



THE
(WANDERING)
NATIVITY

ALL SAINTS
PECKHAM

WELCOME TO OUR 2020 ALL SAINTS NATIVITY!

WHEN JESUS WAS BORN 2000 YEARS AGO, ONE NAME HE WAS GIVEN IS 'EMMANUEL', GOD WITH US. HERE IN THIS BAG, YOU'LL FIND WAYS TO REMEMBER HOW HE WAS BORN AND TO CELEBRATE AROUND OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND IN YOUR OWN HOME.

IT'S A MINI-NATIVITY, JUST FOR YOU! PERHAPS THIS IS THE BEST WAY OF ALL TO CELEBRATE JESUS, WHO CAME TO BE EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US, WHEREVER WE ARE.



WELCOME TO OUR NATIVITY,
IT'S A BIT DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.
WE'D USUALLY ASK YOU TO TAKE YOUR SEATS,
BUT WE'RE NOT STOPPING HERE.



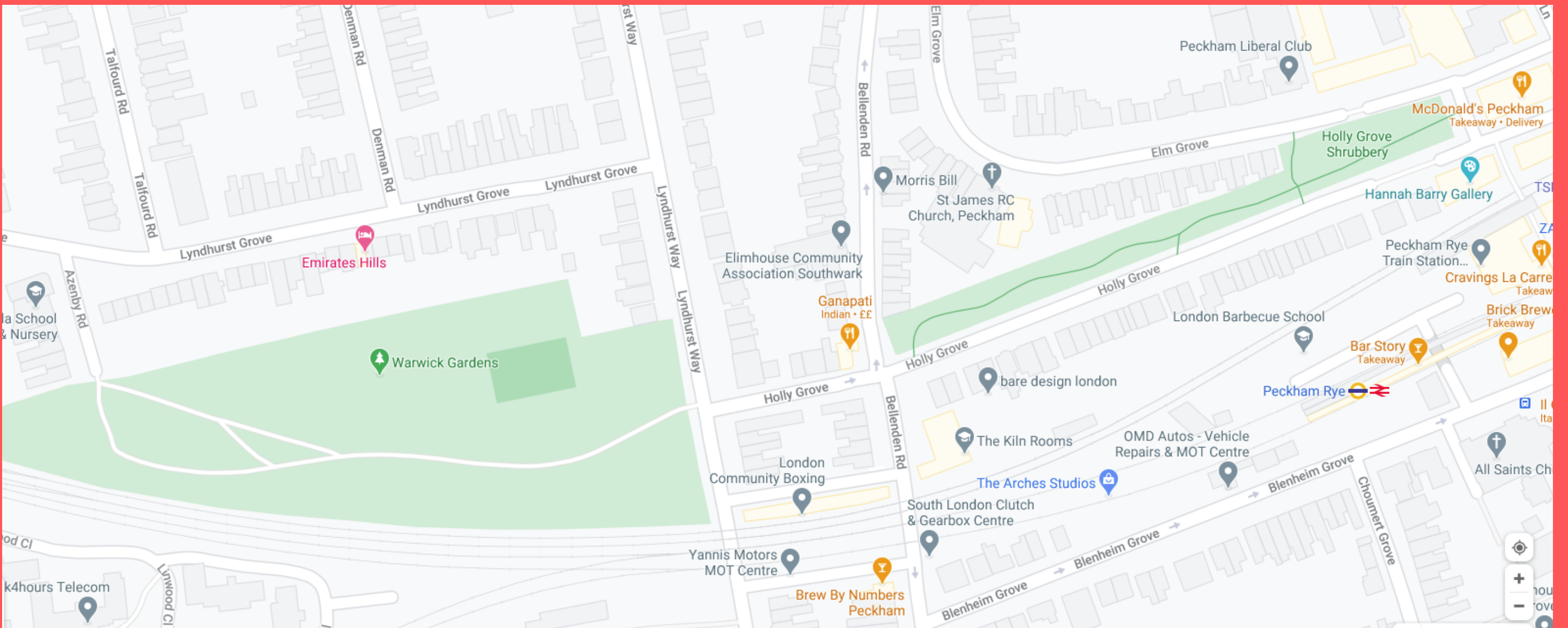
INSTEAD WE'RE OFF ON AN ADVENTURE,
AND THIS WILL BE YOUR GUIDE.
SO LET'S BEGIN OUR CHRISTMAS TALE AND THE
MEANING BEHIND YULETIDE.


