



'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Stick Man lives in the family tree with his wife and three children. One day he gets carried away by a dog and his adventures begin. You see everybody thinks he's just a stick and sticks are there for fetching, dropping in water... until he almost gets burnt in a fireplace on Christmas night. Luckily, Santa saves him and delivers him to his family.

### Biblical Reference:

#### Luke 19.10

*"For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost"*

### Next month's book is:

'Postman Bear' by Julia Donaldson

### Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

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## Theme: Jesus came to help us

### Theme exploration:

Gosh what an adventure Stickman goes on in this lovely story. I wonder if we are on a bit of an adventure ourselves.

Christians believe Jesus came to earth because we weren't listening and talking to God anymore. God felt that we, the human race, were lost to him. Jesus came to earth, to remind us who God is and help us, back into the family of God. Jesus came to help us, just like Father Christmas helped Stickman back to his family.

The word Christmas means the festival (mass) of Christ. So enjoy Jesus Christ's party!!

*"If God were your father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but He sent me." John 8:42*

### Things for you to try this month:

- Make your own stickman from sticks and/or leaves.
- Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus on Christmas Day, you could even blow out candles.
- Wear your cracker hat at Christmas knowing that Jesus is King.
- Join in with Christmas events in your local community.
- What tops your Christmas tree? As you decorate it talk about the Angels and stars in the Christmas story.



### We believe in the power of prayer

#### A prayer to pray for your family:

*God, we ask that our child/ren to know that Jesus came to be with us and that Christmas is about celebrating His birth. Amen.*

#### A prayer we pray for you as parents:

*God, we pray these parents can enjoy the Christmas festivities with their family, knowing that You are their God. Amen.*