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Key Stage 2







# Welcome to worship

Christ the light of the world is here

# Lord Jesus shine on us

Amen





Hush, hush, while Bethlehem sleeps, God, as a baby, in he creeps. Light for our darkness; peace for our hearts. As angels are singing, our sadness departs.

As you listen.....

I wonder if you think of Christmas as a time of quiet and stillness?

I wonder if we could create more time to see the wonder of Christmas in silence and peace?



# O little town of Bethlehem



#### The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2: 1-7

**2** 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. This was the first registration taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own towns to be registered.

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. 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 she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed.

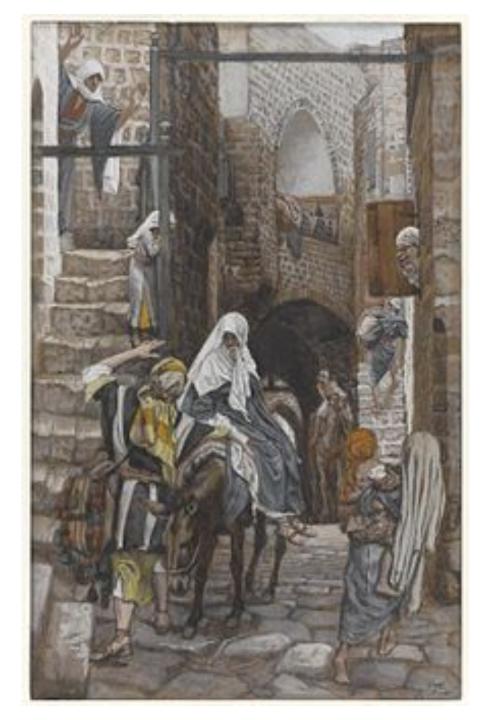




#### **Time to think:**

I wonder what the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem would have been like?





# **Time to think:**

I wonder how Mary and Joseph might have felt when they arrived and were turned away from so many houses?

I wonder how they felt by the end of that night?











# Away in a manger



#### Some Shepherds Hear About Jesus - Luke 2: 8-18

That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and suddenly they became very frightened. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people. Today your Saviour was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box."

Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel. All the angels were praising God, saying:

"Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God." Then the angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. We will see this thing the Lord told us about."

So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph. And the shepherds saw the baby lying in a feeding box. Then they told what the angels had said about this child. Everyone was amazed when they heard what the shepherds said to them. Mary hid these things in her heart; she continued to think about them. Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything that they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.



Advent

### **Time to think:**

I wonder why God chose the shepherd to be the first people to hear about the message of Jesus' birth?





#### **Time to think:**

I wonder if the message of the angels, 'Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God' is still important today?





# While Shepherds watched their flocks



The census crowds were occupied When God first breathed and tears he cried; And for a world that's still in danger, Wont you be his living manger - this Christmas?



Advent

# A Christmas poem

A frightened girl, a worried spouse Left on the streets, no room, no house; And for a world that's still unsure, Won't you be his human stall - this Christmas?



# A Christmas poem

Nightshift workers, angel driven, See the join of the earth and heaven; And for a world so full of woes Won't you be his swaddling clothes - this Christmas?

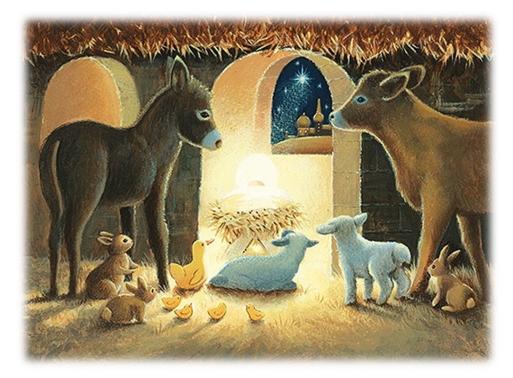




# Advent

### A Christmas poem

Hillside choirs sang out in chorus; To sing again, they're waiting for us; So, for a world that's tired and worn Won't you be the place where he's born - this Christmas?





# **Time to think:**

# I wonder how you will respond to this poem?

I wonder what it makes you think about?





As we join together for our special carol service, we remember to pray for others and for ourselves:

**Leader:** We ask that the everlasting light of Jesus may shine in our streets this Christmas

**All:** Emmanuel, shine your light into the world.

**Leader:** We ask that the everlasting light of Jesus may shine in the world's dark places this Christmas

**All:** Emmanuel, shine your light into the world.

**Leader:** We ask that the everlasting light of Jesus may shine into our hopes and fears this Christmas

**All:** Emmanuel, shine your light into the world.



# O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord,

The first Christmas was really simple. Mary and Joseph celebrated the birth of their son away from family and friends, but found comfort and joy as they spent time together.



This Christmas time is going to be very different for most of us, but remember to find the joy and hope in all you do, just as Mary and Joseph did that first Christmas day. time

May the gift of love, the gift of peace, the gift of happiness be ours this Christmas time

Amen