As you follow the trail, you'll find figures from the first Christmas when Jesus was born.

Stick a stable sticker or draw a stable here, and as you find other figures, you can add them to your stable by drawing pictures or using stickers you might find in your pack!




HERE'S A MAP TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY



Turn left out of the church 

to walk along Blenheim Grove towards

Bellenden Road then turn right 

underneath the railway bridge

to Ganapati restaurant opposite

on Holly Grove.



*Among other figures in the window of
Ganapati is a model of the stable where
Jesus was born.*

Can you spot Mary?

MARY WAS DOING THE WASHING ONE NIGHT,
WHEN SHE MET AN INTRUDER WHO GAVE HER A FRIGHT.
"GREETINGS! GOD RATES YOU!" THE STRANGER DECLARED
"AND GUESS WHAT? GOD'S WITH YOU! THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SCARED."

"THERE'S A BABY INSIDE YOU BEGINNING TO GROW.
AND THE FATHER IS SPECIAL, WE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW."

"YOUR BABE WILL BE SPECIAL, AND WILL GROW TO BE KING.
FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THERE'LL BE SONGS WE WILL SING.

THROUGH HER FEAR, MARY FELT A GROWING ELATION -
SHE HEARD IN THESE WORDS A GREAT INVITATION
SO SHE SAID, AS THE GOOSE-BUMPS AROSE ON HER SKIN

"THIS IS GOD'S WORLD-WIDE RESCUE PLAN:
YES, COUNT ME IN!"

Find a Mary or an angel sticker in your pack and add it to the stable then follow the instructions below to your next stop!

Go up Holly Grove



***cross Lyndhurst Way on
the zebra crossing***

***and through a gate
into Warwick Gardens
opposite.***



Can you count how many people are in the
park? Any animals? Any birds?

Add animals to your stable scene!

ABOUT THAT TIME, CAESAR, THE MAN IN CONTROL,
THREW A SPANNER IN THE WORKS WITH A POPULATION POLL.
"I KNOW THAT YOU'RE BUSY, WITH CHRISTMAS AND ALL,
BUT I'M DOING A REGISTER, A BIT LIKE ROLL-CALL.

GO BACK TO YOUR HOME LAND, AND SIGN ON THE LINE,
YOU WON'T NEED HOTELS, I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE..."

SO PREGNANT MARY, WITH JOSEPH IN TOW,
SET OFF ON A JOURNEY THEY KNEW WOULD BE SLOW

SO LET'S FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE TRAVELLERS AS WELL,
WHERE ARE THEY OFF TO, AND WHERE WILL THEY DWELL?

WE'LL CARRY ON WITH OUR JOURNEY AND SEE,
WHERE THE BIRTH OF THIS WONDROUS BABY WILL BE.

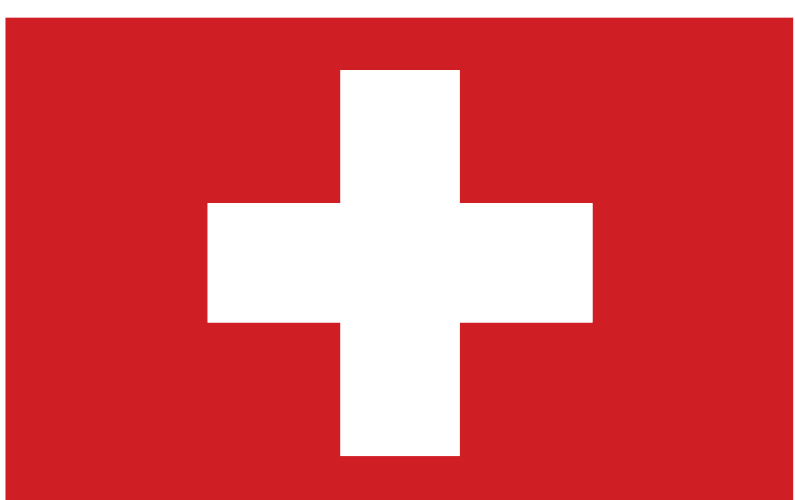
Can you guess the countries in any of these riddles and work out where other people might be heading as well?

