Intergenerational

how can we involve
the entire family

Reclaim the Season

Advent

- Sundays
- hope, peace, joy, love
- add-in; choose ONE

Christmas

- Twelve Days
- tell the story from different viewpoints
- add to the tree

scratch off
prayer calendar

Advent spiral

reverse Advent
calendar

Tag
Alongs

tree blessings

ornament
playlist

Christmas card
prayers

Intergenerational

collaborative

- Sunday FaceTime prayer
- hot cocoa party
- care packages for shelter

interactive

- gingerbread house
- family retreats
- cookies, cocoa, and carols