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NEW YEAR! January 2025



Did you begin your New Year making Resolutions – promises to yourself to change something in your life such as being good at tidying your bedroom, or perhaps helping in other ways at home? It's not too late to make your resolutions.

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To help you remember what you promise to try to do, you could make yourself a chart to put on your wall or stand on a cupboard. To make the owl in the picture take an A4 sheet of coloured paper, lay it down with the long edges top and bottom. Fold the two short edges into the middle then draw on or cut out eyes, beak, wings, ears and feet and stick them on the card as shown.

Open the sheet out and cut a piece of plain paper to fit in the middle on which to write down your resolutions. What will you write? *Brush my teeth every day. Try eating something new. Pick up my toys. Take care of my pets. Do my reading practice.* What do you think Jesus would like you to promise? *Help someone else. Do something for the environment. Read a Bible story. Say my prayers.*



There will be many other things you can think of to try to do more often over the next year.

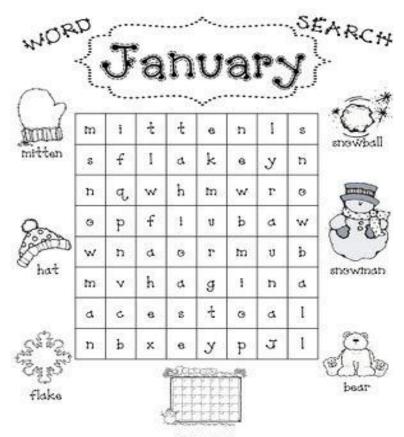


Are you wondering why there is a Christmas picture included here? Did you think Christmas ended on Boxing Day? Well, for many people a very important date in the Christmas calender is January 6th. This is Epiphany, the moment when the baby Jesus was visited by the Magi (also called the three Kings or the Wise Men). In some countries presents are not given out until this day and in some churches there will be processions of people, adults or children, dressed as the Magi. Sometimes there are

even camels joining in. Children in the crowd may wear their own homemade crowns and carry stars to remember how the Magi found the stable with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

And even Epiphany may not be the end of Christmas. For some the official ending is Feb 2nd, Candlemas Day, when we remember the baby Jesus being taken to the Temple in Jerusalem to be presented to God, as was their custom.





January



We didn't get any snow for Christmas this year, but there is still time before the end of winter. Often January and February are the coldest months. Can you find the cold weather words in the wordseach?

When it is very cold the birds and wildlife find it difficult to find enough food. Do you feed the birds in your garden?

Colour the picture below of birds at a feeder. Can you see the snowman and the cat with his eye on the birds?

How many different kinds of birds do you think there are?

