

Friday 1st January – Sunday 3rd January

Wise Men from the East, who studied the sky and the stars, had seen the large star that shone over the stable where Jesus lay and they set out on their journey, travelling on their **CAMELS** to go and worship him.

On their way through Jerusalem they asked “where is the baby born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the East and we have come to worship him”. King Herod was upset about this. He was King, not some baby, so he sent the Wise Men on their way telling them to let him know when they had found the baby.

Monday 4th January

MELCHIOR comes bringing Gold as his gift; a sign of Kingship to a baby lying in a manger.

Tuesday 5th January

CASPER comes with Frankincense as his present, a present fit for a king.

Wednesday 6th January

BALTHAZAR comes with a gift of Myrrh...a strange gift for a baby as it was normally used when someone died.

The three Wise Men went into the Stable and saw Jesus with his mother, Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him.

Then they returned to their own country by a different road because God had warned them, in a dream not to tell Herod that they had found the Christ Child Jesus.

What next?

We have told the story of the coming of Jesus to the world.

We have prepared for his coming.

We have welcomed his coming.

Along with Shepherds and Wise Men
we have given and received gifts.

Christmas is over but
JESUS STAYS WITH US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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Advent... Epiphany



...one day at a time

This is a different sort of Advent Calendar! Starting on the **1st December** you colour in something every day, as the story of the birth of Jesus is told. With this Advent Calendar Jesus is not born until Christmas day and the Shepherds and the Wise Men, Kings or Magi, do not arrive until after Christmas. There is something to colour in every day until Epiphany on 6th January, the traditional time for the three Kings to appear.

So, each day read a bit more of the story as it is told here, and colour in the relevant picture. All the bits of the picture are numbered – On 1st December colour in number 1, on the 2nd number 2 etc... be careful though not to colour in J1, J2 etc until January!

Tuesday 1st December

Bethlehem is getting busier as the days go by; Emperor Augustus has said that a census must be taken across the Roman Empire, so everyone travels to the place where their family comes from.

A **STABLE** stands quietly housing animals and their feed.

Wednesday 2nd December

The **GROUND** is getting dry and dusty, the grass is withering in the heat, and under all the trampling of peoples feet.
..be careful not to colour in the paths yet!

Thursday 3rd December

The days are long and hot and the **SKY** seems to be blue all day long.

Friday 4th December

At night it doesn't seem to get really dark as the little **STARS** glisten and twinkle, lighting the way for those still travelling and those sleeping out of doors.

Saturday 5th December

By the stable there is an old **BROOM** propped against a large **ROCK**. The broom is used to sweep out the stable and many a traveller has rested on the rock.

Sunday 6th December

The **HILLS** in the distance almost disappear with all the people crowding into Bethlehem.

