

# *The Shepherds and the Angels*

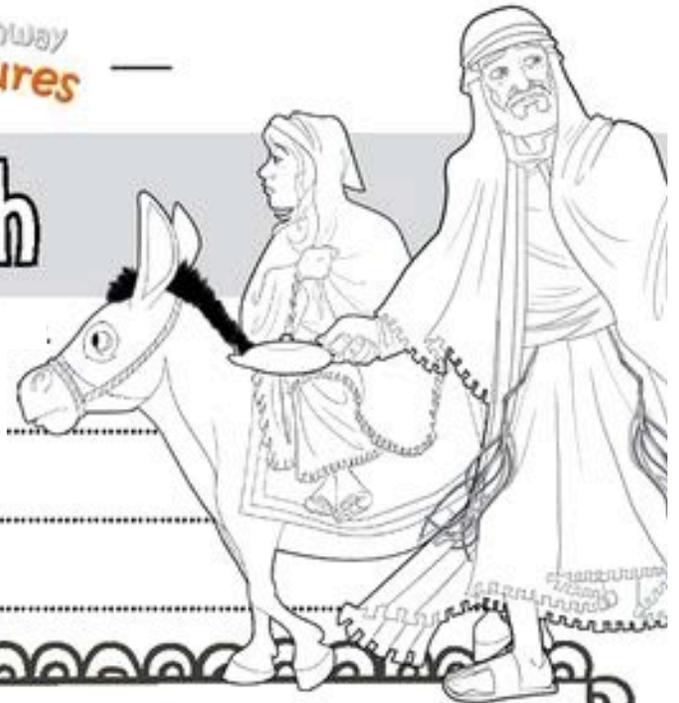
*S. Luke 2:8–21*

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, “Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

A week later, when the time came for the baby to be circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name which the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

# Mary & Joseph



Let's review the story of the birth of Jesus!

Which two of the four Gospels contain stories about the nativity (birth) of Jesus?

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1. Where did Mary and Joseph live?

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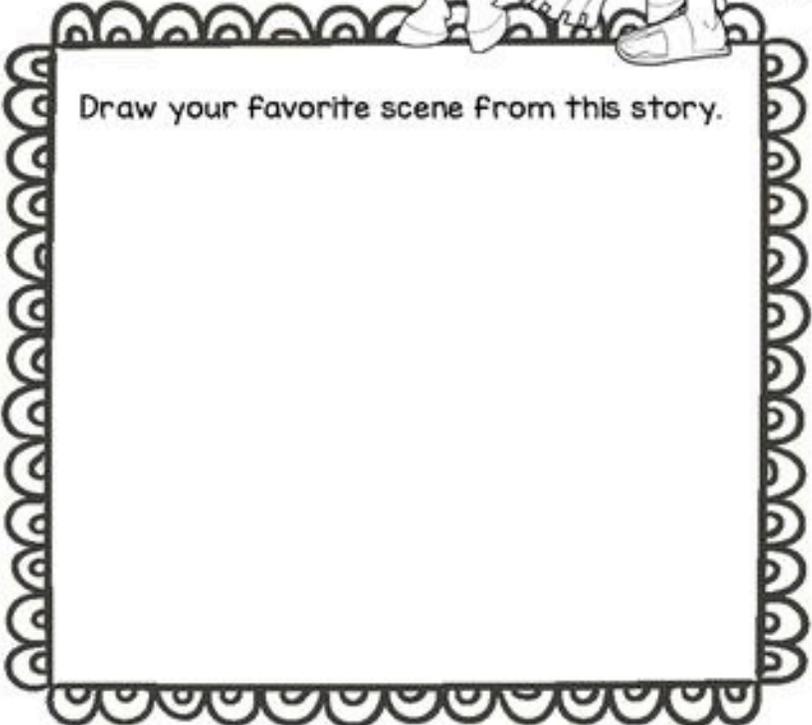
Why did Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem?

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Where did the Holy Family go before they returned home?

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Draw your favorite scene from this story.



What could the life of Mary & Joseph teach me?

