

# Jesus Was Born

**Bible Phrase:** Jesus was born in Bethlehem. *Matthew 2:1*

**Scripture Reference:** *Luke 2:1-20*

**Bible Story:** Joseph and Mary were waiting for her baby to be born. At this same time, the king said that all the people had to be counted. People had to go to their hometowns and put their names on a list.

So Joseph went to his family's hometown, Bethlehem, and Mary went with him. Bethlehem was crowded with people. There was no room at the inn. Joseph found a place where he and Mary could rest. While they were there, Baby Jesus was born.

Mary wrapped Baby Jesus in soft cloths. She laid this special baby in a manger filled with hay. (The manger was a box where hay for the animals was kept.)

In a field nearby, shepherds were taking care of their sheep. An angel appeared to the shepherds. They were afraid. The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I have good news for you. God has sent a special baby. He was born in Bethlehem. You will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found Baby Jesus lying in the manger, just as the angel had said. When the shepherds left, they told everyone they saw about the special baby born in Bethlehem.



## Parents:

- Remind your child that God sent Jesus to be born and we celebrate that at Christmas.
- Open your Bible to Matthew 2:1; show that the Bible tells us "Jesus was born in Bethlehem." Point to the names *Jesus* and *Bethlehem*.

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Bible & Me



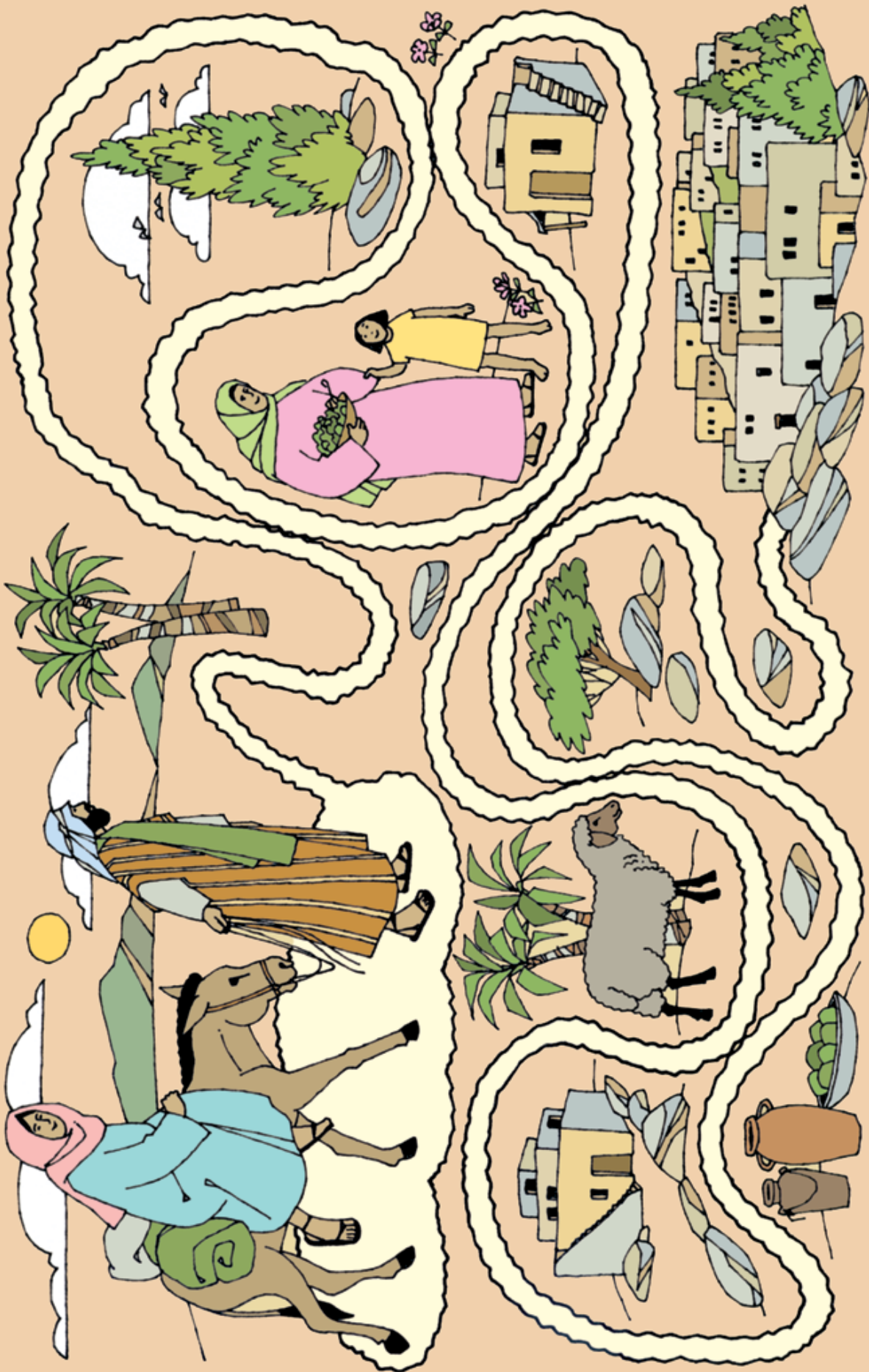
Fall Unit 4 Bible Verse:

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

**Bottom Line:** I thank God for sending His Son, Jesus. • **Mission Focus:** Go Tell it on the Mountain

# Follow the Path

Use your finger to follow the road Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. Think of things they might have seen along their path.



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