ONE MAN SAYS HIS COUNTRY IS KNOWN TO BE HOT.
SOME COUNTRIES START WITH VOWELS, BUT THIS ONE DOES NOT.
THEY'RE KNOWN FOR PAELLA, AND FLAMENCO AND SIESTAS.
HE JUST WANTS TO GO HOME AND JOIN THE FIESTAS.

CLUE IF NEEDED! →

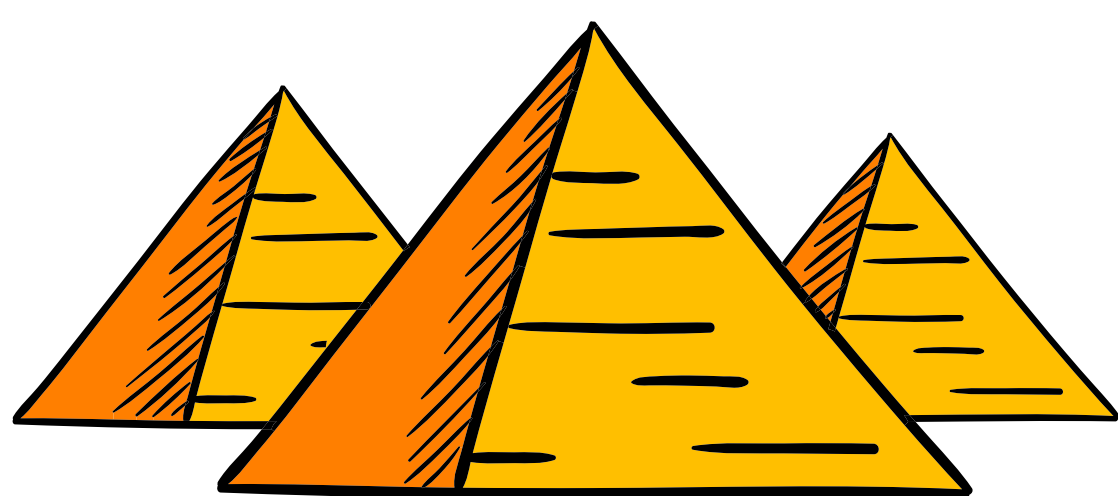


THIS COUNTRY GREAT IF YOU LIKE TO SKI.
IF YOU KNOW ABOUT SYLLABLES, THIS ONE HAS 3.
TO GET TO THIS COUNTRY WOULD TAKE MORE THAN A BUS.
THE BEST THING ABOUT THIS PLACE? THE FLAG'S A BIG PLUS.



← CLUE IF NEEDED!

THIS PLACE IS KNOWN FOR BEING HOT AND QUITE SANDY,
HOME OF THE MUMMIES, WHICH FOR KIDS IS QUITE HANDY.
THINK PYRAMIDS AND PALM LEAVES, A LONG WINDING RIVER,
WHERE ON EARTH WOULD WE HAVE HIS POST DELIVERED?



← CLUE IF NEEDED!

THE CHEESE FROM THIS COUNTRY MAY MAKE YOU FEEL SAD;
BUT HAPPILY THE PASTRIES MAY MAKE YOU FEEL GLAD.
HIDDEN IN THE NAME IS A FRIEND OF TODAY'S BABY,
DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER? YES, NO OR MAYBE...

CLUE IF NEEDED!



