

Dear Stable Friend,

We're so glad you're here! By welcoming Gabe into your home, you're embracing a Christmas tradition centered on joy, kindness, and the true meaning of the season. Gabe, the little lamb, offers a heartwarming alternative to the Elf on the Shelf, inviting your family to celebrate Christmas with a focus on faith, love, and wonder.

To bring Gabe into your home, start by finding a special sheep to serve as your Gabe. Whether it's a new plush, a cherished toy you already have, or a thrift store treasure, choose one that brings you joy. If you love him, your children will, too! Gabe also comes with a star. We've included a PDF of a star you and your kids can cut out and color together. Jamie still cherishes hers, while Beth found a beautiful star ornament to use each year. The star plays an important part in Gabe's journey, as he follows it each night to guide your family toward the nativity scene and baby Jesus on Christmas Day. We have provided a couple of links from Amazon of a lamb and star we have personally used.

Gabe: <https://a.co/d/g8Pz0mQ>

Star: <https://a.co/d/g8Pz0mQ>

To help you get started, we've created a collection of free printable resources! These include coloring pages for your kids and letters from Gabe to introduce himself at the start of the season and to say goodbye before he returns next year.

While your children are asleep each night, we encourage you to move Gabe and his star to a new location, sparking excitement and imagination as your children search for him each morning and bringing Gabe alive. Along with Gabe's gentle presence, Gabe can also come alive by setting up and enjoying simple holiday activities like crafts, movie nights, or small acts of kindness that spread the season's warmth with your family. Make Gabe's story uniquely your own—he's here to help you create joyful, meaningful Christmas memories.

We hope this tradition fills your home with laughter, love, imagination, and the light of Christmas.

Warmest wishes for a blessed season,

The Whimsy Gals

Make this holiday season unforgettable with these joyful activities that promote togetherness, celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, and create lasting memories centered on Christ.



Gabe's Story-Specific Activities

Bring the magic of Gabe's story to life and teach your children the value of God's love and purpose with these special moments!

Search for stars while looking at Christmas lights – Reflect on the star that led the wise men (and Gabe) to Jesus, a reminder of God's guidance.

Make a sheep craft – Remember the humble shepherds who were the first to hear of Jesus' birth

Visit a petting zoo and feed the sheep – Reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, caring for His flock.

Play a game of hide and seek with your star – Just as God's light shines on us, we seek His presence in our lives.

Have "Gabe" hang twinkle lights like stars in your child's room – Let these lights remind you of the star that marked the birth of our Savior.

Go to the library and find books on lambs and stars – Read about the miracles of Christmas and the Lamb of God.

General Holiday Activities

Bake cookies together

Have a Christmas movie night

Decorate the Christmas tree as a family

Go caroling in your neighborhood

Sip hot cocoa together by the fire

Make a gingerbread house

Hang mistletoe in doorways

Dance to Christmas music

Read the Christmas story before bed

Deliver homemade treats to neighbors – Share God’s love through small acts of kindness, just as He calls us to serve others.

Have a cozy family game night.

