

## Christmas Story Vocabulary:

**Shepherd**- A person who takes care of animals like goats, camels, or sheep



**Census**- Give your name, address, and other information so the government can count every resident

**Virgin**- Example: Mary is pure. She has not been with a man.

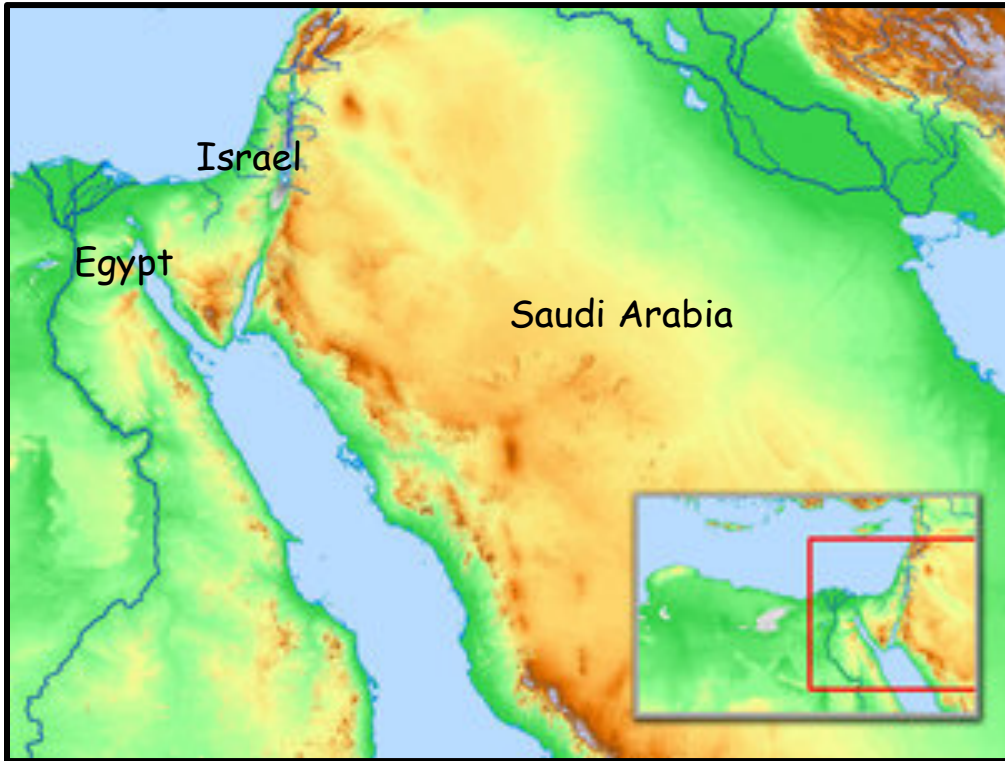
**Wonder**- to have questions in your mind and to think about something

**Barn**- This is a house for animals. Mary and Joseph stay in a barn because the city is crowded and there is no other place to stay.

**Manger**- It holds food for animals. Mary uses it as a baby bed.



Israel is next to Egypt (*Massir*), near Saudi Arabia. Can you find it on the map? **Bethlehem** is a town in Israel.

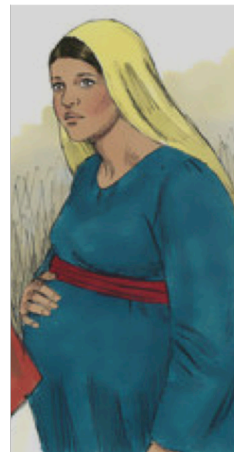


## The Miracle (Mucjiso) of Christmas

A long time ago, a man named Joseph and a woman named Mary promise to get married.

Mary becomes pregnant, but she is a **virgin**. An angel from God comes to Mary and tells her the baby is from God.

**the angel Gabriel (Jibril)**



The angel says:

“The baby is a **miracle (Mucjiso)** of God! Name the baby ‘Jesus’. Jesus means “**The Lord Saves**” (**Badbaadiya**).”

Mary tells Joseph the news.

Joseph **wonders** what to do.

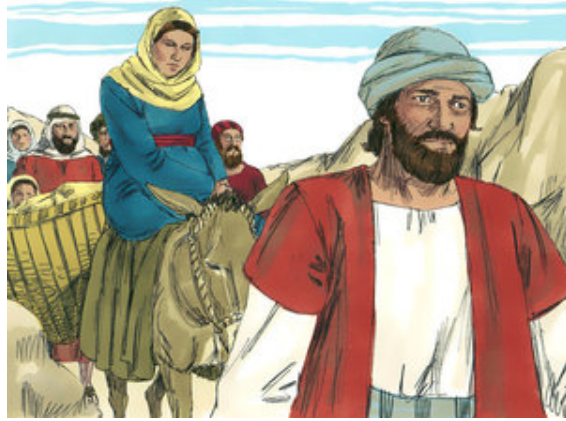


An angel comes to Joseph and speaks to him. The angel says:

“Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby is from God. Name the baby **‘Jesus’** because he will **save people from their sins.**”

Joseph believes. Mary and Joseph get married.





It is time for a **census**. Joseph and Mary travel to his hometown, Bethlehem, to be counted.

It's very crowded. There is no place to stay. The baby is coming soon.

They stay in a **barn**. There is no bed for the baby! Mary has a baby boy and puts him in a **manger**. They name him Jesus.



An angel goes to some **shepherds** to tell them about Jesus.



## Shepherds

The angel says to the shepherds:

“Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for all people. Today in Bethlehem a **Savior** is born!”

Savior is another word for **Messiah** (Masiix). God sends **Jesus** (Cisse) to save the people of the world from **sin** (Dembi).

Wise men from the east (Iran? Iraq?) follow a star in the sky. They know there is a new king. The star leads them to Jesus.

They bring gifts of gold (*dahab*), frankincense (*foox*) and myrrh (*malmal*).



## Wise Men

Do you know why people give gifts to each other at Christmas?

**People give gifts to remember that God gave us Jesus.**

## Let's talk about holidays:

1. Students, ask tutors: What do you do for Christmas?
2. Tutors, ask students: What do you do for Eid?
3. Do you and your partner do any of the same things?
4. What is the same? What is different?

## Story Questions:

1. What is the man's name?
2. What is the woman's name?
3. Is the baby a boy or girl?
4. What is his name?
5. Do you think God can do anything?
6. What is the miracle in this story?
7. Do you think God does miracles now?