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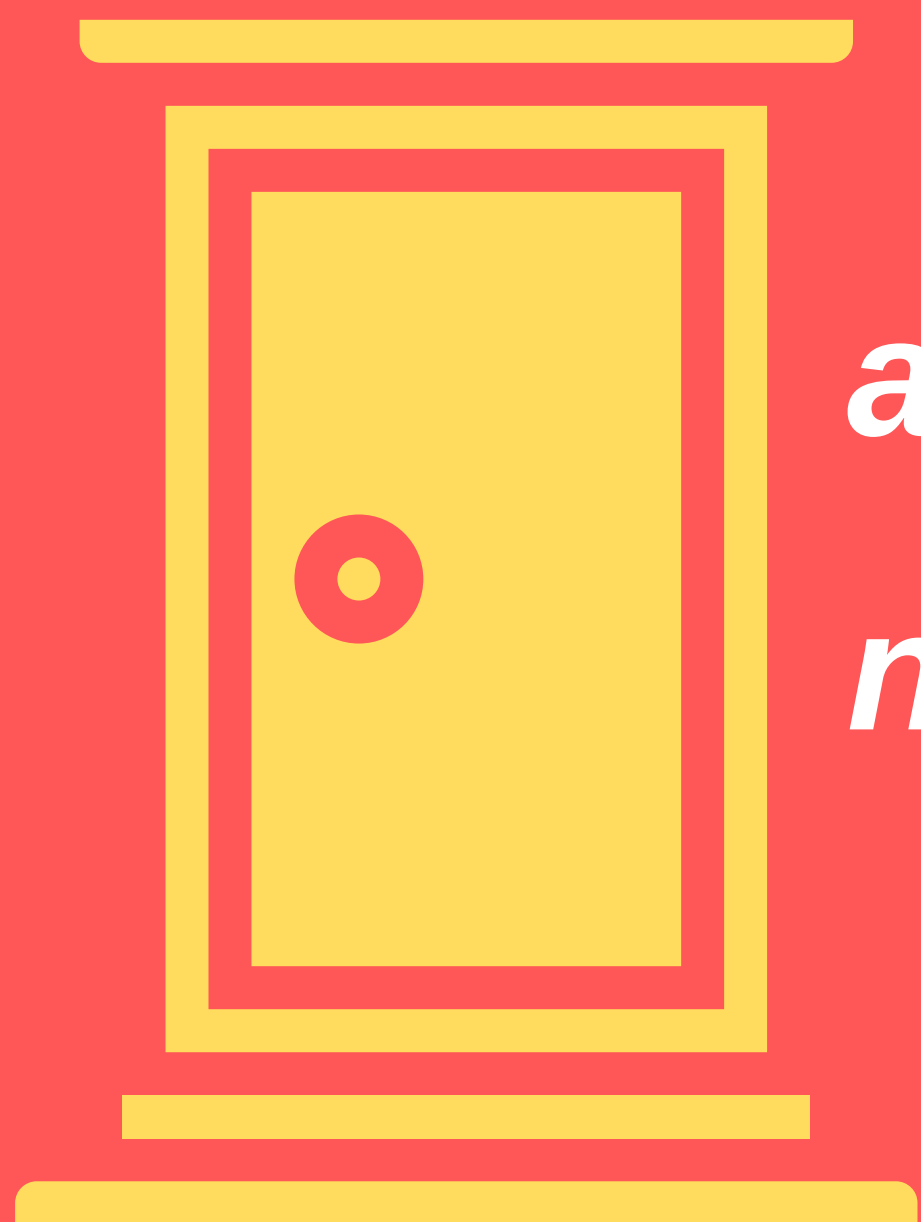


*Go up through Warwick
Gardens to the gate at the top.*

*then go straight ahead
to Lyndhurst Grove*



*and to the door of
number 108 opposite.*



**Can you find some information
about the wise men?
Where did they first see
the star and why had they
come to Jerusalem?**

WHEN JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM
VILLAGE, JUDAH TERRITORY— THIS WAS DURING
HEROD'S KINGSHIP—A BAND OF SCHOLARS
ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM FROM THE EAST. THEY
ASKED AROUND, "WHERE CAN WE FIND AND
PAY HOMAGE TO THE NEWBORN KING OF THE
JEWS? WE OBSERVED A STAR IN THE EASTERN
SKY THAT SIGNALLED HIS BIRTH. WE'RE ON
PILGRIMAGE TO WORSHIP HIM."

