



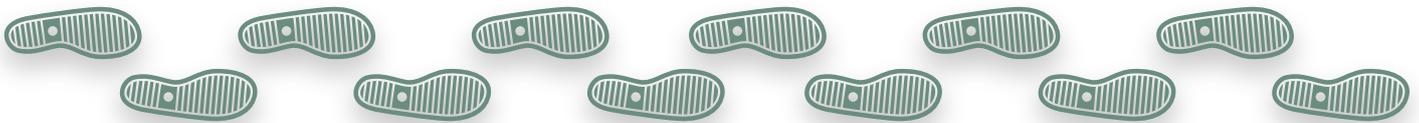
Posada @ Home Activities



Find Out

Find a picture of a map that shows the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. See if you can work out the distances and a route they could have taken. Draw some of the potential obstacles and hazards that Mary and Joseph might have faced on their journey. How would they have got food and water?

Work out roughly how many steps it takes to walk the distance from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Divide that number by 24 and see if you can walk the right number of steps to get to Bethlehem before Christmas



Play

Play a game of 'knock knock, who's there'. The 'inn keeper' stands at one end of the room facing the wall. Everyone else is at the other end of the room. The inn keeper says 'I can hear [insert number] knocks at the door'. Everyone has to creep forward one step for each knock. As they are doing it the innkeeper turns round suddenly saying 'Who's at the door?' If they spot anyone moving, that person has to go back to the beginning. Take it in turns to be the innkeeper



Pretend

Make a shelter from some old sheets or blankets and pretend to sleep on the ground like Mary and Joseph did on their journey

Make a small bonfire and pretend it is a campfire on Mary and Joseph's journeys. What might they talk about? What songs might they sing?



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Make a Stained Window

Make a stained glass window. Trace the picture on the next page on tracing or greaseproof paper with a pencil. When you are happy with it go over the lines with a thick black pen, and colour it in with felt tips. Fix it to a card border to keep it from rolling up and hang it in a window to catch the light.



Make an Advent Wreath

Make an advent wreath - see the instructions on the Diocesan website - <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-young-people-churches/advent-and-christmas-in-a-pandemic/advent-wreaths> and light a candle every Sunday in Advent as you think about Mary and Joseph's journey towards Bethlehem.



Sing

Have a go at singing the song 'Mary and Joseph' to the tune of *Morning has broken*

1. Mary and Joseph
off on a journey.
Going to Beth'lem,
Joseph's home town.
There is a census
throughout the empire,
ev'ryone has to
put their name down.
2. Mary and Joseph
waiting a baby.
Feeling it kicking,
knowing it's there.
Labour's not easy,
for any woman,
but Mary knows Jesus
lies in God's care
3. Mary and Joseph
finding life's changing.
Coming to terms with
bearing god's son.
Life will no longer
simply be routine,
things will be special
from this time on.
4. Mary and Joseph
letting God change them
into the people
they're meant to be.
Sensing their calling,
facing their future,
knowing their child will
set people free.
5. We too are Mary,
We too are Joseph.
We're on a journey
Trav'ling with God.
He can transform us
As he changed Joseph,
As he changed Mary
All for his good.

