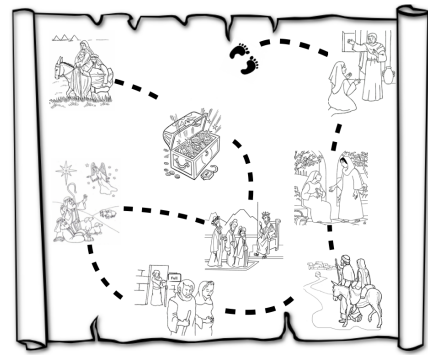




Christmas Knitted Treasure Hunt

A Christmas treasure hunt especially for you!
Travel around the Stratford shops following the trail of clues, to find the hidden message! At each shop you will find a Christmas tableau and another clue. You will find some of the worksheet answers in the Bible references

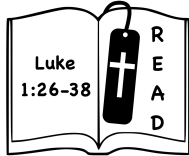
Write your shop clues on the back page and visit www.Stratford-upon-avon.org to print out a certificate!
Have fun!



Shop 1 - VH & Co, 8 Sheep Street, Stratford, CV37 6EF

What a Surprise!

God chose a young Jewish woman to give birth to his son, and he sent an angel to tell her about the baby who was to be born.



The angel told her more exciting news; "Even your cousin is going to have a son in her old age. Many thought that she couldn't have children, but she is already pregnant. Nothing is impossible with God."
If you saw an angel you would be very surprised!

What was the name of the angel?

Michael / David / Gabriel

What was the name of the young woman?

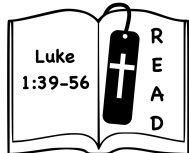
Mary / Elizabeth / Anna

Where did she live?

Jerusalem / Nazareth / Bethlehem

Who was she going to marry?

Moses / Zacharias / Joseph



Shop 2 - Nuha, 7a Shrieves Walk, Sheep Street, Stratford, CV37 6GH

Mary visits her cousin

Mary went to visit her cousin, who met her at the door with a big smile saying "Mary, when I heard your voice, the baby inside me leaped! Now I must ask you - why has the mother of my Lord come to see me?"
Mary was amazed that her cousin already knew that she was pregnant with the Son of God.



Find the hidden name of Mary's cousin

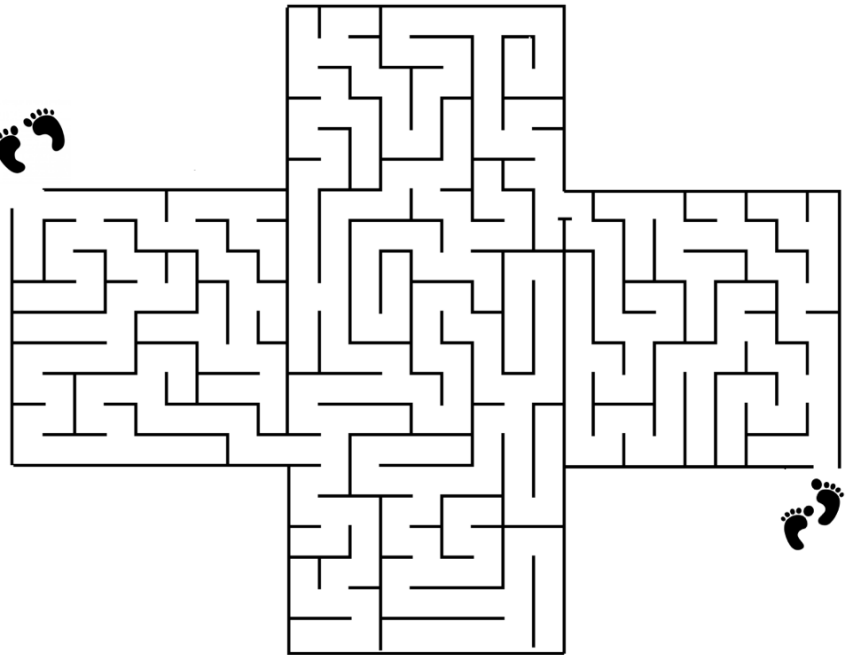
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mary
visit
cousin
expecting
baby
door
smile
voice
leaped
ask
mother
lord
amazed
pregnant
son

Shop 3 - Vinegar Hill, 11 Meer Street, Stratford, CV37 6QB

Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem

Help Joseph and Mary to get to Bethlehem.



Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph, who was a carpenter. In those days the government decided that they should count everyone that lived in that area of the world. So Joseph had to take Mary to his home town, Bethlehem to register.

