

Nativity Escape Room

What you will need:

- Paper/writing utensil for each person or team
- Computer/printer OR two devices that can access the links on the lesson (one for the mystery, one for the decoder).
- Prize (you decide the prize) for the winning person/team.

Escape Room Instructions

Before starting, decide how you will complete the escape room: individually, in pairs, or as a whole family. If you have a child younger than 8, pair him/her with an older teammate.

The first time they see the codes they may find them a bit confounding. That's okay! Let them exercise their clue-solving skills independently for a bit before you jump in to help them—this is part of the challenge!

Be sure to tell them how long they will have to complete the escape room (solve the 4 mysteries, complete the multiple-choice questions, and figure out the four digit code). Between 30-60 minutes usually works well, depending on the age of your children.

Decide what the prize will be if they complete the Nativity Escape Room.



Start the Activity:

Say: You are on a mission! Like most of God's unfolding story, the humble birth of our Lord was a big mystery to almost everyone at the time. We are going to go back to the time of Jesus to solve the mysteries of His birth by decoding the facts. To solve the mysteries, you will need to use ciphers, Morse code, cryptograms, and other puzzles.

Each mystery is unique. Some are easy; others you might need help. The codes require critical thinking to determine which secret lies behind each symbol. Each code will reveal interesting facts about the story of Jesus' birth.

You can solve the mysteries in ANY order. If you get stuck, just move on and come back to the tricky one later. The objective of the Nativity Escape Room is to read and solve the 4 mysteries and complete the final challenge in the time allotted to "unlock" the room! Good luck!