



Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem and Jesus is born!

Look up the story in the Bible. You'll find it in Luke 2:1-20 (CEV).

Searching for clues!

Backwords – for this crossword we've filled in the answers before you start, but we've also put letters in the grid where the blank squares should be. Read the passage, find the missing words and blank out the extra letters.

'About that time _____ gave orders for the _____s of all the people to be listed in _____. These first records were made when _____ was governor of Syria. Everyone had to go to their own _____ to be listed. So _____ had to leave _____ in _____ and go to _____ in _____. Long ago Bethlehem had been King _____'s hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

'Mary was _____ to Joseph and travelled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born _____. She dressed him in _____ and laid him on a bed of _____, because there was no room for them in the _____.'

S	A	Y	E	N	G	A	G	E	D	W	N	A	M	E
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J	O	S	E	P	H	T	O	R	R	I	L	S	O	O
Q	R	I	T	E	M	H	T	O	E	N	L	T	U	N
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H	O	M	E	T	O	W	N	I	J	S	T	H	F	A
P	O	F	H	P	A	C	E	S	U	T	S	E	I	Z
C	K	O	E	N	D	A	V	I	D	S	A	W	D	A
A	S	U	M	T	P	A	S	S	E	E	N	S	N	R
N	B	N	S	H	H	A	E	G	A	L	I	L	E	E
B	Y	D	K	E	A	G	A	B	O	V	E	H	E	T
E	A	B	A	B	Y	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	L	H

Put yourself in Mary's shoes...

'Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.' (verse 19)

Imagine that you are Mary. Read the story again and as you are reading think about what questions you might like to ask God about what is happening.

Tell God about it...

What does Jesus' birth mean to you? Say or write 'thank you' prayers to God that Jesus came to earth.

Compare...

Compare the story of Jesus' birth with the story of your own birth. Use your Bible to find out about Jesus' birth and ask a parent or carer to help you with the answers to questions about you!

	When I was born...	When Jesus was born...
How far did mum have to travel?		
Where was the birth?		
Who was there?		
Where was the baby put?		
Who came to visit?		
Were any gifts given?		
When did the baby go back home?		
Who chose the name for the baby?		
What does the name mean?		

