

## Nativity trail Story and clues

As you follow the map, every time you find one of the pictures or scenes it will have a letter beside it. Work out which part of the story the scene is and put the letter in the space. They are not in order.

For a long time the Jewish people had been looking for a special person sent from God who would help them.

One day a young woman called Mary was going about her everyday life when an angel came to her and gave her a surprise. 'Don't be afraid you are going to have a special baby and he will be God's son.'

Her boyfriend Joseph was not very pleased when he heard because he knew he wasn't the father of this baby. An angel came to him too when he was asleep and said, 'Don't be afraid, Mary's baby is going to be God's son.'

Some time later Mary and Joseph had to go on a 70 mile journey to Bethlehem to be taxed by the government.

They looked at the sign posts to see how far they had to go.

When they got to Bethlehem all the hotels were full up.

They found an outhouse to stay and there Mary had her baby.

Nearby there were some shepherds looking after their sheep. They were surprised when an angel came to them.

The angel said 'Don't be afraid, I have good news for you. The special one sent from God has been born today in Bethlehem'

He will be called Immanuel which means God with us.  He will bring Peace on earth.

Then lots of angels sang 'Glory to God'

In another country there were wise men watching the stars.

They were looking for the special baby too. They went on a long journey to find him  and decided to take him 3 special presents.

We remember this story when we see a nativity scene.