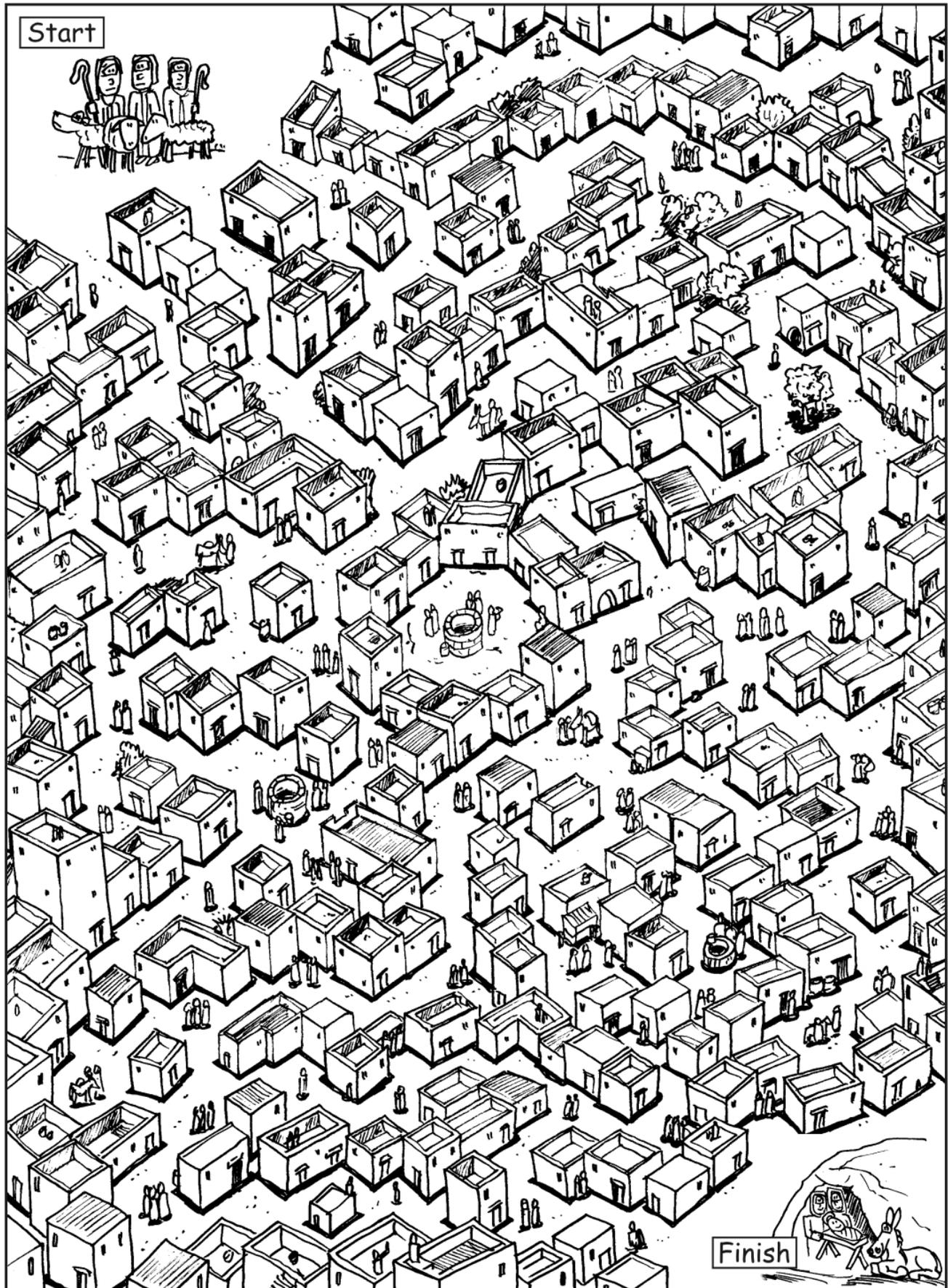
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God used Mary & Joseph to...

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# SHEPHERD'S JOURNEY

Help the shepherd's find their way through the town so they can see the baby Jesus.



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

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ANGELS

BABY

BETHLEHEM

BIBLE

CHRIST

CHRISTMAS

GOD

GOSPEL

HEAVEN

JESUS

JOSEPH

LUKE

MANGER

MARY

NAME

NATIVITY

PEACE

SAVIOUR

SHEPHERDS

SINGING



*How many of these words appear in today's reading from the St Luke's Gospel? Read the passage again and underline any words you recognise from the word search!*