

# KIDS CLUB BY POST

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## The birth of Jesus

Story and activities to do at home  
while we are unable to meet.

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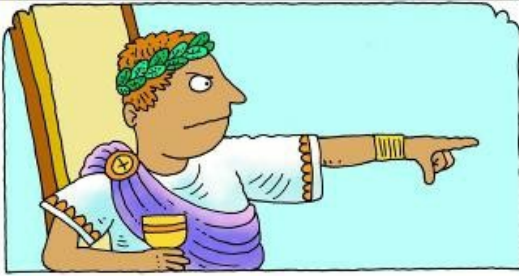
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# Story



## New Living Translation

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Luke 2:1-7

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## Simple version

The emperor Augustus ordered a count of everyone in his empire so everybody had to travel to the towns their families came from to be counted. Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to be counted and Mary went with him. It was a long way - Mary and Joseph were traveling for a long time. They were incredibly happy when they reached Bethlehem. All the inns were full, but they found room to stay where the animals slept. Jesus was born that night with the animals looking on. Mary wrapped Jesus up in strips of cloth and laid him down in the animals feeding trough. Mary and Joseph were overjoyed that Jesus had been born.



# Questions to discuss:

After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:

1. What is the greatest distance you have walked?
2. Why did Joseph and Mary have to go all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem?
3. How do you think they felt when there was no place for them to stay?
4. What would you have done if Mary and Joseph had knocked on the door of your house looking for a place to stay?



# Short prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus as a baby to the world on the very first Christmas. Thank You for the best gift ever - Jesus.  
Please help me to remember that this is why we celebrate Christmas.  
Amen.



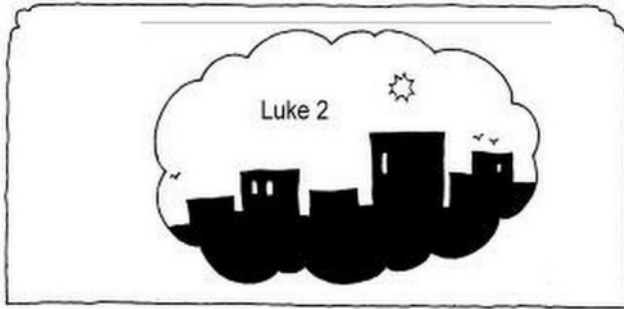
# Story to colour

## JESUS was born in Bethlehem

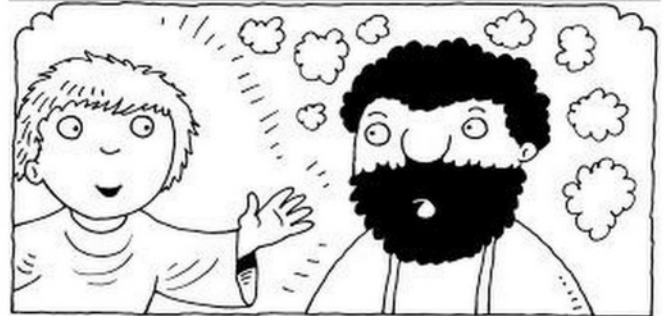
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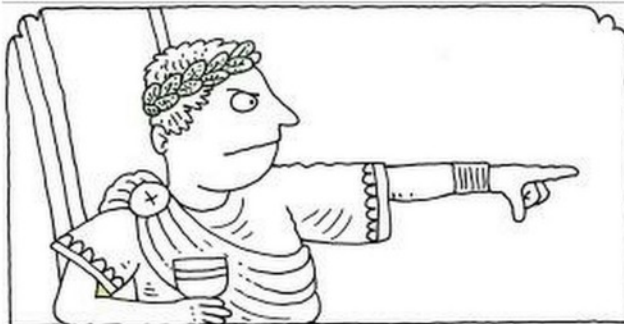
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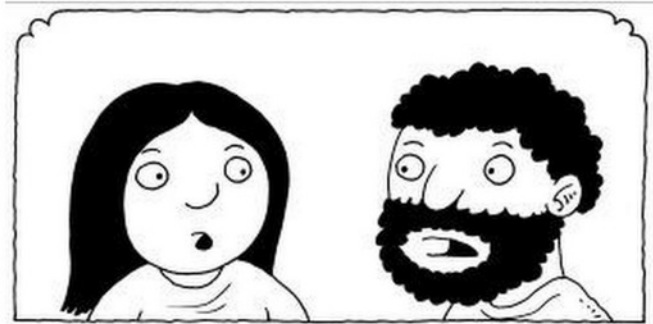
Jesus was not born in a palace, or a big house. He was born in a stable in the small town of Bethlehem and didn't even have his own bed!



