

Key Vocabulary	
nativity	The story from the Bible about the birth of Jesus.
Nazareth	The city where Mary and Joseph lived.
Pregnant	Expecting a baby.
Bethlehem	The town where Jesus was born, sometimes known as The City of David.
census	A formal count of all the people who live in a particular place. The Roman census required couples to travel to the husband's place of birth.
inn	A house where travellers can stay.
manger	A long trough used to feed horses or cattle.
saviour	Someone who saves others from harm or bad deeds. Christians refer to Jesus Christ as their saviour.
worship	The feeling or act of showing respect, loyalty or love.

The Angel's Visit

Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph. An angel, called the angel Gabriel, visited Mary at her home in **Nazareth** to tell her that she was going to have a special baby. The angel said that the baby would be God's son and that she should call him Jesus.



Joseph and Mary (who was **pregnant**) had to travel to **Bethlehem** for the **census**. It was a long and tiring journey. When they got there, they found that all of the **inns** were full.

A Place to Stay

Mary and Joseph were offered a stable to stay in. This is where Mary had her baby. She named him Jesus and he slept in a **manger**.



The Shepherds

Shepherds watching over their sheep on a hillside near **Bethlehem** were surprised when an angel appeared.



The Saviour

The angel told them that a special baby had been born and that he would be a **saviour** to the people. Then the sky was filled with angels singing.



astrologer	Someone who studies the position and movement of the stars and interprets these as having an influence on humans. The astrologers in the nativity are also known as the wise men or kings.
Jerusalem	The holy city in Western Asia, where King Herod's Palace was located.
King Herod	The city where King Herod lived.
frankincense	An expensive tree sap that is burned during worship. It was given to show that Jesus was divine (came from God).
myrrh	A type of resin (sticky substance) produced by certain trees. It is often linked to death and was given to show the human suffering that Jesus would experience.

The Shepherds Visit Jesus

The shepherds went to visit baby Jesus in the stable. When they found him, they knelt down and **worshipped** him. They told Mary and Joseph about the angel's visit and that Jesus would be the **saviour** of the world.

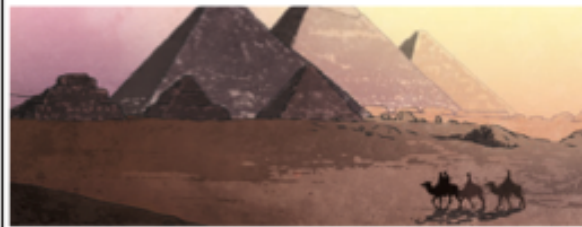
King Herod

The wise men visited the palace in **Jerusalem**, as they expected the new ruler to be a royal baby.

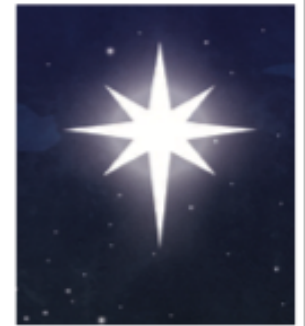
King Herod was not pleased to hear of a new ruler. He asked the wise men to let him know where they found Jesus.

Escape to Egypt

Joseph had a dream in which an angel told him to save Jesus by taking him and Mary to Egypt. They stayed there for many years.



Some **astrologers** noticed a new star in the sky. They knew it meant a great ruler had been born so they decided to follow it.



The Wise Men

The wise men found Jesus in the stable. They **worshipped** him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and **myrrh**.



The wise men had a dream telling them not to let **King Herod** know where to find Jesus. **King Herod** gave orders that all baby boys in **Bethlehem** should be killed.