

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave  
his only Son, that whoever believes in him  
should not perish but have eternal life."**

**John 3:16**

### **SCENE 9: JESUS CHRIST: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

The story doesn't end at Jesus' birth. In fact, it started before He came, at the beginning of the world. God, the creator of everything (Genesis 1), is King over all, and is greater than us. He deserves our worship, our adoration. But we sinned against Him (Genesis 3, Romans 3:23) and the payment of our sin is death. Sounds like bad news, BUT there is more. JESUS CAME! Not only that, but He lived a sinless life, and died on the cross in our place, taking the payment that we deserve, the wrath of God the Father on Him. Jesus paid it all. He rose from the grave triumphantly 3 days later, defeating sin and death, and is seated at the Father's right hand, coming back one day to reign forever. And what is our response to this good news? If we believe in Jesus, we will be saved. God offers us the free gift of eternal life, (Romans 6:23). We can't do anything to earn our way into heaven, but only trust that Jesus died and rose again, and give our lives completely to Him, turning from our sins. Jesus Christ is the true hope and light of the world.

There is so much more to this true and beautiful story, but if you have questions about this, a good place to start would be reading the gospel of John in the Bible.

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## **TORCH TRAIL BIBLE CAMP**

# **JOURNEY TO Bethlehem**



We're so glad you could come!  
Not everything can be  
explained by each "scene" that  
will unfold, so this booklet will  
help with understanding the  
bigger picture.

Feel free to follow along as  
you pass each scene.

*Note: You were given a coin that you need to hold on to,  
for paying your taxes as you arrive in Bethlehem. There are  
also a few items that you can buy from the marketplace if  
you'd like to.*

**"The true light, which gives light to everyone,  
was coming into the world." John 1:9**

### **SCENE 1: THE ANGEL GABRIEL COMING TO MARY**

*taken from Luke 1:26-38*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary."

**see verse displayed**

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### **SCENE 2: JOSEPH (THE CARPENTER)**

**see verse displayed**

*taken from Matthew 1:23-24*

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and **they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).**" When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife..

### **SCENE 3: TRAVELLERS**

**In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. Luke 2:1-3**

### **SCENE 4: JOSEPH AND MARY TRAVELLING TO BETHLEHEM**

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. Luke 2:4-5

### **SCENE 5: NO VACANCY AT THE INN**

...because there was no place for them [Joseph and Mary] in the inn. Luke 2:7b

### **SCENE 6: BETHLEHEM**

This is a good time to roll down your window to capture the atmosphere of the marketplace, as well as your duty to pay your tax (given to you at the beginning), and enjoy some treats.

### **SCENE 7: SHEPHERDS**

*taken from Luke 2:8-15*

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold,

**I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.**

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

**See verse displayed**

When the angel went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

### **SCENE 8: JESUS CHRIST IS BORN**

*taken from Luke 2:6-7, 16*

And they [shepherds] went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, lying in a manger.

And while they [Mary and Joseph] were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger...