

Bethlehem Bound 2020

Bringing the Christmas Story to your Doorstep



Organisation

- Pray
- recruit helpers & prayer team
- Decide on some possible streets which can be visited
- Have someone (may be a resident of that street) check whether people may be interested
- Finalise list of streets, dates & times
- Put flyers with date on through doors asking people to display flyer in their window if they would like to be visited
- sort out characters & costumes
- decide what to give (eg Angel decoration, wrapped sweets, invite to Zoom service, prayer card...)
- Pray
- Go for it

COVID-19 Secure

- Characters must remain socially distanced from each other and those they visit
- only one character to visit a doorstep at a time
- no lift sharing outside own household
- hands sanitize between each doorstep visited
- encourage those being visited to remain on their own doorstep/ front garden so not having a crowd following
- any gifts/ leaflets to be left not given directly to anyone

Prayer team

- pray for suitable streets for nativity characters to visit
- pray for those taking part
- pray for streets being visited

Characters 4 + (extras) & [small animals]

Shepherd(s) [+sheep]

Angel(s)

King(s) [+camel]

Joseph (+Mary) [+donkey]

Example Scripts

Joseph

Hello, my name is Joseph (and this is my wife Mary). The Roman emperor decided to hold a census and people have had to travel back to the town where they were born. (My wife) Mary and I have travelled all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Mary is going to have a baby and we can't find any where to stay. Have you got any room? Can you suggested anywhere for us to stay?

Angel

Hello my name is Gabriel I am an angel. Do you like my halo? God uses Angels to give people special messages. One day I told a girl called Mary that she was going to have a baby. The baby would be very special because his dad would be God. When the baby was born he was to be called Jesus. Jesus has now been born and tonight I invited a group of shepherds to go and find baby Jesus. Have you seen any of them yet? I must go and tell others the good news,
but I would like to give you this angel to remind you of the good news that the angels bring.
I will just put it here so you can pick it up. Goodbye

Shepherd

My name is _____ and I am a shepherd. One of my sheep has run off and I am looking for him. I wondered whether he had come into your garden to eat the grass. I was bringing him to Bethlehem as a gift for the new baby. Not long ago we were woken up by a bright light. It was an angel. I was very sacred. The angel told us that Jesus was born and told us to come to Bethlehem to find him. Then lots more angels came and started singing. So here I am trying to find baby Jesus, well I will be when I find that missing sheep of mine. If you do see him please let me know.

Here is a special invitation for you to join us on Christmas Eve for our Zoom crib service.

I will just leave it here so you can pick it up

King

Hello have you seen a bright star in the sky? My friends and I have been following it. We knew when we first saw the star it meant a special king had been born. It has been a long journey but now we are here in Bethlehem. When we find king Jesus we are going to give him 3 special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Do you know where the king has been born? Thank you for your help,

I can't give you gold, frankincense or myrrh,

but would you like some sweets?

I will just put them here so you can pick them up.

Possible Flyer wording

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Bringing the Christmas Story to your Doorstep

on _____ from _____ to _____
_____ Church would like to bring the

Christmas story to your doorstep

Angels, Shepherds, Kings, Mary & Joseph
would each like to call (remaining socially distanced)
to tell you their part of the story and leave some gifts.

**If you would like us to visit your doorstep please
put this card in your window on the above date.**

(we would love to meet more angels, shepherds, kings, friendly innkeepers, stars and sheep if you wanted to dress up to meet us)

For more information please contact.....