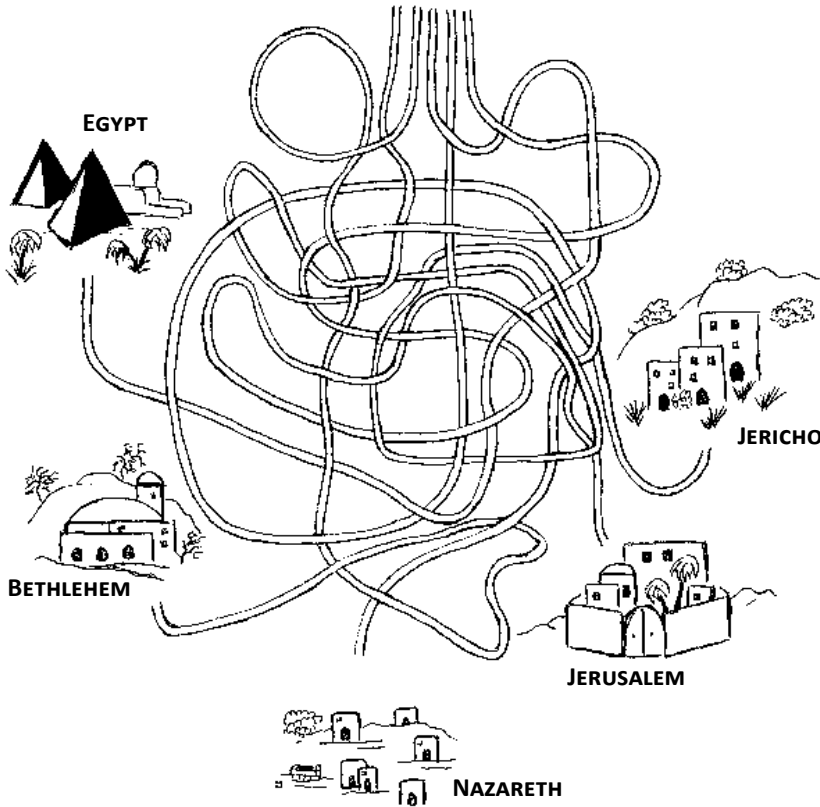


Help the Shepherd find baby Jesus.



Read Luke 2:15 to find the right place.



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...Jesus was born in Bethlehem
of Judaea in the days of
Herod the king,...

Matthew 2:1

Christmas was always the best time of the year for our family. We would get up early in the morning and open presents! Everyone was happy even if we did not get a lot of presents. Christmas is the story of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the best gift ever given.

Did you know...

1. The Bible talked about Jesus being born 700 years before it happened! *Micah 5:2*, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be r_____ in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from e_____."

2. Many Jews who read the Bible knew that the Messiah (God) would be born just like us. *Isaiah 9:6*, "For unto us a child is b_____, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

3. The Bible said Jesus would be born of a virgin. *Isaiah 7:14*, "Therefore the Lord himself shall g_____ you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a s_____, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Jesus is God and existed before He came down to earth as a baby.

The Wonderful Story of the First Christmas Gift: God's Son, Jesus.

Before Joseph and Mary were married, an angel told Mary she was going to have a child.

* Read *Luke 1:26-28*. What is the name of the angel that appeared to Mary? G_____

* Read *Luke 1:29-33*. What was Mary told to name her Son? J_____.

* Read *Luke 1:34-35*. How was Mary going to become pregnant? The H_____ G_____ would come upon her. The baby would also be called the S_____ of G_____.

The angel told Joseph, also.

* Read *Matthew 1:19*. What kind of man was Joseph? A j_____ man.

* Read *Matthew 1:20*. An a_____ of the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a d_____. The angel said, "F_____ not to take unto thee Mary thy w_____ : for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Joseph married Mary, but did not touch her until after Jesus was born.

(Did you know that Mary had 4 other sons and a few daughters? Read *Mark 6:3*.)



Right before Mary was due, they had to travel to Bethlehem to pay their taxes.

* Read *Luke 2:1-6*. How is Mary described? "Being great with c_____ "

There was "no room for them in the inn," so Jesus was born in a barn and laid "in a manger" (*Luke 2:7*).

At the same time, some shepherds were in a field nearby, with their sheep.

* Read *Luke 2:9-10*. Who appeared to them? The a_____ of the Lord. How did they react? They were sore (very) a_____.



* Read *Luke 2:11-16*. What was the good news? Unto you is born a S_____.

Also at the same time, a star appeared.

* Read *Matthew 2:1-2*. Who came from the east? w_____ m_____. What had they seen? His s_____. (Jerusalem was the capital of Israel.)

Wise men followed that star so they could present the King with their gifts.

* Read *Matthew 2:9-10*. Where did the star stand? Over where the y_____ c_____ was. By the time the wise men found Him, Jesus was not a baby anymore.

* Read *Matthew 2:11*. What gifts did the wise men present to the child Jesus? g_____, and frankincense, and m_____.

* Read *Matthew 2:12*. King Herod thought the baby Jesus was a threat to his kingdom. How did the wise men get away from King Herod? They departed into their own country another w_____.

We give presents on Christmas to remember how God gave us His Son. *John 3:16*, "For God so l_____ the world, that he g_____ his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



Like the wise men, we can also give gifts to Jesus. What is something you could give to Jesus for His birthday? _____