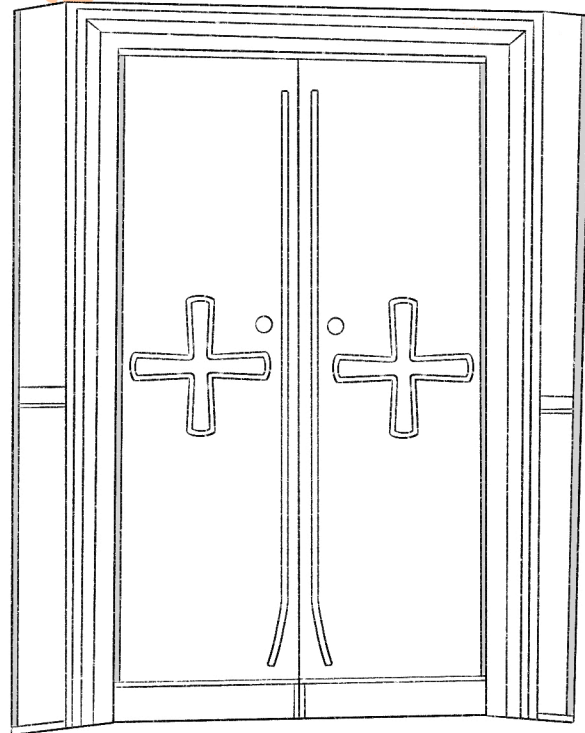
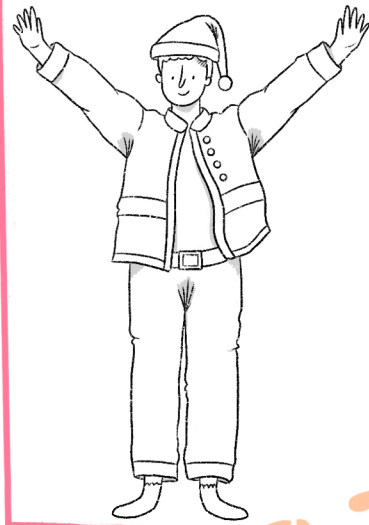


START

At the entrance to Birmingham Cathedral, pause to think about the journey made by Mary, who was expecting, and Joseph from their home in Nazareth to the town of Bethlehem.

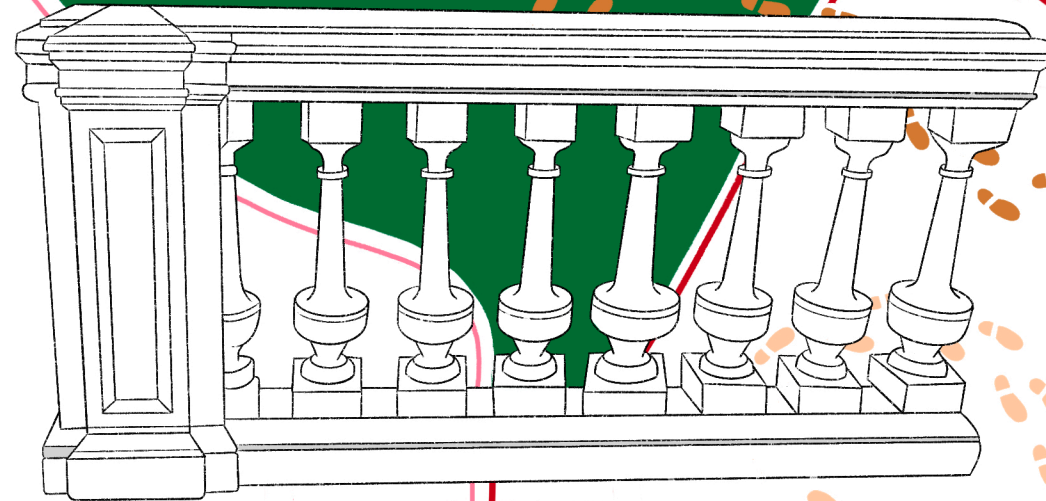
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The journey was about 150km, travelling on foot and donkey. How many days do you think it took?



2

When they arrived at Bethlehem, they looked for a place to stay. Everywhere was full as people were there to complete the Roman census.



Mary was nearly ready to give birth. How do you think they felt after their long journey?

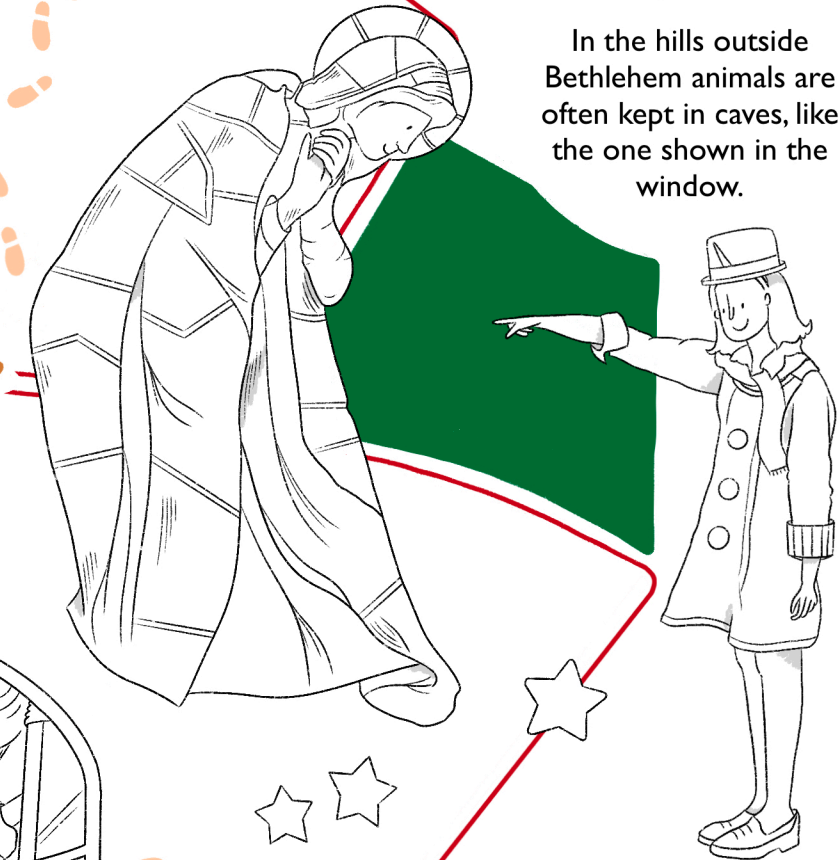
NATIVITY TRAIL

Discover the Story of the Christmas by making your way up to The Nativity stained-glass window. Follow the visual clues, respond to the questions and add your own colour!

3

Finally, Mary and Joseph were shown somewhere to rest. It was a place where animals were kept!

In the hills outside Bethlehem animals are often kept in caves, like the one shown in the window.



A bright light and a group of angels appeared to shepherds on the hillside, urging them to visit the newborn baby, following a bright star in the sky.

5

Why were they the first to hear the good news about Jesus?



FINISH



That night, Mary had her baby. She wrapped him in a cloth and lay him down to sleep in a manger. A manger normally holds the animal's food.

4

What animals can you see in this nativity scene?

