

NEW TESTAMENT 2019

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Living Scriptures
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The Greatest Gift

Objectives:

- Emphasize that Jesus Christ came to earth to bring us joy and happiness.
- Talk about the gifts Jesus Christ gave us, and what we can give to Him.

Reinforces Principle of:

- Joy & Gratitude

Each lesson contains 5 activities:

(Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.
Additional resources are provided as extra time may be available.)

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Story Time: Story

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe & music video



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: Children's Songbook #42 "Away in a Manger"
If you wish to have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/away-in-a-manger>

Prayer:

Scripture Time: Luke 2:10-11

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Video Clip: Watch a clip (12:35 - 15:43) from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library, *The King is Born* (The Animated New Testament)



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 3 minutes

Lesson

Summary:

Angels appeared to humble shepherds, announcing the birth of Jesus Christ. The shepherds were invited to go and see the baby Jesus. The Messiah, the King of Kings had been born.

We still celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with gratitude for His life, His mission, and His sacrifice for us. His promises bring us peace and His love fills our hearts. At Christmastime, and throughout the coming year, may we find ways to give gifts to our Savior and share His love with those around us.

Reflect on the lessons you've learned about Jesus Christ this year as you've studied the New Testament. How has your testimony of Jesus Christ grown?

Points to

Ponder:

What is the joyful news that the angel brought to the shepherds? (For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. [Luke 2:11])

What is the greatest gift that Heavenly Father has given us? (His son, Jesus Christ.)

Why is Jesus Christ the greatest gift of all? (Discuss ideas.)

Why do we give gifts at Christmas time? (Discuss ideas.)

What gifts has the Savior given us? (Discuss ideas.)

The wise men brought the savior gifts. What gifts can we give our Savior? (Discuss ideas. [You might include: Giving to the poor, sharing the gospel with non-members, keeping sacrament covenants/promises, trying to be like Jesus in all we do, etc.]

What have you learned this year about Jesus Christ as you've studied the New Testament? (Discuss ideas)

Quote:

“The sweetest gift given at Christmas will always be the one our Savior Himself gave us: His perfect peace. . . . Even in a world where peace seems far off, the Savior’s gift of peace can live in our hearts regardless of our circumstances. If we accept the Savior’s invitation to follow Him, lasting fear is forever banished.” *Elder L. Whitney Clayton*



Story Time

Approximate Time: 1 minute

“Finally, the last present is wrapped!” Mother exclaimed as she taped the red bow to the present she had been wrapping for Grandpa.

“This one's for Brice, here's one for Scott, this ones for Grandma...” Ten-year-old Brenda said out loud as she re-arranged the packages in little piles, according to who they were for. “Wow, this is going to be the best Christmas ever!” Brenda excitedly exclaimed.

Four-year-old Jenny looked up from the picture she was coloring of baby Jesus in the manger. “Mommy, did you forget someone?” she asked.

Mother looked down at her long list of names. “No. Everyone's name is crossed off,” she answered. “Thank goodness, I've been wrapping for weeks now!”

Brenda picked up a childishly wrapped present. “It says, 'From: Jenny,' but who's it to?” she asked.

Jenny smiled proudly, “Daddy helped me wrap all my presents, but that one. I wrapped it all by myself.”

“I can tell,” Brenda drawled.

Jenny's face turned red at her sister's sarcasm. “I know how to write *my* name, but I didn't know how to write His!” she whispered.

Mother gave Brenda the “that wasn't very nice” look, before putting her hand on Jenny's shoulder. “Whose name sweetie?” she asked.

Jenny pointed to the picture she was coloring.

“Jesus?”

Jenny nodded her head and then looked over at Brenda, “It *is* His birthday, you know!”

Brenda jumped up from where she was sitting and gave her little sister a big hug. “Oh, Jenny. I'm so sorry I hurt your feelings,” she apologized. “Of course, it's His birthday! And you're the only one sweet enough to remember to give Him a present.”

Jenny smiled. “There's really nothing in the box. It's in here,” she whispered while pointing to her heart. “But the present will help me remember what I'm giving Him!”

by Margie Nauta Lee



Activity Time

What you need: A copy of the “Our Gifts for Jesus” activity (artwork included with this lesson) , scissors, glue, card stock or poster board and pen or pencil.