MATTHEW 2 V 1-2

**Add star stickers to your stable scene.
One big star led the wise men - find the
biggest star to stick at the top.**

THREE WISE MEN BEFORE YOU FOLLOWED A STAR,
TO FIND THE BABE JESUS THEY TRAVELLED SO FAR.
THEY KNEW SOMETHING SPECIAL AWAITED THEM THERE,
THEY OFFERED SOME PRESENTS, KIND WORDS AND PRAYER.



Walk down Lyndhurst Grove

to find number 91

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**Where did Joseph and Mary have
to go to from Nazareth, and why?**

Look out for a (picture of) a donkey.

MARY AND JOSEPH WERE IN BIT OF MUDDLE,

PREGNANT, ENGAGED, IN A BIT OF A FUDDLE.

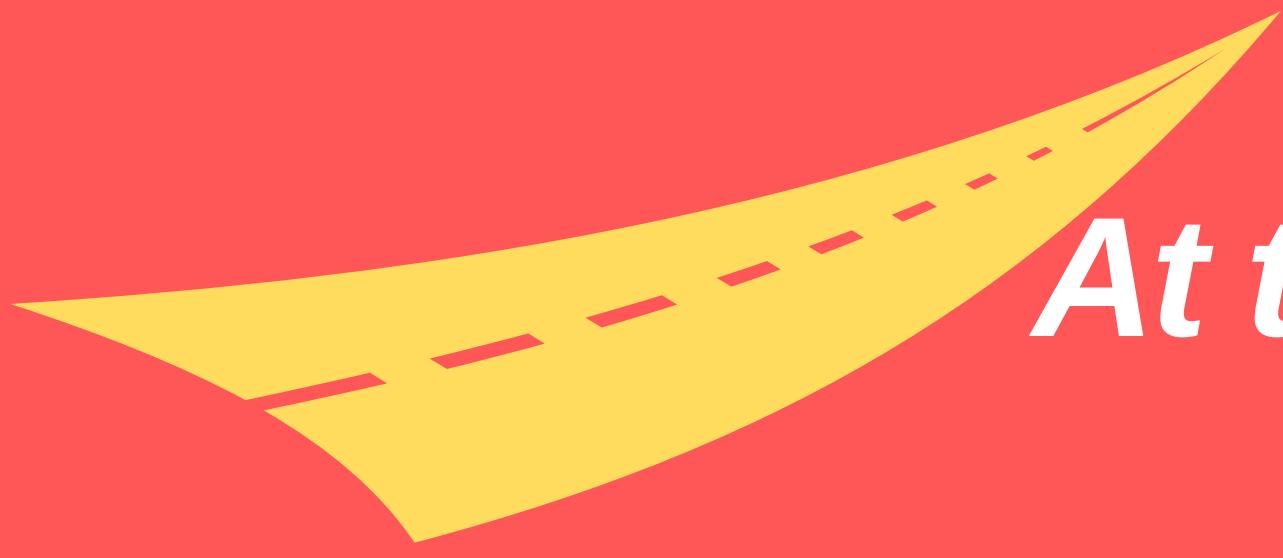
THEY NEEDED TO TRAVEL TO JOSEPH'S HOME TOWN,

WERE IN NEED OF SOME TRANSPORT AND SO LOOKED ALL AROUND.



When you get back home, can you draw a map for Mary and Joseph between Nazareth and Bethlehem? Look up those places on Google maps and see how long it would take them to walk.

Add a sticker or draw a picture of Joseph to your stable scene.



At the bottom of the road

Turn right



along Lyndurst Way

back left



along Holly Grove

and pass Ganapati. Cross



the road

*and go into the green space on the left
of Holly Grove.*



MEANWHILE IN THE FIELDS WERE SOME SHEPHERDS AND SHEEP,
WHEN A SUDDEN DISPLAY DISTURBED ALL THEIR SLEEP.

