

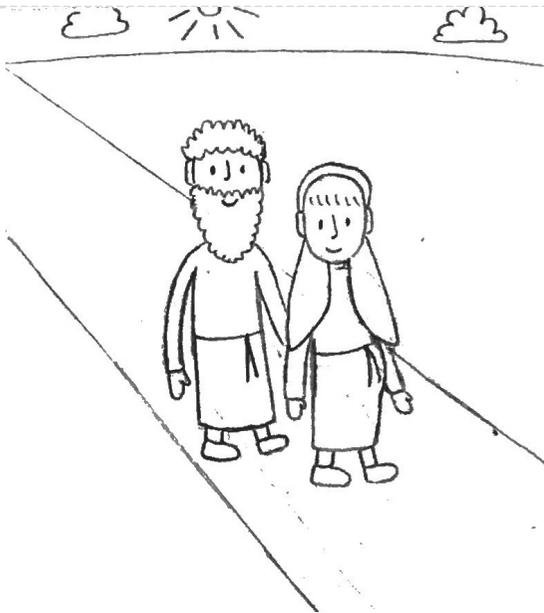
Long ago, God promised to send a Saviour to rescue people from their sin.



An angel told Mary, "You're going to have a baby!"



The angel told Joseph, "His name will be Jesus!"



Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem.



Jesus was born in a stable.
Mary laid him in a manger.



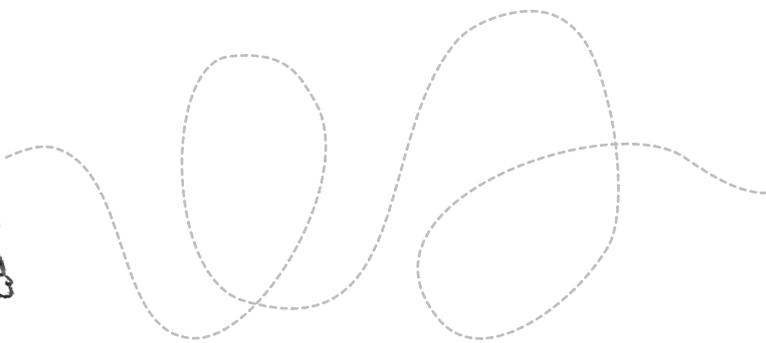
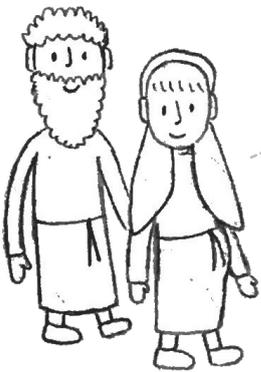
Jesus is the Saviour.
Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus is the Son of God

Can you number the events in the proper order?



Trace the line to show Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem.



The Birth of Christ *Matthew 1:18-2:15; Luke 2:1-21*

Long ago, God promised to send a Saviour to rescue people from sin. Sin is a terrible problem. Sin is when we disobey God and do what we want to do instead of what God wants us to do.

An angel came to a woman named Mary.

"You're going to have a baby!" the angel said.

The angel visited Joseph. "Mary is going to have a baby, and his name will be Jesus," the angel told Joseph.

Mary and Joseph trusted God and obeyed what God said.

When Mary was about to have the baby, they had to travel to Bethlehem. The town was full.

Jesus was born in a stable.
Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid him in a manger.

Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is fully human and fully God.

Jesus is the Saviour that God promised.
When Jesus grew up he rescued people from their sin.

What is sin?

How did God rescue people from their sin?

**Who visited Mary and Joseph?
What did he say?**

Where did Mary and Joseph travel?

Who is fully human and fully God?

What did Jesus do when he grew up?

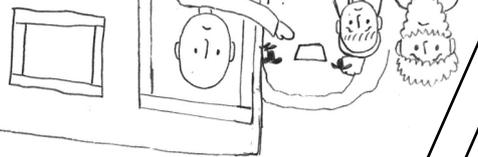
QUESTIONS

HOW DID JOSEPH SHOW THAT HE TRUSTED GOD? WHY DID THE ANGEL TELL JOSEPH TO NAME THE BABY JESUS? WHY DID MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM? HOW IS JESUS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PEOPLE? HOW IS JESUS THE SAME AS OTHER PEOPLE?

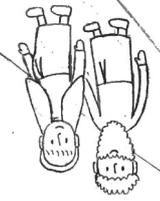
SO SHE WRAPPED THE BABY WITH CLOTHS AND LAID HIM IN A BOX WHERE ANIMALS ARE FED.