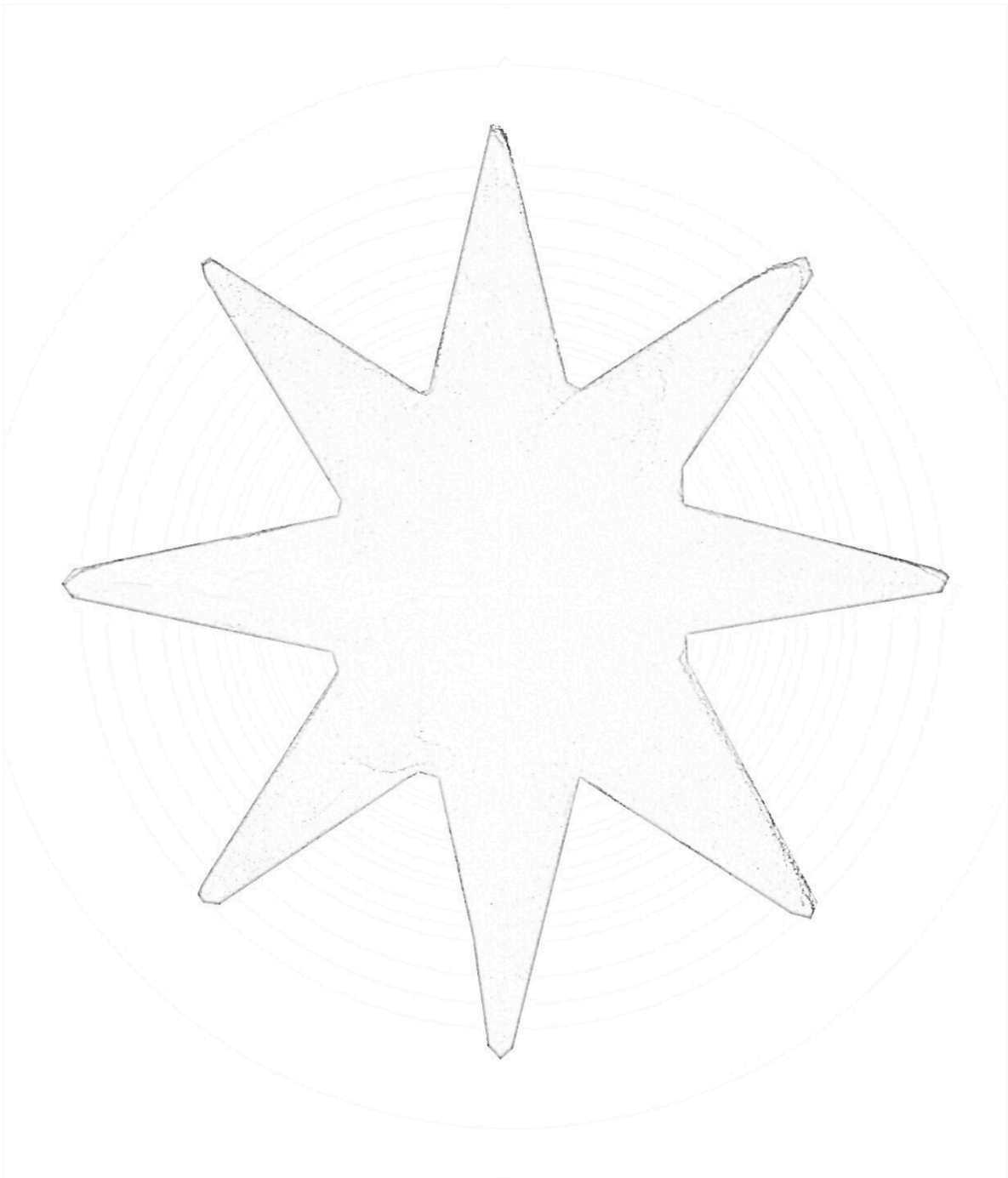
Take a winter walk to enjoy the season’s beauty

Start your own family traditions this holiday season – Create traditions that honor Christ and bring your family closer together in faith.

Family Fun Awaits!

Take a moment to pause, breathe, and enjoy these simple joys together. The holidays are a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, make memories, share love, and cherish the time spent with those you love. Let Christ be the center of your celebrations this season.







Hello! It's your new friend Gabe.

I'm a little loveable lamb and I want to spend this Christmas season helping you find the great I AM. I come with a star to guide you along and we will never ever steer you wrong. Search for my star each and every day, and you'll find surprises along the way. They may come in subtle whispers or in bright packages with bows. But as you seek Jesus, the love in your heart will surely grow.

Your new friend,
Gabe





Hello! It's your new friend Gabe.

Will you help me search for the new born
babe?

The wise men followed a great bright star.
They rode on camels, and traveled quite far.

Just like back then my star knows the way.
Look for it each and every day.

Sometimes it might be easy to spot.
Other times, it might not.

We'll have lots of fun playing hide 'n seek.
On Christmas we'll find baby Jesus, mild and
meek.



Hello! It's your new friend Gabe.

Our time together has been so sweet, but now it's time to say goodbye... 'til next we meet!

As you journey on, let Jesus be your light;
Follow His love, both day and night.

We've shared sweet moments, warm and bright;
with love and laughter, and pure delight.

Keep seeking God's love in all that you do—
In gentle words, kind acts, and hearts that are true.

I will return next Christmas with my guiding star,
to remind you that God's love is never far.
Until then, let His love shine bright and true.
I look forward to the next time I get to see you.

Your friend,
Gabe



Hello there friend, it's me Gabe!

I'm back with some new hiding places.
Oh how I've missed seeing your smiling
faces.

It's Christmas time and we have so much to
do. So many ways to celebrate all that is
true.

Soon it will be Jesus' birthday "Hooray!"
So get ready to find my star each day.

Today we'll begin our game of hide and
seek. Until we celebrate the baby Jesus so
mild and meek.



