



Journey to Bethlehem

Week 4

‘She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.’ (Luke 2:7)

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Activity 1

Read Luke 2:1-21

The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone 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 about."

So, they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

If you were in Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born, what do you think it would have been like? How would you feel seeing baby Jesus in the manger?

Share your thoughts on this with your parents.

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Activity 2

Connect the dots and colour the picture below.



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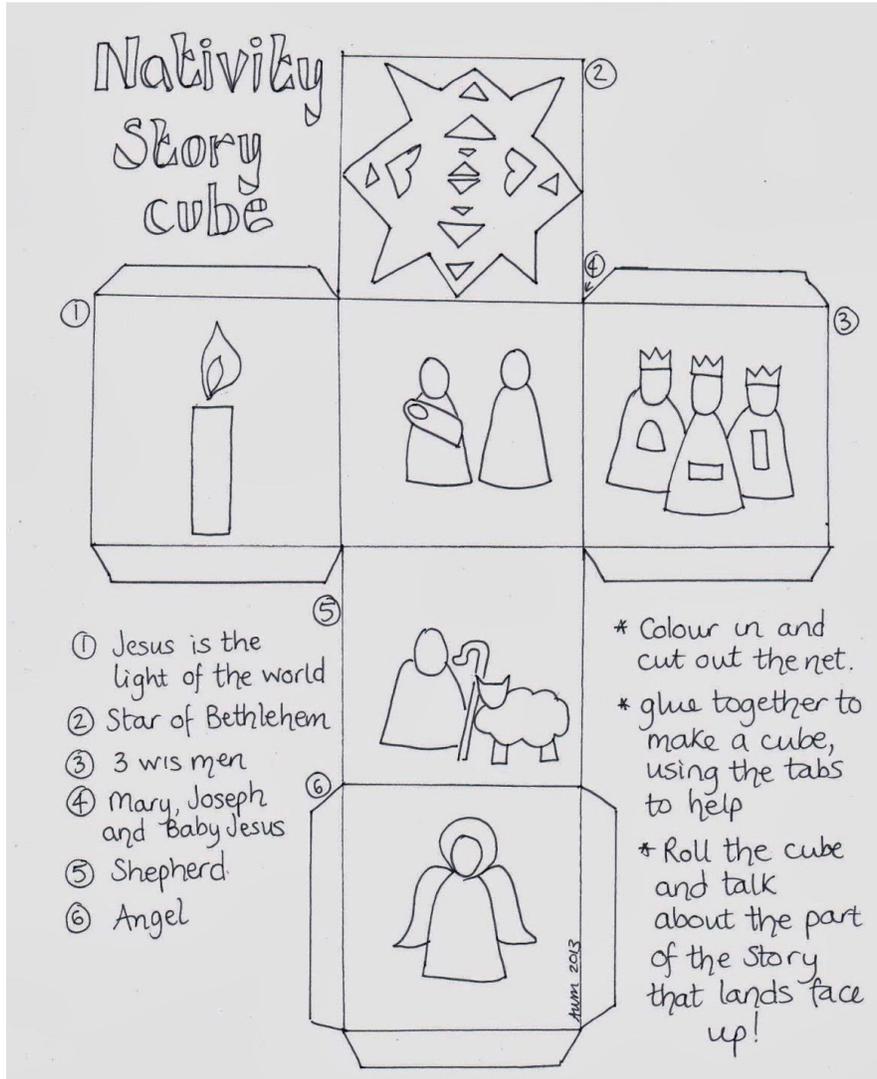


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Activity 3

The Nativity story cube

Colour the below picture, make it into a cube, and tell a Bible story with the pictures!
 Cut along the outer line of the picture below and glue the sides together to make a cube. Once it's done, you can roll the cube and share the Bible story that matches the pictures. Ask your parents for help.



A sample cube:



Name: _____



Activity 4

Complete the Christmas acrostic by writing something you have learned about each word below. Color the letters with decorative colors.



C hrist _____

H oly Family _____

R ejoice _____

I nnocents _____

S hepherds _____

T oday _____

M ary _____

A ngels _____

S avior _____

Name: _____



Activity 5

A birthday card for baby Jesus.

Colour the birthday card below and write a small message for baby Jesus. Cut it out and place it under your Christmas tree.



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Activity 6

Recite this prayer with your family on Christmas Day.



Jesus, the Reason for Christmas

**Jesus, That in remembering your birth
this Christmas let us guide our thoughts
towards the reason for this celebration.
Let us feel joy in your presence and thank
the Father for such a beautiful gift. Let us
always bear in mind the reason why you
came to the world.**

Amen.

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