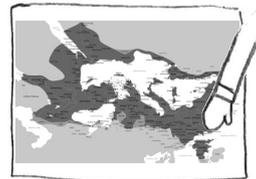
JOSEPH REGISTERED WITH MARY BECAUSE SHE WAS ENGAGED TO MARRY HIM. (MARY WAS NOW PREGNANT.) WHILE JOSEPH AND MARY WERE IN BETHLEHEM, THE TIME CAME FOR HER TO HAVE THE BABY. SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER FIRST SON. THERE WERE NO ROOMS LEFT IN THE INN.



SO JOSEPH LEFT NAZARETH, A TOWN IN GALILEE. HE WENT TO THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA. THIS TOWN WAS KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF DAVID. JOSEPH WENT THERE BECAUSE HE WAS FROM THE FAMILY OF DAVID.



AT THAT TIME, AUGUSTUS CAESAR SENT AN ORDER TO ALL PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRIES THAT WERE UNDER ROMAN RULE. THE ORDER SAID THAT THEY MUST LIST THEIR NAMES IN A REGISTER.

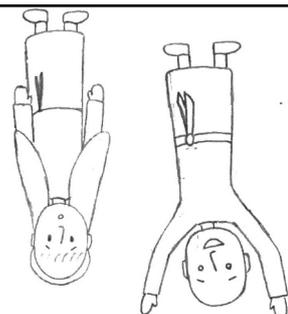


JOSEPH, DESCENDANT OF DAVID, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE."

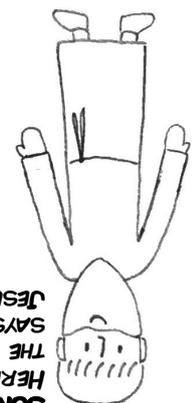
SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON. YOU WILL NAME THE SON JESUS. GIVE HIM THAT NAME BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.



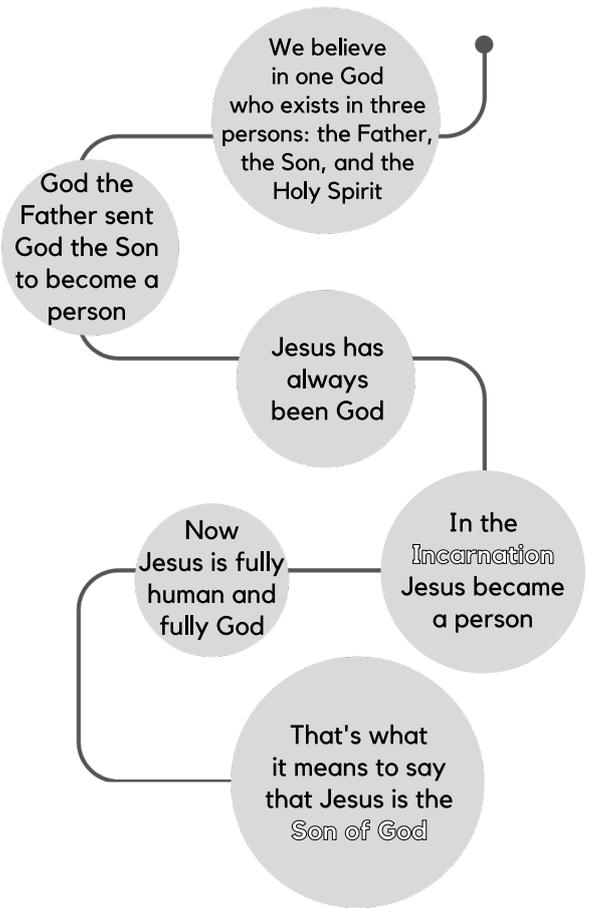
MARY WAS ENGAGED TO MARRY JOSEPH. BUT BEFORE THEY MARRIED, SHE LEARNED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE A BABY. SHE WAS PREGNANT BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. HERE IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH...