Joseph the Carpenter lived in the town of Nazareth. One night God sent the angel Gabriel to tell him that the baby Mary was expecting was the promised Son of God. He was to marry Mary and take care of her and the baby.



The emperor Augustus wanted more tax money. He made a new law. Everyone was to go to the town their ancestors came from to write their names on a list, so Joseph had to go to Bethlehem.



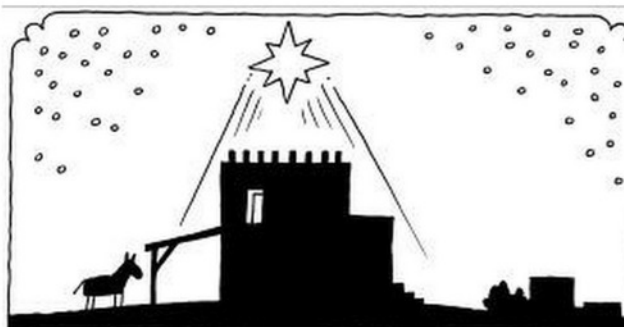
"My ancestor David was from Bethlehem," Joseph told Mary, "so I must go there to put my name down. Your baby will be born soon but you will have to come too, because God wants me to look after you."



It took about three days to get to Bethlehem and Mary rode on the back of the donkey. It was a bumpy ride and Mary would have been very tired and very uncomfortable.



So many people had come to put their name on the list at Bethlehem that there was nowhere for Mary and Joseph to stay, except a smelly stable that animals slept in.



That night baby Jesus, the promised Saviour, was born in a stable in Bethlehem.



Joseph and Mary called the baby Jesus, just like the angel Gabriel had told them. They wrapped him in a soft linen cloth and made him a bed in a manger box of hay.



Video of the story  
<https://youtu.be/1GVovkphKhQ>

Video of song of the week  
<https://youtu.be/wqK0luo14RI>



Cartoon of the story  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3656G6tWul&t=20s>



## Creative prayer

### Post card prayer

Mary and Joseph had to travel all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem because Joseph's family came from Bethlehem.

#### You will need:

- A piece of card the size of a postcard
- Felt pens

#### What to do:

- On one side of the card draw Mary and Joseph in the stable with baby Jesus in the manger.
- Think about your family members.
- On the other side of the card write a prayer to thank God for your family members and maybe draw a picture of them too.



Dear God, thank You for...

**God**

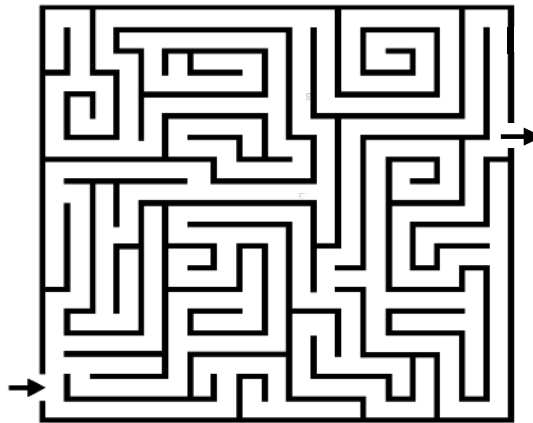
### Rejoice!

