

# WANDERING AND WONDERING THROUGH CHRISTMAS

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## Teacher guide

The video has moments at the end of each section which say 'Pause to Wonder'. You may (you know your classes) wish to actually pause the video at this moment for pupils to discuss what they have seen/their thoughts.

You may choose to follow it in sections, in which case these are the sections and their length:

The start of the story: 11 mins 30

Visiting Mary: 1 minute

The dark field: 2 minutes 10

In the stable: 6 minutes

The wise man's house: 2 minutes 40

The second beginning: 9 minutes

In the 'start of the story' there is mention of favourite animals/plants. Again, you may wish to pause the video to allow pupils to discuss their favourites before I give some suggestions in the video.

The worksheet can be done whilst watching, or afterwards, but is intended to give pupils an opportunity to reflect on their own thoughts.

The extension questions require some research, but these do have 'right answers'.

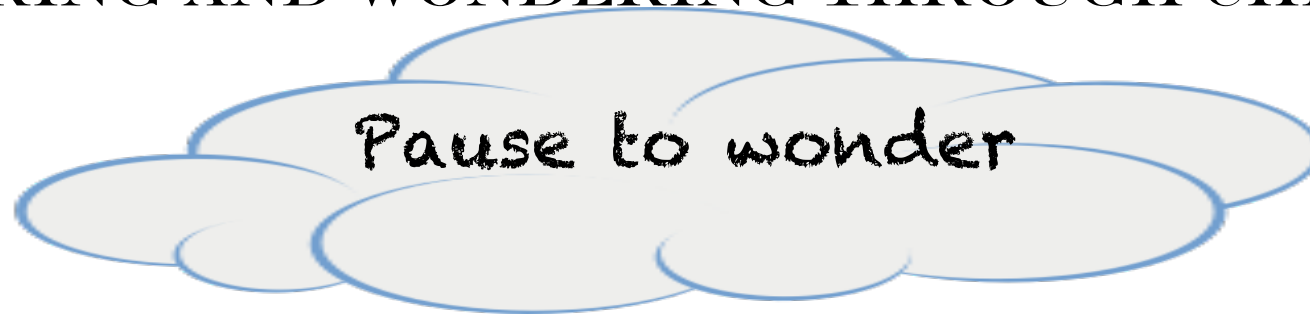
*Extension question answers:* The dove was the Holy Spirit.

Gold – given to royalty, kingly. Frankincense – used in the worship of God. Myrrh – used for healing or at burial.

Examples of parables: The lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son, the good Samaritan, the yeast, the tenants, the pearl, the sower, the weeds, the hidden treasure, the talents, the wise and foolish builders...

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My favourite day of creation was \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

When the gift got damaged I felt \_\_\_\_\_

I think Mary might have felt \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

Shepherds were considered unimportant, why do you think the angels told them first?  
\_\_\_\_\_

The animals in the barn told us that Jesus was put in a manger, why?  
\_\_\_\_\_

The wise men took gifts of gold, and 2 types of spice – frankincense and myrrh. How do you think Mary felt when those gifts were given for her young son?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did the second beginning make you feel?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extension questions:

Using a Bible, look up Mark chapter 1 verse 10 -

What (or who) was the dove that was seen at Jesus' baptism?

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What were the gifts the Wise men brought usually used for, or who would they have been given to?

Gold

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Frankincense

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Myrrh

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Jesus told lots of stories with hidden meanings, these are called parables. Can you find the names of some of the parables Jesus told?

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