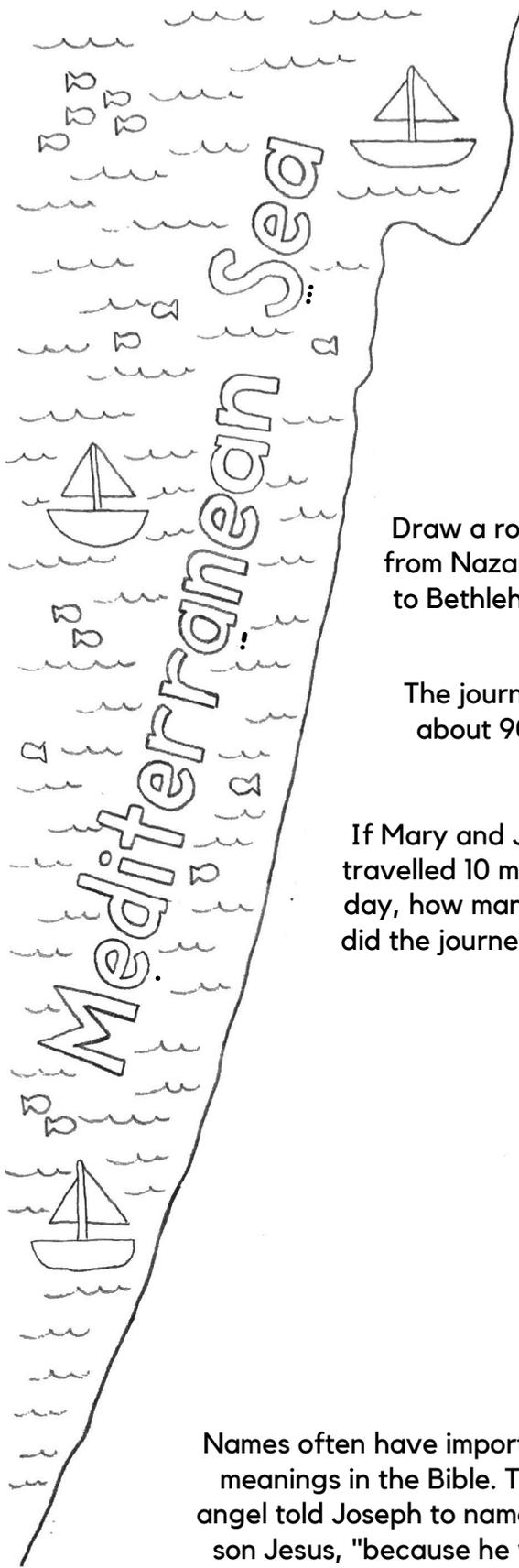


FAST FACTS



Jesus is the Son of God

let's explore!



Draw a route
from Nazareth
to Bethlehem

The journey was
about 90 miles

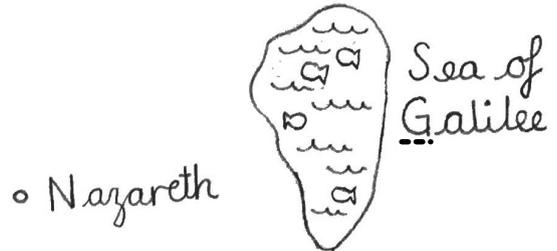
If Mary and Joseph
travelled 10 miles per
day, how many days
did the journey take?

Names often have important
meanings in the Bible. The
angel told Joseph to name his
son Jesus, "because he will
save his people from their sins."

What do you think
the name Jesus means?

Search the map for clues
and fill in the blanks below.

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Jordan River



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Materials

A5 piece of cardboard

Cardboard shapes

Scissors

Glue

A4 piece of card

Paint

Instructions



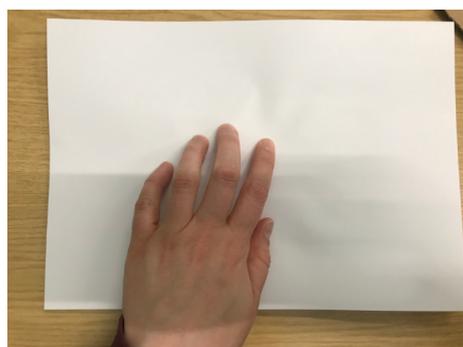
Arrange the cardboard shapes on the A5 piece of cardboard, then glue the pieces down.



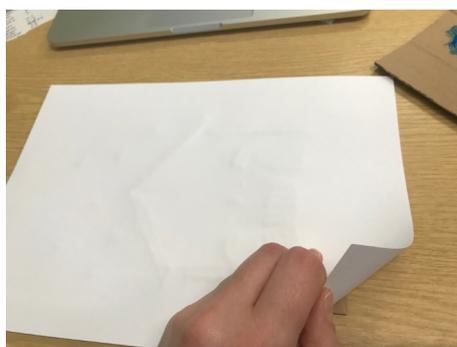
Paint the raised pieces of cardboard. You don't need to be very precise (the print will only be the raised surfaces), but go quickly so that the paint doesn't dry before you print on the paper.



Place the cardboard facedown in the centre of the A4 paper. Carefully turn the cardboard and paper over, making sure that they don't shift (or the print will be smudged).



Rub the paper so the print will pick up the paint from all the raised surfaces - still being careful not to shift the paper



Carefully peel the paper off of the cardboard.



Allow the paint to dry, and enjoy your print!