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Hello and Welcome to our Christmas Connect!  
We hope that you are having a wonderful  
Christmas time (so far!)

Here at NISCU we believe that Christmas really is the most  
wonderful time of year as we remember how God himself  
came down to be with us.

In this book you will find lots of ways to connect with this  
amazing story - you can read the story for yourself, enjoy  
puzzles and activities all about Christmas and find out about  
exciting events going on in the local churches in this season all  
celebrating this amazing news - just ask your grown ups to click  
on the QR code at the back for more festive fun!

We are praying that you have a blessed and wonderful  
Christmas time, whatever that looks like for you.

So from all of us here at NISCU:

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS





# Christmas WORD SEARCH

Find and mark the words listed below.

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- gift
- bells
- ribbons
- gingerbread
- sleigh
- reindeer
- fireplace
- snowman
- ornament
- wreath
- chimney
- holly



# WRITE A LETTER

Mary and Joseph had to travel really far to their home town.  
Write a letter to someone who lives far away who you might  
not get to see at Christmas.

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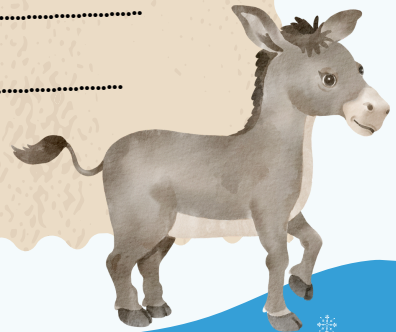
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Best, .....







# MY FAVOURITES

Christmas is a time full of good things and celebration.  
We think about the good things God has given us, most of all  
his Son, Jesus to come and rescue us.

Think of some of the things you enjoy at Christmas time.

My favourite Christmas  
movies to watch are:

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My favourite Christmas  
snacks to eat are:

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My favourite Christmas  
games to play are:

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My favourite Christmas  
activities to do are:

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# THE STORY

Read the story on the following pages, what are your favourite parts? Use these comic strip spaces to write or draw them here.




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# THE STORY

## part 1

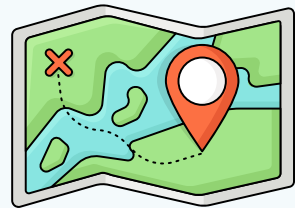
This is the start of an incredible story  
Of a mighty King full of glory  
But he wasn't born in a palace or castle  
But in a little town with only stars to sparkle

The emperor said that everyone must go  
To the town they came from long ago  
This was part of God's big plan  
And a baby from Bethlehem is where it began



So Mary and Joseph went far away  
To the town of David with a baby on the way!  
They got on the donkey on the long, long road  
For days and days with a heavy load

Clippedy cloppedy clippedy clop  
Looking for somewhere warm to stop  
Mary and Joseph couldn't find a room  
But they knew the baby was coming soon!



Clippedy cloppedy clippedy clop  
Looking for anywhere they could set up shop  
Every guest room and bed was full  
So they found a shelter with sheep and bulls

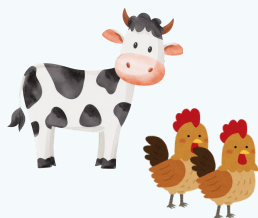


colour me in  
if you want to!

# THE STORY

## part 2

A stable, a barn or maybe a cave?  
Just a dingy home the animals gave  
A shelter, a shack or maybe a shed?  
Whatever it was, just a manger for a bed!



Mary sat in the stable wondering how  
She could have a baby among chickens and cows  
But this was God's plan on that special night  
Without a palace or a guard or a midwife in sight

God chose his first home to be a stable  
With only a manger to be his first cradle  
And for all the world, He gave this boy  
To give us peace and unending joy



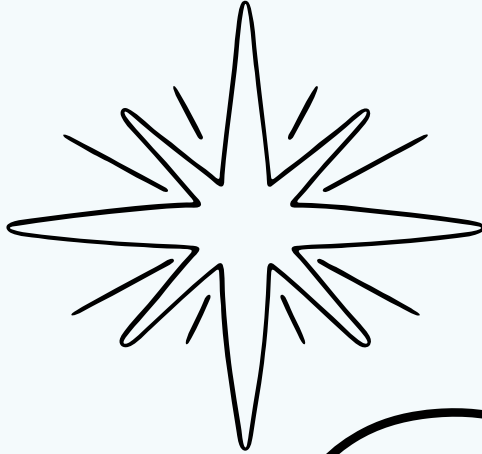
And the stars and the angels looked down to see  
Because they knew this baby was royalty  
Not because of riches and fancy stuff  
In fact his first night on earth was probably quite rough

But at that moment there shined a light  
Brighter than the sun on this dark cold night  
The plan wasn't easy and sometimes it was tough  
But God was now with us, and that is enough





# COLOUR ME IN



# CODE BREAKER RIDDLE

Can you answer the questions of the Christmas story to work out the riddle? Write the first letter of each answer to find the word at the bottom.



