

COME AND MEET FIVE NEW FRIENDS



A girl called
Mary



A young man
called Joseph



A simple
shepherd



An amazing
angel



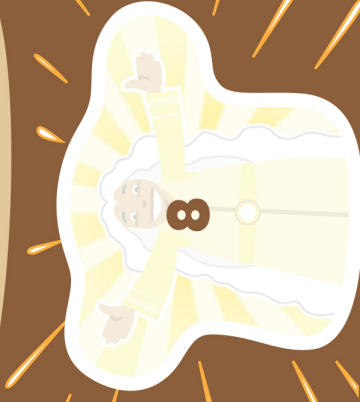
A wonderful
wise man

THEY WILL TELL US THE TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY

An ordinary girl
called Mary...



from an ordinary town
called Nazareth...



met an
extraordinary
angel with
extraordinary news!

You will have a baby! Call him Jesus. He will be...



and



God loves to meet ordinary people like you and me...
that's why he came.







COME ALONG, CHRISTMAS!

THE WHOLE STORY

You want more of the Christmas story? You've come to the right place!

Just like the Advent calendar, these simple readings and activities are designed for under 5's. The Bible verses go with each day's sticker and tell a bit more of the story. We have quoted from the International Children's Bible but you can use any version you have at home if you prefer.

Read the verse(s) for each day to your child and then put them into everyday language that they can understand. Use the activities to help your child to grasp a little more of what is happening in each part of the story.

Day	Sticker	Little bit of Bible	Big bit of play
Before you begin	<p>Meet them all</p> 	<p>This is how the birth of Jesus came about. (Matthew 1:18)</p>	<p>We're going to hear the true story of how Jesus, God's promised saviour, was born.</p> <p>Stick on the first 5 stickers. Who are you excited to meet? Dress up / find play figures to help you explore the story together.</p>
1	<p>A girl called Mary</p> 	<p>God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. (Luke 1:26-27)</p>	<p>Mary was engaged to be married. It's exciting looking forward to a special day. Is there a special day you are looking forward to? Spot 2 things in your house that tell you a special day is coming.</p>
2		<p>God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. (Luke 1:26-27)</p>	<p>God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth with a message for Mary. Can you make a Nazareth out of Duplo or building blocks and imagine how Gabriel zoomed in? <i>Keep your model to use later.</i></p>
3		<p>The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. Listen! You will become pregnant. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus." (Luke 1:30-31)</p>	<p>Mary was surprised to see an angel. Dress up, or dress a toy up, like an angel. Use tin foil, dressing-up clothes or anything else that comes to hand.</p>