



CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT

Provided by the Spiritual Care Team

Follow the clues to find six characters and their stories hidden around the Atrium.

Collect a sticker at each station to complete the Christmas scene on your card.



The final treasure is hidden in a very special part of this hospital...the clues will lead you there! Good luck!

YOUR FIRST CLUE

In this Christmas treasure hunt you're searching for six clues
They'll lead you to six characters and six great stories too
These folks are on a journey all about a special baby
I wonder where the next clue's hiding...grab a coffee maybe?



MARY

Take a sticker and read Mary's story
Then follow the next clue below...



CLUE

Mary heard that she was pregnant - news that was quite shocking!
(This Christmas story isn't one of food and gifts and stockings!)
Mary felt a little scared, but brave and honoured too
Visit the Reception Desk to find another clue...

Mary

(Luke 1)



God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin girl named Mary. She was engaged to marry Joseph. The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you."

Mary was scared by what the angel said and wondered what it might mean. But the angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has shown you his grace. Listen! You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will rule over the people of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end."

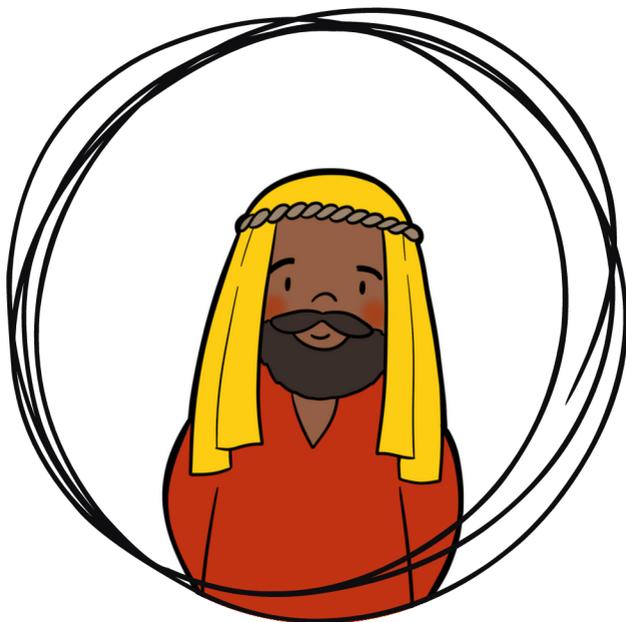
Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I am a virgin?" The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you. For this reason the baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God. Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!" Then the angel went away.



JOSEPH

Take a sticker and read Joseph's story

Then follow the next clue below...



CLUE 

The story goes that Joseph saw an angel in a dream
Him and Mary had to raise this baby as a team
It must have been confusing but it brought some clarity
Your clue is in a shop that raises funds for charity!



Joseph

(Matthew 1)

Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, were engaged to be married. But before they married, Mary learned she was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Because Joseph was a good man, he did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly.

While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. Joseph took Mary as his wife, but they didn't share a bed until she had given birth to her son. And Joseph named him Jesus.



SHEPHERDS

Take a sticker and read the Shepherd's story
Then follow the next clue below...



CLUE

One starry night the shepherds heard a noise from in the sky
An awesome group of angels had a message for these guys!
An invitation to a birth that changed the world forever
You'll find a clue by treehouse roots, but only if you're clever!



The Shepherds

(Luke 2)

Some shepherds were in the fields nearby, watching their sheep. Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of God was shining around them. The shepherds were very frightened.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people. Today your saviour was born! He is Christ, the Lord. You will find him wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in heaven, and peace to all on earth!”

So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a feeding trough. They told everyone what the angels had said about this child and everyone was amazed. The shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything they had seen and heard.



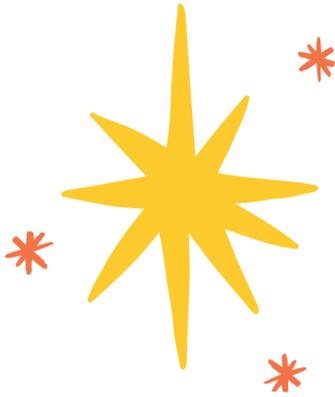
WISE MEN

Take a sticker and read The Wise Men's story
Then follow the next clue below...



CLUE

The three wise men (or was it four? The Bible doesn't say!)
saw a star and followed it, they came from far away
Gold and myrrh and frankincense were bought as special gifts
Not the kind of presents you can buy at *WHSmiths*!



The Wise Men

(Matthew 2)

When Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled and called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea.” So Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem, saying, “Look carefully for the child. When you find him, come tell me so I can worship him too.”

The wise men left and the star that they had seen earlier went before them until it stopped above the place where Jesus was.

When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. They came to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



ANGELS

Take a sticker and read the Angel's story
Then follow the next clue...



CLUE

The angels came to bring good news about a little boy
A Saviour King, the Son of God, a baby spreading joy
Go find the chapel in the treehouse (up two flights of stairs)
The last part of this treasure hunt is waiting for you there!



The Angels

The angels were an important part of the Christmas story. They appeared to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, bringing messages from God. They praised and thanked God for what He was doing.

(Luke 1-2)

When the angel appeared to Mary, he said "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has shown you his grace. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of King David. He will rule over the people of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end."

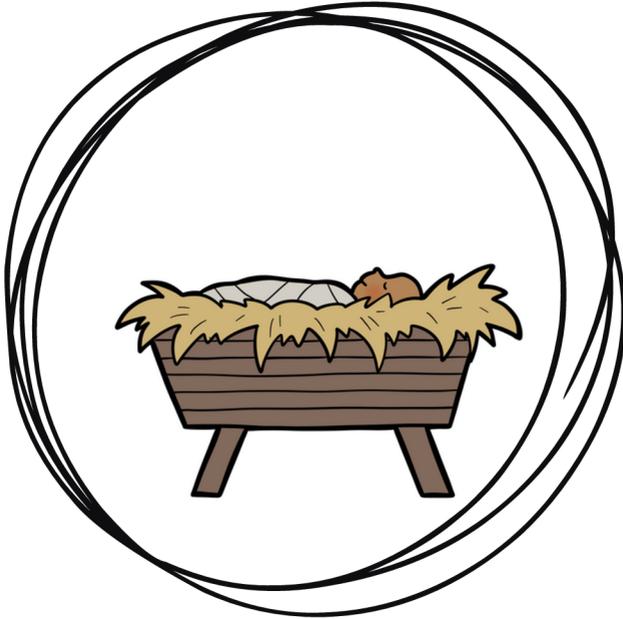
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JESUS

Congratulations, you made it! The final piece of the puzzle is Jesus!
Read his story and take a sticker to complete your Nativity scene.



Other activities...



Would you like to write a prayer on a bauble and hang it on the tree? Or light a candle? Please also take a book. It's our gift to you! Merry Christmas!



✨ Jesus ✨

(John 1)

Jesus was there in the beginning, with God. In fact, Jesus was God. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

(Isaiah 9)

A child has been born to us - God has given a son to us! He will be responsible for leading the people. He will be called:

**Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Power and peace will be in his kingdom forever. He will rule as king with justice and goodness, now and forever.

(Matthew 1)

All this happened to bring about what the Lord had said through his prophet: "A virgin will be pregnant and give birth to a son."

They will name him
Emmanuel
which means
"God is with us."





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