

## 10 Practical Steps

- 1 Find out more:**  
Visit our website at [www.getinthepicture.org.uk](http://www.getinthepicture.org.uk)  
Here you'll find all you need to know about Get in the Picture and how you can get involved. Alternatively, please contact [mission@baptist.org.uk](mailto:mission@baptist.org.uk)
- 2 Pray:** If you would like to develop 'Get in the Picture' then spend some time praying about it, asking God for direction and where you could set up your nativity scene.
- 3 Plan:** Talk to other churches in your community about the vision of offering people a free gift to remind them of the Christmas story, and get as many people as possible involved.
- 4 Permission:** Talk to your local council to find a suitable place for you to set up your nativity scene.
- 5 Register:** Register through the website in order to post your photographs and upload details of your church services onto your own Town webpage. Each centre or group of churches registering will gain unlimited use of the website and will be able to upload any number of Get in the Picture photos. On registration each group will also receive 300 cards to hand out to those who take part. There will be a small charge for each centre which registers.
- 6 Prepare:** Get your nativity ready through gathering together costumes, booking donkeys, buying straw.
- 7 Paint:** Get creative and make your nativity scene.
- 8 Persuade:** Allocate jobs and roles such for those who are volunteering to take part.
- 9 Publicise:** Let local newspapers and radio know that you will be setting up a free nativity scene for people to take part in and to get a free picture!
- 10 Participate:** Get as many people as possible to take part!

# Get in the Picture



## Introduction

Every year in the run up to Christmas, churches across the UK look for ways to connect with others the story of the most outrageously generous gift given by God to all people. Through Christmas services, Carols by Candlelight, nativity plays, community carol singing and mince pie giveaways the story of the gift of Jesus is one that many of us seek to share with our community.

While most people who wouldn't consider themselves Christians are happy to hear and observe something of the story, they rarely connect with it and think about in a way that goes beyond a 'nice baby Jesus story.'

Get in the Picture seeks to involve all kinds of people in the Christmas story, encouraging them to participate and experience being part of the nativity in a fun way.

Get in the Picture is an ecumenical, evangelistic project.



## The Vision

The vision is to offer a free gift of a picture to remind people of the Christmas story. This will be done by ...

- 1 ... hopefully working together as churches in your locality to create a nativity scene, setting this up in your town and ...
- 2 ... inviting individuals and families to 'get into the picture' and have their photo taken as part of your nativity scene.
- 3 ... downloading their picture from a website for them to print or email to friends and family.
- 4 ... connect further with the Christmas story through the website which will include Christmas service times, a reading of the Christmas story from the bible and video clips of what Christmas means to people today.

## The Nativity Picture

### The scene:

There is no one way in which a nativity scene has to look, you can be as creative and adventurous as you like, safety permitting. Some of the best nativity scenes allow room for animals and plenty of straw bales, but a simple scene can also make a big impact.

### The dressing up clothes:

With your scene you need a big box or basket of dressing up garments loose enough to go over clothes. This needs to include something for people being Kings, Shepherds or even Mary and Joseph! And don't forget a baby doll wrapped up in white clothes to be your baby Jesus!

### The camera:

You will need a good digital camera on a tripod to stand in front of the scene. Your photographs will then need to be uploaded to the Get in the picture website; full instructions for your photographer will be on the website.

### The greeters:

You will need people from your team to engage with the public, encouraging them to come and be part of the picture. This will take some explanation and that the purpose of the project is about a free gift to remind people of the Christmas story.

