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SOCIETY
(Plymouth)**

Working across Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, the CCSP
helps children and their families irrespective of
whether they are Catholic or not.

LIFE GRANT PROGRAMME

Financial support to those in need

PATCHWORK PARENTING

Good parents wanting to be even better
parents

GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAMME

Helping children to think of others



*"It is easier to build strong children than to
repair broken men"*

Frederick Douglas

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**Celebrate the feast of
the
EPIPHANY**



CRIBFEST 2017

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Kids for Cribs

Last year the Catholic Children's Society, through its Good Shepherd programme, invited schools to explore the history and meaning of the crib and to reflect on the hardship that some families go through at Christmas time. The resources are still available on our website as well as this year's focus which is a CribFest at Epiphany.

Twelfth Night

How many of us really *celebrate* the Epiphany? For most people, Christmas finishes just as it starts with decorations taken down on Boxing Day and 'Sales' starting in the shops. And for those of us that do observe the twelve days of Christmas we don't actually celebrate the feast, unlike countries such as Spain, where they celebrate *Dia de los Reyes* (Kings Day) and exchange gifts.

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CribFest

Epiphany 2017

What is a CribFest?
A collection of nativity/crib scenes and other arts and crafts depicting the nativity

Is your parish having a CRIBFEST on the weekend 6-8 January 2017?

If not, why not have one at your school?

Use the opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the coming of the three Kings and the year ahead.

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Get Involved

Design & make a school crib. Perhaps a lunchtime or after school art club could focus on making a large crib to display in your school entrance for all to see during see in Advent

Transfer the school crib to display at your parish CribFest for Epiphany

Encourage families to loan their family cribs or make their own nativities for a CribFest

Celebrate

Make the day a special occasion

- ★ Dress up or dress down day
- ★ Visit your parish Crib Fest
- ★ Give prayers as gifts; offering love and support for those who are less fortunate
- ★ Eat cake! Have a cake sale
- ★ Have a party or school disco