Rejoice! The Saviour has been born. The story of Christmas is filled with joy and we rejoice as we remember that Jesus came into the world. Is there something that makes you happy - maybe something about the story of Christmas? Cut out a star, decorate it with glitter and write on it what makes you happy as you say 'thank You' to God.



# Puzzles

Can you help Mary and Joseph get to the stable in Bethlehem?



Where did they put the baby Jesus?

strips 7 of  
in 5 6 cloth  
snugly 4 8 9 and  
him 3 10 laid  
him 11

## Dot to dot verse

wrapped 2

12 in

Mary 1 18 17 16  
20 19 24 23 15  
21 25 22 14 manger 13 a

Write the words of the verse in order:

M \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ h \_ s \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_ \_ o \_ c \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ l \_ \_ h \_ \_ i \_  
\_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_

## Christmas story lunch



# Recipe

Make lunch and tell the Christmas story at the same time!

- For Joseph you will need 2 grapes
- For Mary you will need 2 grapes
- For the stable outline you could use bread sticks
- For the manger you will need apple slices
- For baby Jesus you could use a rolled-up ham or turkey slice and a grape for his head
- For the angels use a carrot stick and satsuma segments
- For shepherds and sheep use grapes and mini marshmallows
- For the Star use a slice of cheese cut to shape
- Gold, frankincense and myrrh use shiny wrapped sweets or wine gums



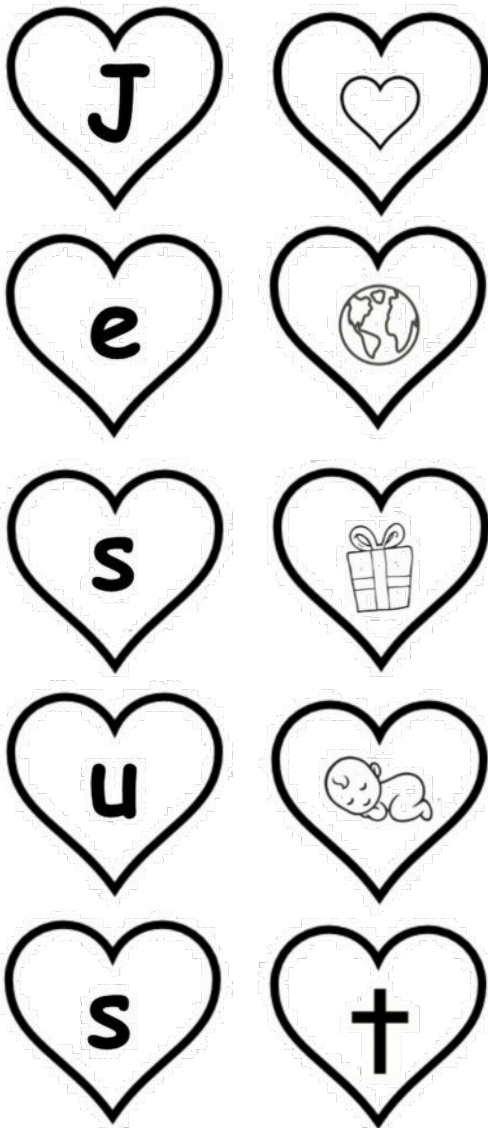
# Craft

## 'JESUS' Decoration



**To make the 'JESUS' decoration you will need:**

Printed hearts template (from page), scissors, empty food packaging, glue stick, Christmas ribbon, felt pens or pencils.



1. Open up food package & glue hearts template onto card.



2. Cut out hearts.



3. Colour in hearts.



4. Make a loop in the Christmas ribbon so that you can hang the decoration.



5. Glue the 'Jesus' hearts evenly down the ribbon.



**John 3:16**

God loved  
the world so much  
that He gave  
His one and only son  
so whoever believes in Him  
may not be lost but have  
eternal life.

6. Turn decoration over & glue the picture hearts to the back of the 'Jesus' hearts. Make sure the pictures are in the same order as the photo.