A HOARD OF ANGELS, TOO MANY TO NUMBER,
HAD A MESSAGE FOR THEM, THAT DISTURBED THE SHEEP'S SLUMBER

GLORY TO GOD, AND PEACE ON THE EARTH,
A NEW KING HAS COME, A MIRACULOUS BIRTH!
THE ANGELS ANNOUNCED THE INCREDIBLE NEWS,
THE NEW PRINCE OF PEACE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**Look in the tree near the entrance to
find out what the angel said would be a
sign to the shepherds.**

What was that sign?

**Add stickers or drawings of angels and
shepherds to your stable scene.**

THERE WERE SHEPHERDS CAMPING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. THEY
HAD SET NIGHT WATCHES OVER THEIR SHEEP.

SUDDENLY, GOD'S ANGEL STOOD AMONG THEM AND GOD'S GLORY
BLAZED AROUND THEM. THEY WERE TERRIFIED.

THE ANGEL SAID, "DON'T BE AFRAID. I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE A
GREAT AND JOYFUL EVENT THAT IS MEANT FOR EVERYBODY,

WORLDWIDE: A SAVIOUR HAS JUST BEEN BORN IN DAVID'S TOWN, A
SAVIOUR WHO IS MESSIAH AND MASTER. THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE TO
LOOK FOR: A BABY WRAPPED IN A BLANKET AND LYING IN A
MANGER.

AT ONCE THE ANGEL WAS JOINED BY A HUGE ANGELIC CHOIR
SINGING GOD'S PRAISES:

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HEAVENLY HEIGHTS, PEACE TO ALL MEN AND
WOMEN ON EARTH WHO PLEASE HIM.

LUKE 2.8-12

Mary and Joseph are still looking for
somewhere to stay...



MARY REMEMBERED, AS THEY LOOKED FOR A BED

"DON'T FEAR, GOD IS WITH YOU" THE ANGEL HAD SAID.

"SO, NOW LORD," SHE CRIED, WITH HER SHOE-LEATHER WORN

"WHERE WOULD YOU CHOOSE FOR YOUR SON TO BE BORN?"

JOSEPH PRAYED "LORD, SERIOUSLY -WHAT IS THE VISION?

THE RIGHT PLACE TO START YOUR GREAT RESCUE MISSION?"

BUT JUST THEN HE REMEMBERED WHAT THEY HAD BEEN TOLD.

"GOD IS WITH YOU, MY FRIEND, NOW'S THE TIME TO BE BOLD."

*Walk through the green space called
'Holly Grove Shrubbery'*



Towards Rye Lane

turn right



into the forecourt of

Peckham Rye Train Station



There is a sign pointing to All Saints Church.

*Hanging from that sign is the
reason why Jesus was born in a stable.*

What was the reason?

Mary and Joseph and the donkey will be hungry after their long journey. Add hay and food to the stable scene.

"THE SHEPHERDS LEFT, RUNNING, AND FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE BABY LYING IN THE MANGER. SEEING WAS BELIEVING. THEY TOLD EVERYONE THEY MET WHAT THE ANGELS HAD SAID ABOUT THIS CHILD. ALL WHO HEARD THE SHEPHERDS WERE IMPRESSED. MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS TO HERSELF, HOLDING THEM DEAR, DEEP WITHIN HERSELF.

LUKE 2.16-17

Now head home!



Find somewhere cozy in your house
Use scarfs, or material, or coats to create
a cosy bed for a baby. As you do this,
you could listen to the song 'Away in a
Manger'.