How did Mary travel to Bethlehem. By car / boat / donkey / bus

Shop 4 - Bright Ideas, 46 Henley Street, Stratford, CV37 6QW

Somewhere to stay



When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem they looked for somewhere to stay.

Why didn't Mary and Joseph stay at the Inn?

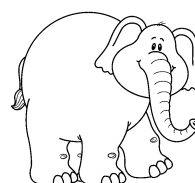
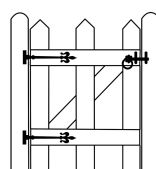
it was too expensive / there was no room / it was too noisy / the beds were lumpy

Where did they find to stay?

a friends house / a palace / a stable / a bed & breakfast

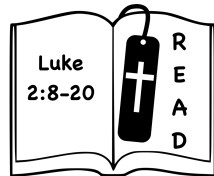
Where did Mary put baby Jesus to sleep?

Take the first letter of each object to find out



Shop 5 - Vinology, 49 Henley street, Stratford, CV37 6QW

The shepherds told of Jesus' birth



Often we tell relations and friends about the birth of a baby by sending cards. However, when Jesus was born it was announced in a very special way!

Cross out the incorrect / false words to complete the sentence below.

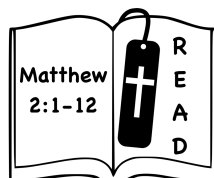
When God wanted to tell the world about the birth of his son on earth, he sent **kings** / **Angels** / **priests**. They told the **shepherds** / **princes** / **tax men** who were looking after their **camels** / **donkeys** / **sheep** in the fields. The men were **afraid** / **happy** / **sad** because it had never happened to them before.

In those days shepherds were not thought to be very important. However, God decided to tell them of the birth of Jesus.



Shop 6 - JSK Boutique, 39 Sheep Street, Stratford, CV37 6EE

Travellers visit a King.



There were in that time wise men who studied the stars. Their studies told them of the birth of a new king. They followed a star to find this King and because they thought that a king would be born in a palace they visited King Herod. But unlike the shepherds, King Herod was not pleased to hear about the birth of the new "king." He probably thought that this "new king" would take his throne. The wise men wanted to worship the new king, but Herod wanted to get rid of him.

When a baby is born into a family, everyone wants to know all about it!



How is the mother?

Is it a boy or girl?

How much does it weigh?

Are mother and baby well?

What's its name?

Who wanted to find out all he could from these men who spoke about a new born king?

Who are these men?

What led them so far?

What do they want to do when they find the new king?

As soon as baby Jesus was born, he became a threat to



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and took his family to	5	7	25	16	20	to keep them
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safe.

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 was more precious than any

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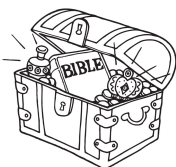
you could ever find.

it was safe to return and he took his family

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USE THIS CODE TO READ THE STORY.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



Go round the shops and
FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS.
PUT THE FIRST LETTER
OF EACH WORD ON THE
LINE.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

GoodNews@10 Christingle Service

9.30am Breakfast, 10am all-age, informal, interactive service,
6th December - The Parish Centre

GoodNews@10 meets on the first Sunday every month

HolyTrinity@Rosebird with Nativity

9am Breakfast, 9.30am – 10.20 Lively informal service
Sunday 20th December, Rosebird Community Hall, by Waitrose
HolyTrinity@Rosebird meets on the third Sunday every month

Carol Service

3.30pm, 24th December (Christmas Eve) Holy Trinity Church

'The Big Nativity'

6pm, 24th December (Christmas Eve) - Holy Trinity Church
Children come dressed as your favourite nativity figure!

All Age Christmas Eucharist

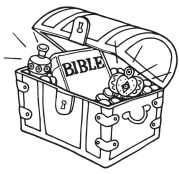
10am, Christmas Day - Holy Trinity Church

F.A.B. – Faith at Breakfast

9.30am Breakfast, 10am worship and activities.

For children and young people. Parents welcome!
The Parish Centre, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday every month.

A _ _ _ _ lead the wise men to Bethlehem



Joseph was a CARPENTER

C

HEROD, the King, wanted to get rid of the baby

H

Elizabeth REJOICED at Mary's news

R

M

Mary was Jesus' MOTHER

There was room at the INN

I

E

Joseph took his family to EGYPT to keep them safe

An angel told the SHEPHERDS the good news

S

R

We READ about Jesus in the bible.

Elizabeth TOLD Mary her pregnancy was a blessing from God

T

R

There was ROOM at the Inn

Mary placed baby Jesus in a MANGER

M

Y

Jesus loves YOU and me

An ANGEL told Mary about the baby

A

A STAR lead the wise men to Bethlehem

S

