

**Age Level:** 6 to 12

**Materials:** Graham crackers, straight pretzels, unshelled peanuts\*, chow mein noodles, marshmallows, decorator's gel, frosting, shredded coconut, chocolate chips, gumdrops, plastic knives, paper plates, and clean scissors

**Time:** About 45 minutes

Kids can create their own edible nativity scene.

Give each child a paper plate and equal portions of each ingredient. Have kids each create a nativity scene, complete with a stable, family, and animals.

Kids can create a stable by spreading frosting on the edges of graham crackers and sticking the crackers upright onto the paper plate. Attach a graham cracker roof using frosting, too.



Create family members by stacking two marshmallows with frosting and breaking a straight pretzel in half for arms. Use decorator's gel to draw faces and clothing. For Magi, attach a large gumdrop to the top of the stacked marshmallows for crowns and portions of gumdrops to the pretzels for gifts. For baby Jesus, place an unshelled peanut in a bed of chow mein noodle "hay." Create a donkey using a marshmallow body and head with half pretzels for legs.

Encourage children to be creative as they use the items you've given them.

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*\* Please be aware of any peanut allergies. Try using baby carrot, a piece of bread, or a jellybean.*