Preparation:

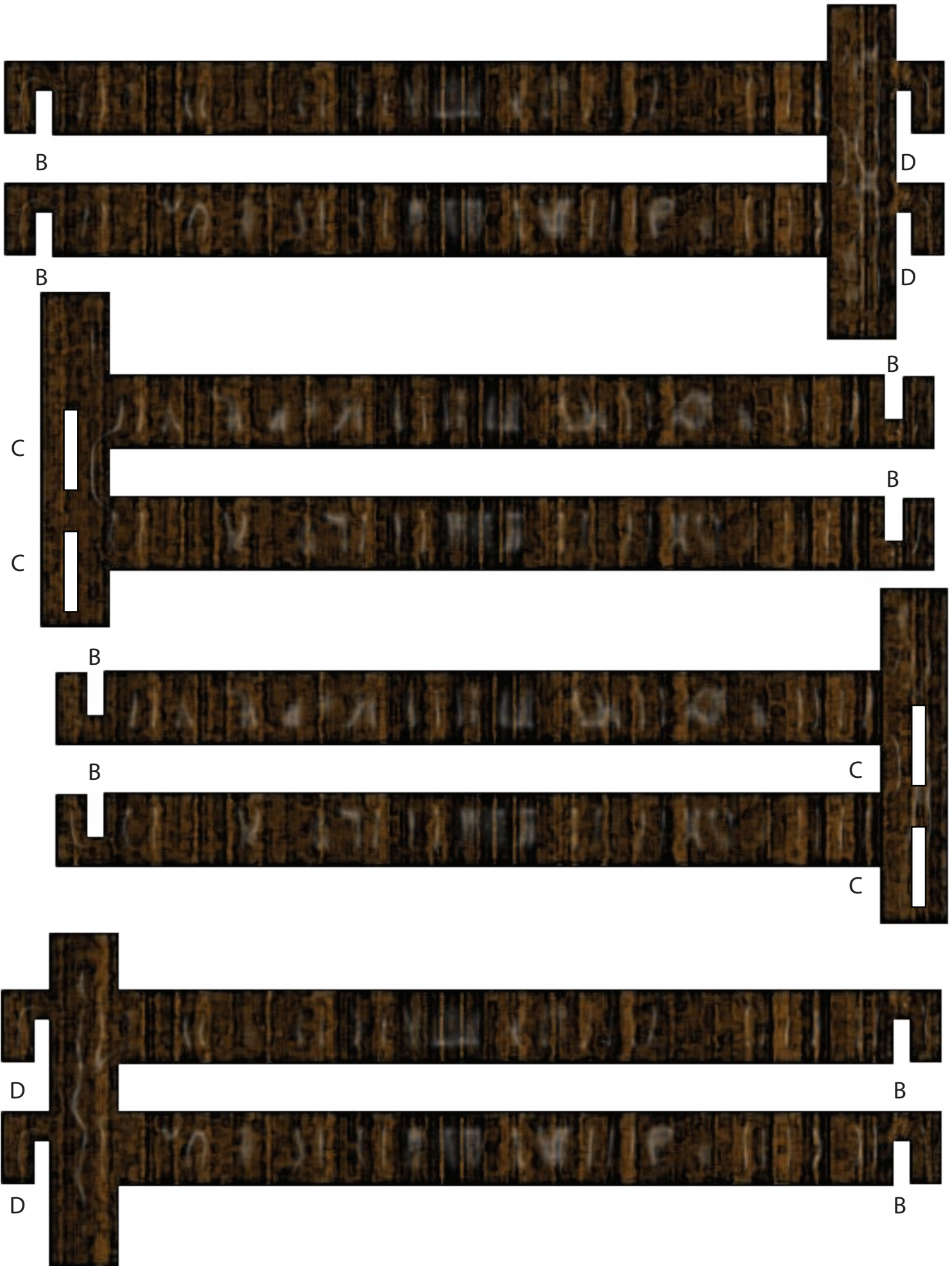
1. Print out the artwork.
2. Glue artwork to card stock or poster board.
3. Cut out artwork (set presents aside).
4. Glue matching fence pieces together, right sides out. Glue stable together, right sides out. Assemble Nativity scene by inserting “B” tabs into “A” slots and “D” tabs into “C” slots.
5. Place “Nativity” family into Stable by sliding tabs on sides of Mary and Joseph over the top of the bottom fence rails.
6. Glue or tape star and sheep on stable.

