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The Nativity Story

A Baby Is Born



Aim

- I can explain where Jesus was born and why he was born there.

Success Criteria

- I can retell the story to explain why Jesus was born in a stable.
- I can create a nativity scene to show who was there when Jesus was born.

The Inn



When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, it was very busy and crowded. This was because lots of people had travelled to Bethlehem for the Census.

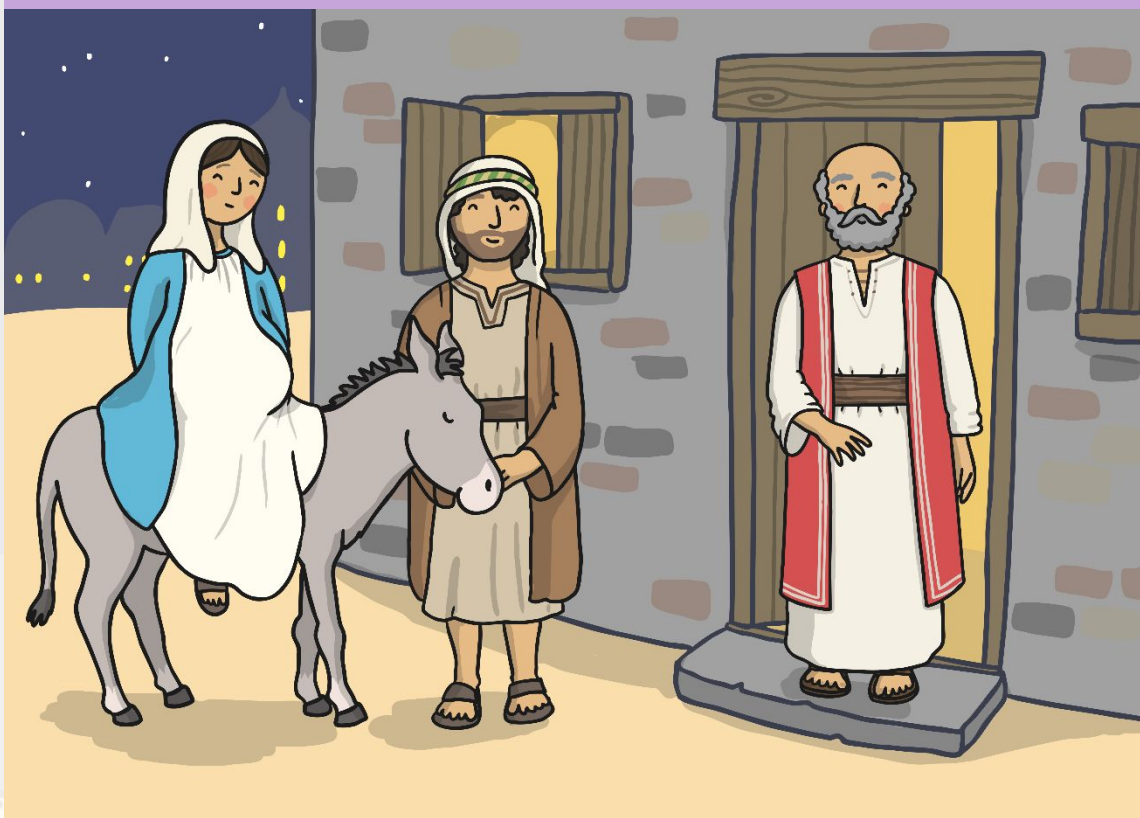
Mary was feeling very tired after the journey and needed a place to stay.



No Room



At every inn Mary and Joseph knocked at, they were told the same thing – there was no room! Eventually, one kind inn keeper said he had a stable where he kept his animals. He said Mary and Joseph could stay in there.



Task:

- In small groups, act out this part of the Nativity story.
- You may include Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem and knocking at lots of inns. Make sure all the inn keepers say there is no room, except for the inn keeper who offers them a place to stay in his stable with the animals.

It's a Boy



A few hours later, Mary gave birth to her baby in the stable with the animals. The baby was a boy! Mary wrapped the baby in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger full of hay. Mary and Joseph called their baby boy Jesus.



Nativity Scene



Your task today is to make a nativity scene based on what we have found out today. You will create puppets for each person in the Nativity story so far. You will all have a **Nativity Scene Activity Sheet** to help you create your stable scene.



Nativity Scene

Task: Cut out the following characters from the Nativity story. Use lolly sticks to turn the characters into puppets. When you have finished, you can create additional characters from the Nativity story e.g. the animals that were in the stable.



Who Am I?



You are going to take it in turns to sit in the magical 'hot chair'. When you sit in the hot chair, you will become a character from the Nativity story. The rest of the class have to find out who you are by asking you questions. You can only answer 'yes' or 'no' to their questions.



What have you learnt in today's lesson?

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