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JOY TO THE WORLD



This is the message of Christmas, even after this strange and sometimes very difficult year. Christmas is a story of light, hope and love coming to the world in the form of a baby, Jesus. We are invited to enter into that story. How well do you remember it?

It all begins with an angel with a special message. Read about it below.



Mary



Gabriel



baby



was a young woman who loved God. The angel



visited . said to , "You will have a .

You will name the Jesus."



But just before Jesus was born Mary and her husband Joseph had to make a very long journey from their home in Nazareth to the town of Bethlehem. Sadly, when they reached Bethlehem they couldn't find anywhere to stay until one Innkeeper told them they could use the place where he kept the animals



And it was here in this stable that Jesus was born.

But that was not the end. They were joined by some shepherds who had been looking after their sheep on the hills outside town. Angels had come to them too to tell them the wonderful news.



They went and found Mary, Joseph and the baby and knelt and worshipped him.



Soon there would be more visitors.

From far in the East came some men who had seen a new star in the sky which told them a new king had been born. They set off to find him bringing special gifts of GOLD, FRANKINCENSE and MYRRH. We will learn more about them at Epiphany, in January. Below is a picture of the shepherds on the hills outside Bethlehem for you to colour.



You could make this decoration as you wait for Christmas. For the circle draw round a tea plate, then make the inner circle by drawing round a saucer. Copy the words around the edge. Draw the crib shape onto brown paper, or colour it in. Make a star out of shiny paper if you can, and perhaps you have some small stick on stars you could add, or draw them on yourself. Then hang it up where you can see it as you wait for Christmas.

You might also like to make some stars using 5 craft sticks for the arms, then sticking beads or anything shiny on them. Or you could use pipe cleaners and thread pony beads on them.

All about Angels

Find these words in the puzzle.

Angels come from **HEAVEN** to bring a **MESSAGE** from **GOD**.

CHERUBIM, SERAPHIM, and **ARCHANGELS** are kinds of angels.

GABRIEL and **MICHAEL** are two angels who are mentioned in the Bible.

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