Activity:

1. Display the “Nativity Scene.”
2. Ask: What is Christmas? (It is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.)
3. Ask: Who foretold the birth of Christ? (Prophets of old, such as Isaiah, Samuel the Lamanite, Micah, Nephi, and Alma.)
4. Ask: What do they call those who believe in Jesus Christ? (Christians.)
5. Ask: Are we Christians? (Yes.)
6. Ask: Why do we give gifts at Christmas time? (Discuss ideas.)
7. Ask: Do all gifts cost money? (Discuss ideas. Conclude with the idea that the best gifts are gifts of obedience and service.)
8. Ask: What gifts has Jesus Christ given us? (Discuss ideas.)
9. Explain: Because we are true believers in Jesus Christ we should give Him gifts to show Him that we love Him: gifts of service, obedience and sharing His gospel.
10. Play Game:
 - A. Place the “gifts” in a pile to the side of the Nativity scene.
 - B. Take turns choosing a gift and then telling what you will give to Jesus (help children to be specific; such as inviting a non-member friend to primary, paying a full tithe, visiting an elderly neighbor or the sick, obeying parents, sharing your toys, caroling to neighbors, etc.)
 - C. Write the answer on the back of the gift and place it in front of the manger.
 - D. Encourage family members to work hard to give these gifts to our Savior, not just at Christmas time, but throughout their lives.











Treat Time

Approximate Time: 45 minutes

Prep Time: 45 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Cool Time: 30 minutes

**Makes: (2) stables/mangers
and (18) Christmas shapes**



Gingerbread Nativity and Marzipan

Gingerbread

1/2 c. packed brown sugar
1/4 c. shortening
3/4 c. molasses
1/3 c. cold water
3 1/2 c. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground allspice

Marzipan

2 c. powdered sugar
2 c. blanched almonds
1 egg white (may substitute
1 3/4 tsp. egg white powder
and 2 Tbls. water)
1 tsp. almond extract
1/4 tsp. lemon juice
(Or purchase a 10 oz. can
prepared Almond Paste)

Gingerbread: Print and cut out the stable/manger pattern included with this lesson. Grease a 9 inch square pan, and a jelly roll pan. Cream brown sugar, shortening and molasses. Stir in cold water. Stir in remaining ingredients. Evenly press or roll 1/4 of the dough into square pan and the rest into the jelly roll pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350° F. (Make icing and marzipan while gingerbread bakes.)

Immediately turn gingerbread out of pan onto a clean surface. While still warm, cut out (using the pattern pieces) with a sharp knife or a pizza cutter (Square pan: stable floors and mangers. Jelly roll pan: all other pieces). Cool completely, approximately 30 minutes or make the day before. Assemble during treat time.

Marzipan: Grind almonds in blender or food processor until fine. Add the remaining ingredients and mix to make a stiff paste. Knead until smooth and pliable.

Treat Time: Assemble stables and mangers and create marzipan baby Jesus' and Christmas shapes.

