

#### Start the story trail here!

- The interactive parts of the story are in green so you can encourage your little one(s) to join in with the story.
- Collect a sticker from each story station to make your own Nativity picture at the end.
- Look for the characters and objects from the story and tick them off on your trail sheet.



A long time ago, there lived a girl called Mary.

One day Mary was visited by an angel!

The angel told Mary she was going to have a

very special baby.

She was very surprised!!

Can you make a surprised

face?



Just before the baby was born, Mary and her husband, Joseph, had to make a long journey to Bethlehem. Pretend to be on a long journey by stomping your feet as you walk. Stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp! Sometimes Mary rode on a donkey because it is hard to walk when you are about to have a baby!

Make a donkey sound!



When they got to Bethlehem it was very busy. They knocked on all the inn doors (knock knock knock), but they couldn't find anywhere to stay!



At last a friendly innkeeper let them sleep in his stable with the animals! Imagine all the smells... pooch! Make some animal sounds! That night, in the stable, Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him in cloths and put him in the manger, which was the animals' food trough.

What sound might a new baby make? What

a noisy, messy, smelly stable!

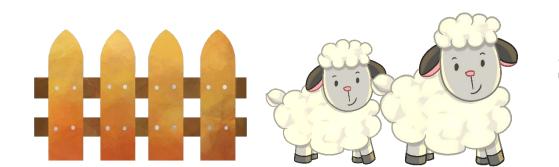


Out in the fields that night, some shepherds were looking after their sheep. (Baaaa, baaa!) Suddenly an angel appeared! The shepherds were very scared! The angel told the shepherds not to be scared because he had good news to share. Can you pretend to be a scared shepherd?



The angel told the shepherds to go and see Jesus, a very special baby who had been born in a stable. Then lots more angels appeared and sang about peace on earth and kindness to all people.

Flap your wings (arms!) like an angel.





When the shepherds got to the stable and saw the baby, they knelt down in front of the manger. Shhhhh!

They were very happy they had found the special baby sent by God. They were so amazed, they went and told everyone what they had seen.



Later, some wise men came from the east to see Jesus. They had followed a special star in the sky which showed them where the baby would be. Follow the starry trail to the next part of the story - and help the wise men find the stable!



The wise men brought special gifts because they knew that baby Jesus was a king. They were surprised that he had been born in a smelly stable and not in a palace. They gave him gifts of gold,

frankincense and myrrh to show how special he was.

Eat the gold chocolate coin in your pack!



Well done, you've completed the trail! Every Christmas, people remember this special story. The baby Jesus grew up and was full of God's kindness and love. He said that everyone in the world, no matter how unimportant they feel, is precious, like treasure. Give

yourself a hug to show how precious you are! Now make

your own Nativity picture using the stickers

that you've collected along the trail.

