



Sunday 1 January 2023  
 Luke 2:16-21  
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD!**

When the shepherds find the baby in the manger, they repeat what the angels said - he is the Messiah! Mary thinks deeply about all they say. Jesus is a very, very special baby.

**Mary and Jesus**

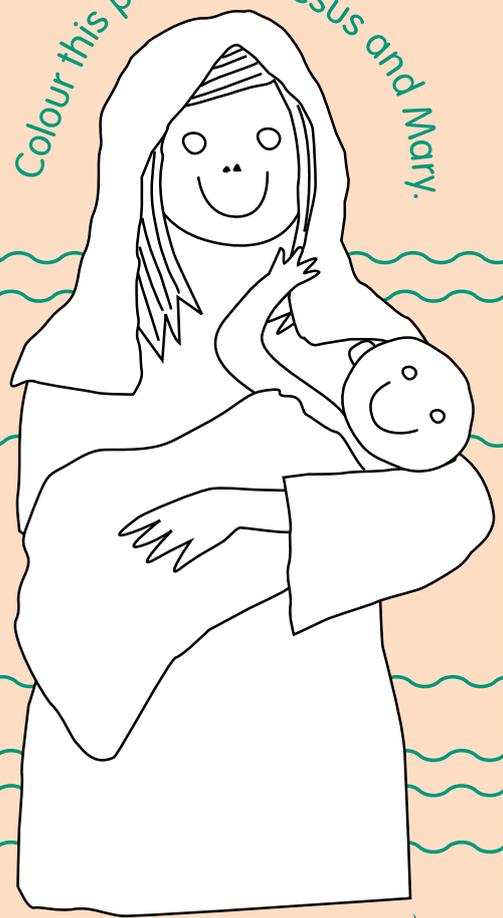
Jesus needed a mother to look after him and help him grow up.

**Maze!**

The shepherds ran to Bethlehem to find Jesus. Can you help them find him?



Colour this picture of Jesus and Mary.



**What is Mary's treasure?**

Mary treasured all things the shepherds said. When we treasure something we look after it and keep it safe. We know the things that we treasure are special. Mary pondered all these things in her heart. When we "ponder" something we think deeply about it.



Can you find out what Mary treasured in her heart?

Add these missing letters to find out: **a i s e h o s e r p**

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

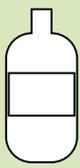
Help me, Jesus, to just get on with doing what you ask. Help me to be loving and kind with everyone I meet. I know you will be with me and you will help me. Amen.

**Thank you, God!**

The shepherds were very excited when they had seen Jesus. They went away praising God. What wonderful things can you praise and thank God for? Here are some ideas for you to colour. Can you add your own ideas?



tree



water



fruit



family



your idea

Answer: Jesus is the saviour. He is very special.