

The Christmas Story

On 25th December we celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Jesus...

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests.'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

And so...

Each Christmas we celebrate Jesus being born. God gave us Jesus as a present to show that He loves us. Each Christmas we give each other presents to show people that we love them.

Nativity Sheep Trail

One of the Chorley Shepherds wants to go and see baby Jesus, but he can't find all his sheep! He knows that he went into these places around Chorley– will you help him find his missing sheep?

When you find a sheep you can write its name in the spaces below.

1. Ebb & Flo

.....

3. Booths Supermarket

.....

5. Chorley Library

.....

7. Chic Happens

.....

9. Two Worlds Christian Book Centre

.....

10. Chorley Methodist Church Porch

.....

2. Woodchats Cafe

.....

4. Reed's Refillery

.....

6. Anise Shop Window

.....

8. Grandad Jim's Sweet Shoppe

.....



Reproduced with permission from *Messy Nativity*, BRF 2012

Thank you for taking part in the Nativity Sheep Trail.

Have you found the names of all the sheep?

Have you written their names in the spaces?

Would you like to enter a prize draw?

The Nativity Sheep Trail is an activity made in partnership with Chorley Methodist Church(CMC).

So what do you do now?

1. Tear along the dotted line.
2. Take home the activity side of the leaflet.
3. Clearly enter your details below.
4. Bring this side of the leaflet to the Crib Service at CMC

or post through the letter box:

Chorley Methodist Church (CMC),
Gillibrand Walks, Chorley, PR7 2EZ

Name (print clearly)

Address

.....

Email:

The prize draw will take place during the Crib Service at CMC on Christmas Eve starting at 4.00pm. Every family in attendance who has completed the trail will receive a small gift and one family will receive an early Christmas present!

Please tick if you would like information about family activities at CMC

☐

Any completed forms will be destroyed and no personal information will be held.