The Angel Gabriel told a young girl from Nazareth she was going to have a .....



The angels praised God saying 'Glory to God in the highest and on ..... peace'



How many presents did the wise men bring? .....



Who was the King in Judea at the time?  
King .....



The angels told the shepherds that Jesus was the Messiah, the ..... of all.



At the time, Judea was ruled by  
the Roman .....



Shepherds were nearby watching their sheep  
on the .....



Wise men came to visit Jesus from the .....



Who was Jesus' mother? .....

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# THE STORY

## part 3



Once on a dark and windy night  
Some shepherds got a terrible fright  
Sleeping in the fields attending their flock  
They were in for a serious shock

An angel of the Lord appeared  
And told them they don't have to fear  
"Do not fear?" the shepherds said  
Shaking in their grassy beds



The angel spoke of great news and joy  
Because of a newborn baby boy  
A Messiah King lying in a manger  
Come to rescue the world from danger

Suddenly, the sky shone gloriously bright  
As a host of angels lit up the night  
The glory of the Lord shone around  
As the sky rang out with a beautiful sound



They sang of the most incredible story  
Of peace on earth and God's great glory  
Songs of joy filled the skies  
Of the Lord of all, God most High

# THE STORY

## part 4

And so when all the world was asleep  
The shepherds got up and left their sheep  
Excited and shocked in equal measure  
They went to see God's precious treasure



They ran and jumped and skipped and stumbled  
God had invited the lowly and humble  
Because God welcomes everyone  
To come and meet his special son

The shepherds jumped at their invitation  
And when they got to their destination  
They fell and worshipped on bended knee  
The most beautiful baby they had ever seen



The shepherds told everyone of the great news  
A story to make anyone jump off their pews  
The saviour of the world was here  
And that made the shepherds jump and cheer

Once on a dark and windy night  
The saviour was here to put everything right  
And out in the hills high above  
The shepherds were the first to the King of love



# WRITE A POSTCARD

At Christmas we can share our joy with others. Write a postcard to someone you love and wish them a Merry Christmas! Cut one of the stamps below and stick it on your postcard.

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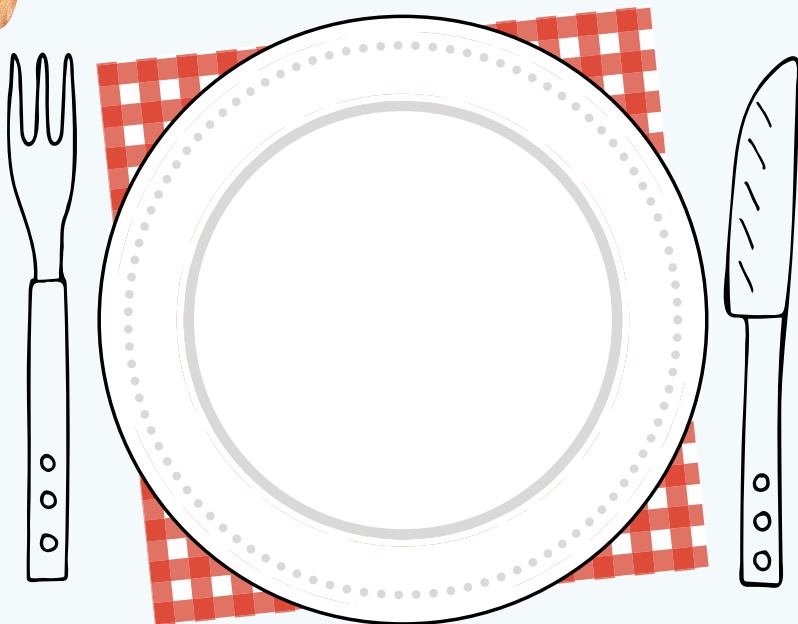






# MY FAVOURITE Christmas Food

Eating meals together is a great way of spending time with those we love. Jesus did it lots with all sorts of different people when he was on Earth.  
What do you like to eat at Christmas?