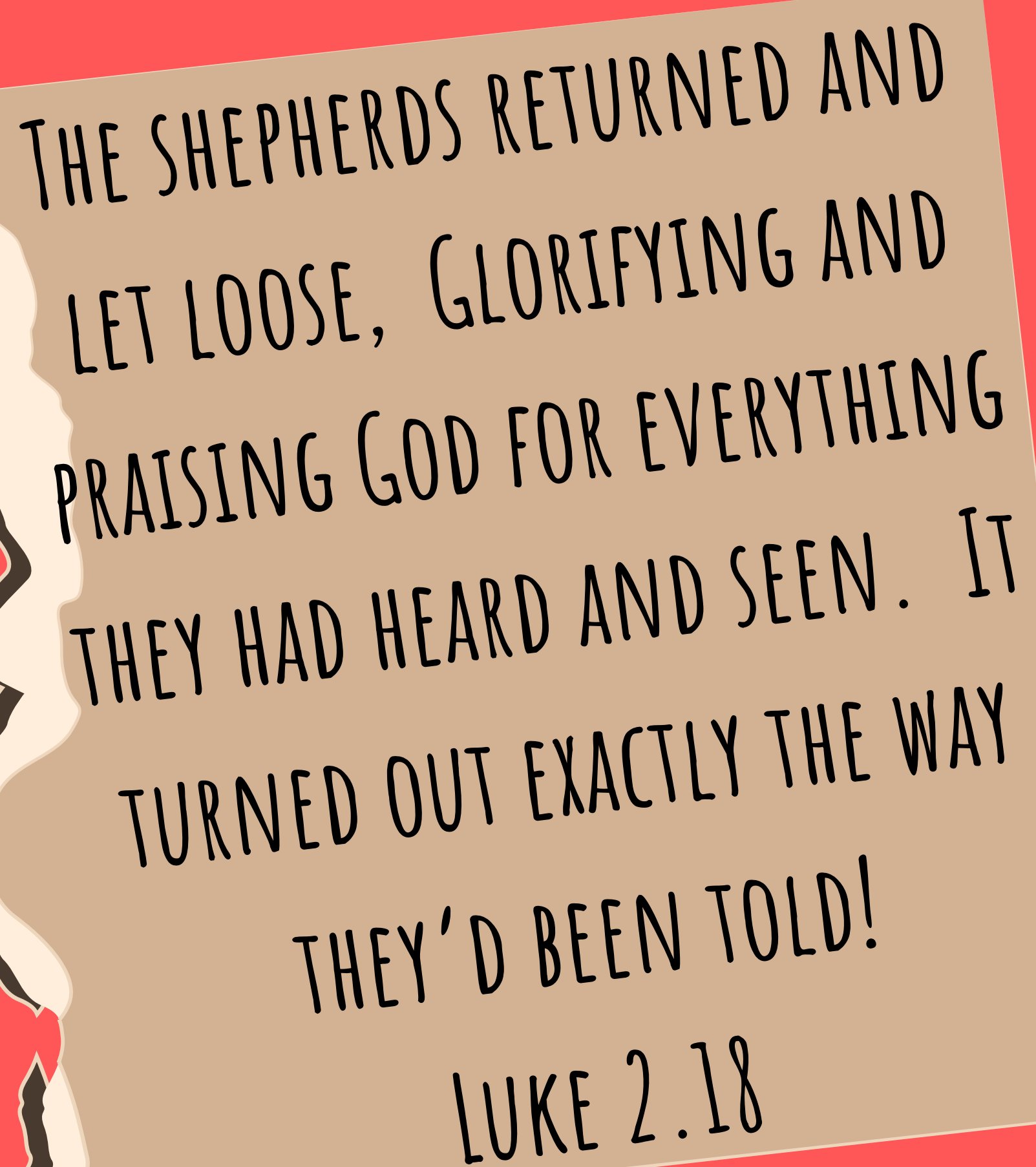


Mary held these things 'dear, deep within
herself'. As you look at the bed you've
made, ready for a new baby, spend a
quiet moment with God. Is there anything
you want to thank him for or ask him for,
that you hold dear, deep within you?

Sometimes people find it helpful to light a
candle as they pray. If it's safe to do so,
you could do that with the candle we've
included.



Is there anyone missing from your stable scene? Draw or stick Jesus in the manger - and add anyone else who should be there! And now, head to your living room and get some music on loudly!



THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED AND
LET LOOSE, GLORIFYING AND
PRAISING GOD FOR EVERYTHING
THEY HAD HEARD AND SEEN. IT
TURNED OUT EXACTLY THE WAY
THEY'D BEEN TOLD!
LUKE 2.18

We recommend the song 'Ding Dong Merrily' by the Rend Collective for a great dance - but you might have your own favourite. Have a dance party for Jesus' birthday!

We hope you've enjoyed your nativity trail! Do drop us a line to keep in touch with all we're doing.



We wish you a very joyful Christmas!



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