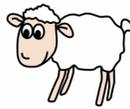




The Real Christmas Story



On the 25th of December we celebrate Christmas, the **birthday of Jesus**... Before Jesus was born, his parents, Mary and Joseph, went to a town called Bethlehem. It was very busy, and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. A kind innkeeper said that they could stay in his stable (this is where the animals lived). Very soon baby **Jesus** was born, Mary wrapped Him up to keep Him warm in cloths and put Him in the manger.

Out in the fields, some shepherds were on the hillside outside Bethlehem. Suddenly, there was a dazzling light and an angel appeared. The shepherds were very scared. The angel told them not to be frightened. Instead, they should be happy, as a **very special baby** had been born, who is the **Son of God**. The shepherds rushed to see baby **Jesus** and, when they saw him, they were filled with joy and happiness. They told Mary and Joseph what the angel had said. When the shepherds left, they told everybody they could find all about **Jesus** and about how he was going to **save the world**.

Later on, some wise men came from the East to see **Jesus**. They brought special gifts because they knew that **Jesus** was a king. They worshipped **Jesus** and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And so.....

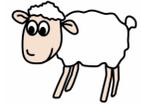
Each Christmas we **celebrate Jesus being born**. **God gave us Jesus** as a present to show that **He loves us**. Each Christmas we give each other presents to show people that we love them.



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"Messy Nativity" Trail



One of the Christ Church shepherds wants to go and see baby Jesus, but he can't find all his sheep or donkey! He knows that he went into these shops – will you help him find them? Rewards to be handed out at the Messy Nativity Service at Christ Church on 10th December at 11am.

WHSmith/Post Office

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Macs Barbers

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Butters John Bee

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The Bakehouse

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Head Way

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Wall Street

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Stephenson Browne

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Christ Church Alsager (Church Hall Window).....

Sainsbury's

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Sash

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Broad Opticians

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Handmade Naturals

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Flower Passion

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Cruz Barbers

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When you find a sheep, write its name in the space above or take a selfie with it and tag Christ Church Families in on Facebook.

Can you find the donkey? What's the donkey's name?

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THANK you For taking part.

Have you found the names of all the sheep & the donkey?

Have you written their names in the spaces?

Would you like to collect a reward?

So what do you do now?

1. Tag Christ Church Families into a picture you have taken with a sheep/donkey and shared on Facebook.

OR

1. Tear along the line
2. Take home the colouring side of the leaflet
3. Clearly enter your details below.
4. Take this side of your leaflet and put it in the letterbox at Christ Church Hall (down the drive beside the church on Church Road)

Name (print clearly).....

Contact telephone number:

Email:

Date of birth:

The **winners** will announced during the **Messy Nativity Service at Christ Church Alsager** on the **10th December at 11am**. The winners will receive their reward during this service.