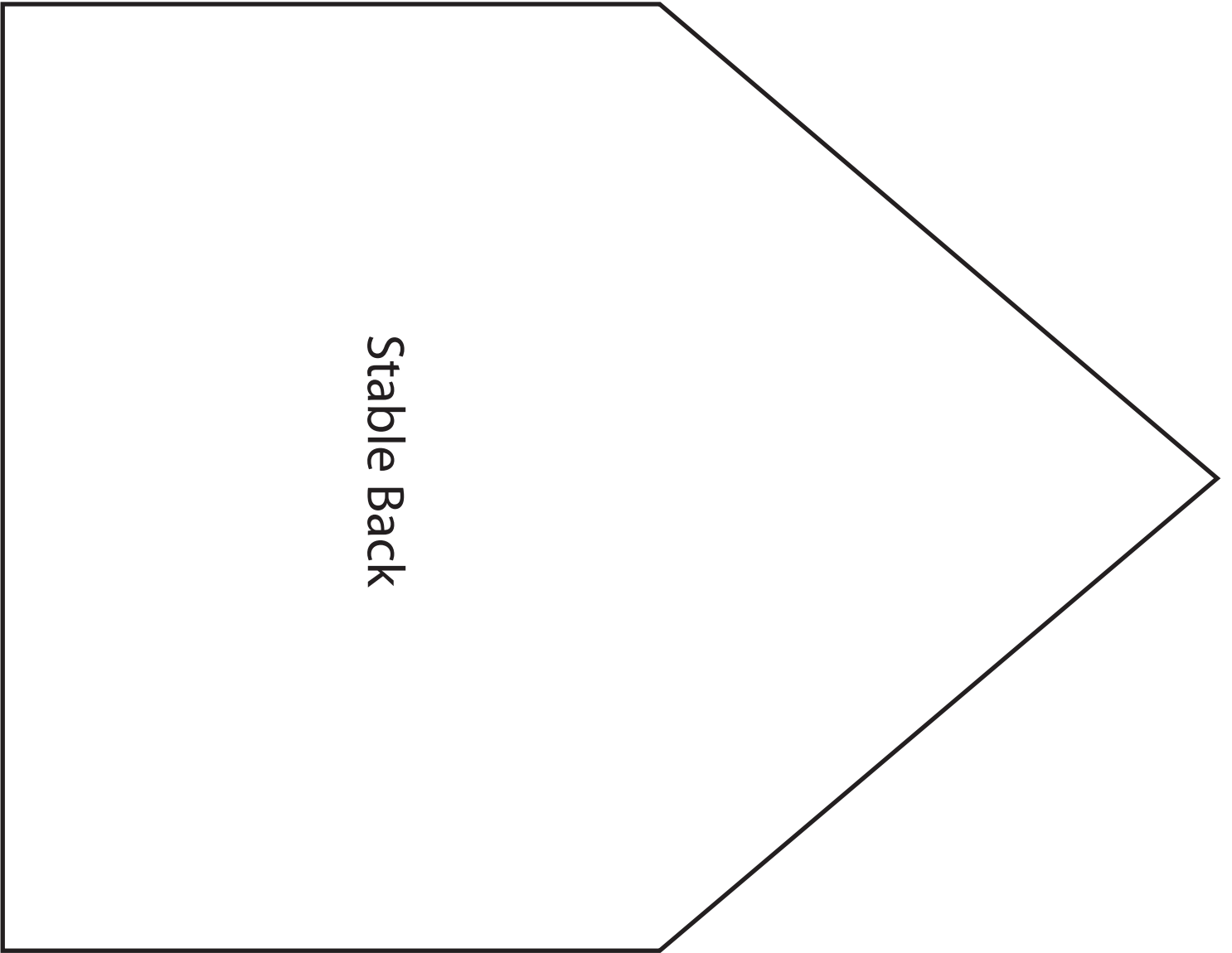
Stable and manger: Assemble by applying icing (1 c. powdered sugar, 2 1/2 Tbs. shortening, 1 Tbs. light corn syrup and 2 tps. milk) to edges of pieces and press together. Frost the top of the roof and floor. Apply hay to roof and floor and fill manger (1/2 cup shredded coconut + 5 drops yellow food coloring mixed together in a plastic sandwich bag). If desired, run a bead of icing along all edges to finish off. Place manger in stable.

Baby Jesus: Mold out of marzipan. Blanket is made by rolling marzipan into a very thin square and then wrap around baby. Place baby in manger.

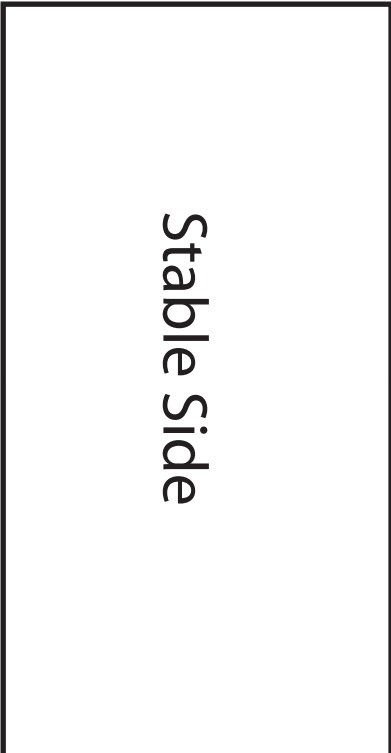
Heart Shapes: Divide remaining marzipan into fourths. Mix a few drops of food coloring into each portion. Let children mold into edible Christmas shapes.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.

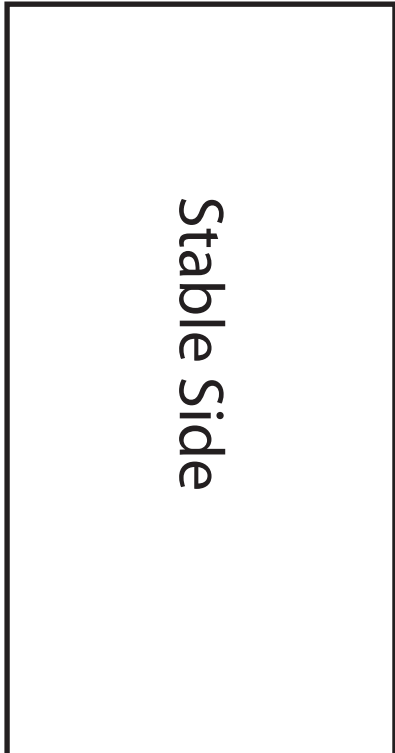




Stable Back



Stable Side



Stable Side

