

A Family Together

A Group Activity for
the Family at Home
or Your Class Family

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On the Way to Bethlehem

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, our thoughts turn to the infant Jesus. We prepare our hearts for his coming, we celebrate his birth in Bethlehem, and we remember his promise to come again. These are days of anticipation, longing, and joy.

Begin

Travel with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. You will need a Bible and a coin. Each person in turn flips the coin. Heads = 2 spaces forward. Tails = 1 space back. If you land on a space with instructions on it, follow the instructions. Continue playing until everyone wins by arriving in Bethlehem!

Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? Read aloud Luke 2:1-5.

Why did Joseph and Mary most likely go around and not through Samaria on their way to Bethlehem? Read aloud John 4:9.

When Jesus was grown, what important fact did he reveal to a Samaritan woman? Read aloud John 4:4-26.

What event took Mary to the hill country of Judea? Read aloud Luke 1:39-45.

Name the prayer whose origin was from Luke 1:28, 41-42.

Why was Jesus taken to the Temple in Jerusalem? Read aloud Luke 2:22-38.

What significant event in Jesus' life took place in the River Jordan? Read aloud Matthew 3:13-17.

With so many other people traveling to Bethlehem at one time, Joseph must have worried about finding a room for Mary to give birth. Yet, he trusted that God would take care of them. Name one of your worries. Now hand it over to God.

To whom was it first announced that Jesus had been born? Read aloud Luke 2:8-14.

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