My favourite Christmas food is:

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# THE STORY

## part 5



Some time later some men known as wise  
Looked up to the heavens and studied the skies  
They looked through their telescopes at all of the stars  
These men saw everything from Jupiter to Mars

Some called them Magi, some called them kings  
But one thing's for sure, they saw some strange things  
They went to King Herod to explain what they saw  
A new star appeared they hadn't seen before



"We looked up to the sky and found a surprise  
As this star in the sky began to rise  
It's the brightest star we've ever seen  
The star of a newborn King on the scene"

Herod was fuming about this new King  
He was jealous and angry about the whole thing  
He called together the teachers of the law  
And told them all what the wise men saw



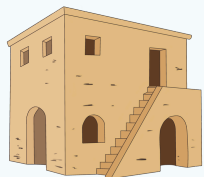
He asked them all where this baby would be  
And the teachers told him of old prophecy  
"The baby will be born in Bethlehem  
A new king, to rule all of them."



# THE STORY

## part 6

But Herod was cunning and Herod was sly  
And so he concocted a terrible lie  
"You must tell me where to find this King of the Jews  
So I can go and worship him too".



So the wise men got their camels and followed the star  
To the place where it stopped, after traveling far  
They found baby Jesus and were full of joy  
As they knelt to worship this little boy

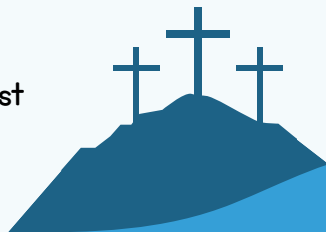


The first gave gold, fit for a King  
Come to earth to rule everything  
The second gave frankincense, a smelly perfume  
That showed God himself was in this room



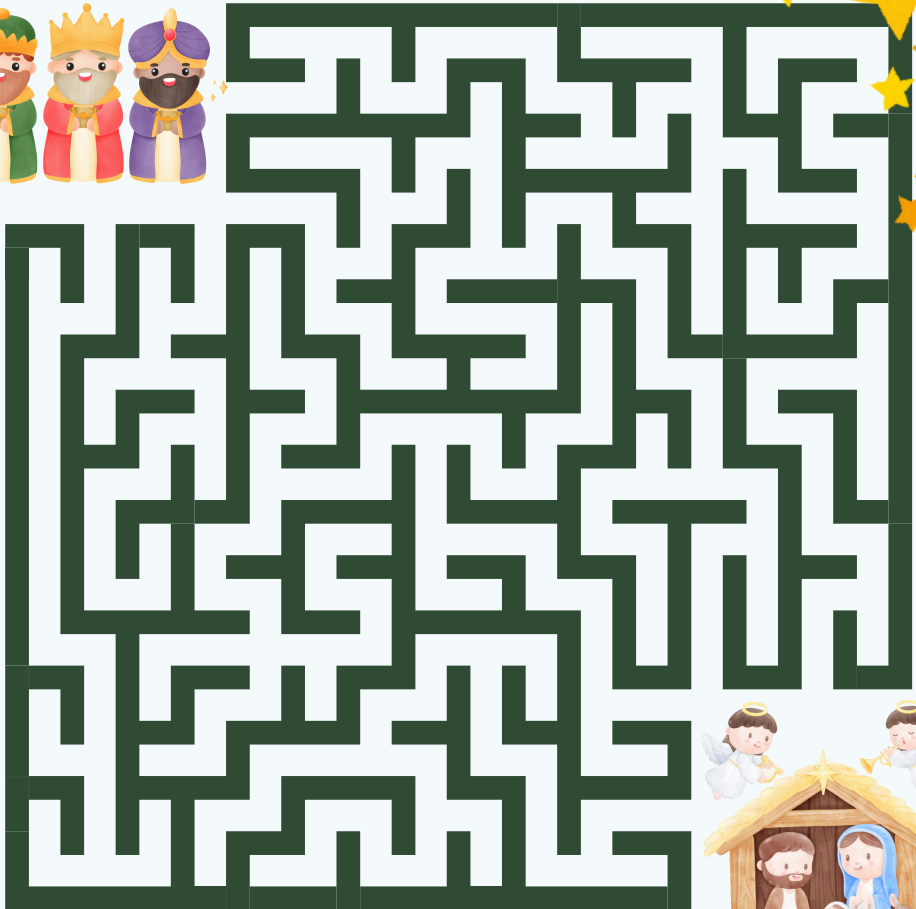
And the third gave Myrrh for when somebody died  
An old little gift to lay at his side  
But this was a baby destined for a great big plan  
A plan to save every woman and man

One day this King would die on a cross  
For all of his children that were all once lost  
So all of the gifts at this baby shower  
Told of this baby's Kingship and power



# FOLLOWING THE STAR

Help the wise men on their journey following the star to find Mary and Joseph at the stable



# My Christmas WISHLIST

The wise men brought gifts for Jesus. Gold, to show he was a special King, Frankincense to show he was God and to be worshipped, and Myrrh to show he would die to save the world. But Christians believe that the greatest gift of all was God giving his own Son to the world. What are you asking for this Christmas?

## MY WISHLIST



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