# Wordsearch

R C N E Y X I E B A M L C N L T W O  
 P E S V Z A B I H Y L F Y R M P M A  
 E H G Y F B C B K M B G M A A O C Y  
 E O N I L C O S H U N B S O N K L P  
 Q S D P S A M N T C O E Q L G F B P  
 D F D K Q T I L M H V T D L E J W G  
 N G K D Q E E J E I C H W A R O C Y  
 L C L O T H N R N L C L G J Z F A L  
 I C K C H A U Y G D Z E X Q Z V U O  
 B L N F Z F N Z A G S H E G E G G D  
 W G A C U O T C G S E E C Z N T U G  
 S R Z F E J K I E J X M Y I G W S I  
 T K A O S N O W D S K A T B W E T N  
 P X R P Q C S S C U T C L N Q D U G  
 E X E X P J H U E Y E R P O G L S W  
 X D T G U E R Z S P E B A N W A T Y  
 L T H H V P D Z X I H F L L T O W N  
 C A Z X O L Y E T M G A O M A R Y H

AUGUSTUS  
 CENSUS  
 REGISTER  
 ANCESTRAL  
 TOWN  
 JOSEPH  
 NAZARETH  
 BETHLEHEM  
 MARY  
 ENGAGED  
 EXPECTING  
 CHILD  
 SON  
 WRAPPED  
 CLOTH  
 MANGER  
 LODGING

## Challenges



### Stars of the stable!

Get yourself in the picture!  
 Dress up as one of the characters in the story of Jesus' birth.  
 Take a picture of yourself and send it to your Sunday school or club on Whatsapp.

### Nativity set

If you have a Nativity set, how about putting the characters around the house? You'll need to put Mary and Joseph together.


Each day, move the characters nearer the stable. If you don't have a Nativity set, you could make one by painting them on stones.

You'll need Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, shepherds, an angel and some wise men.



## Five seconds

### You will need:

- Timer or phone.
- A list of words to do with Christmas on pieces of paper. 
- 2 or more players.

### How to play:

- A player selects one of the papers.
- The player is given 5 seconds to name three things to do with the word.
- If the player succeeds, they get another chance, if not, the next player has a turn and someone else times.

Baby	Travel	Farm animals
Family	King	Christmas
Christmas presents	Christmas food	Characters in the Christmas story

## Hide and seek

Hide pictures of the birth of Jesus around the house. You could use this week's colouring sheet. You could have a game of hide and seek and once the person searching finds the pieces, he can put them all together to tell the story. The game can be played twice as a race and timed to see who can find all the pieces first and put the picture together the fastest?

## Sing

Mary and Joe were told they had to go down to Bethlehem  
They slept in a stable cos innkeepers told them that there was no room  
Soon a baby boy, their little pride and joy was born to them  
and everything happened as the angel said.

Shepherds really scared, when at night they heard a choir of angels sing,  
'Go down into town, you'll find, when you look round,  
the promised new born King;  
through His humble birth, bringing peace on earth. Go and worship Him',  
and everything happened as the angels said.

Travelling through the night some wise men kept in sight a bright new star;  
they read that it would bring them to a new born King,  
so they journeyed far, journeyed far  
For gifts of great expense they brought Him frankincense, with gold and myrrh,  
and everything happened as the scriptures said.

God sent His Son cos' He loves everyone, people's need was great, Though He  
knew the cost, He saw that we were lost so didn't hesitate,  
Jesus is the reason for this Christmas season, we can celebrate  
for everything happened as He'd always said.

**Jesus, Heavens delight.  
Glory! Hallelujah!  
Angels told us who You are,  
what a glorious night.  
Jesus, Heavens delight.  
Glory! Hallelujah!  
Our S - A - V - I - O - U - R,  
what a glorious night.**



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Watch this song on video and sing along at <https://youtu.be/wqK0luo14RI>

If you want a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes - [ahughes@saintygyuned.org](mailto:ahughes@saintygyuned.org)