

Welcome to our Interactive Nativity Trail.

Each poster features a video where you can hear the characters from the Nativity story sharing their thoughts and feelings about what they experienced.

To watch the video, simply use the camera on your device to scan the QR code on each poster. For a better viewing experience, turn your device to landscape mode. You'll also enjoy clearer audio when using headphones.

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If you do not have a phone or device you can still enjoy our trail simply reading the text on each poster.

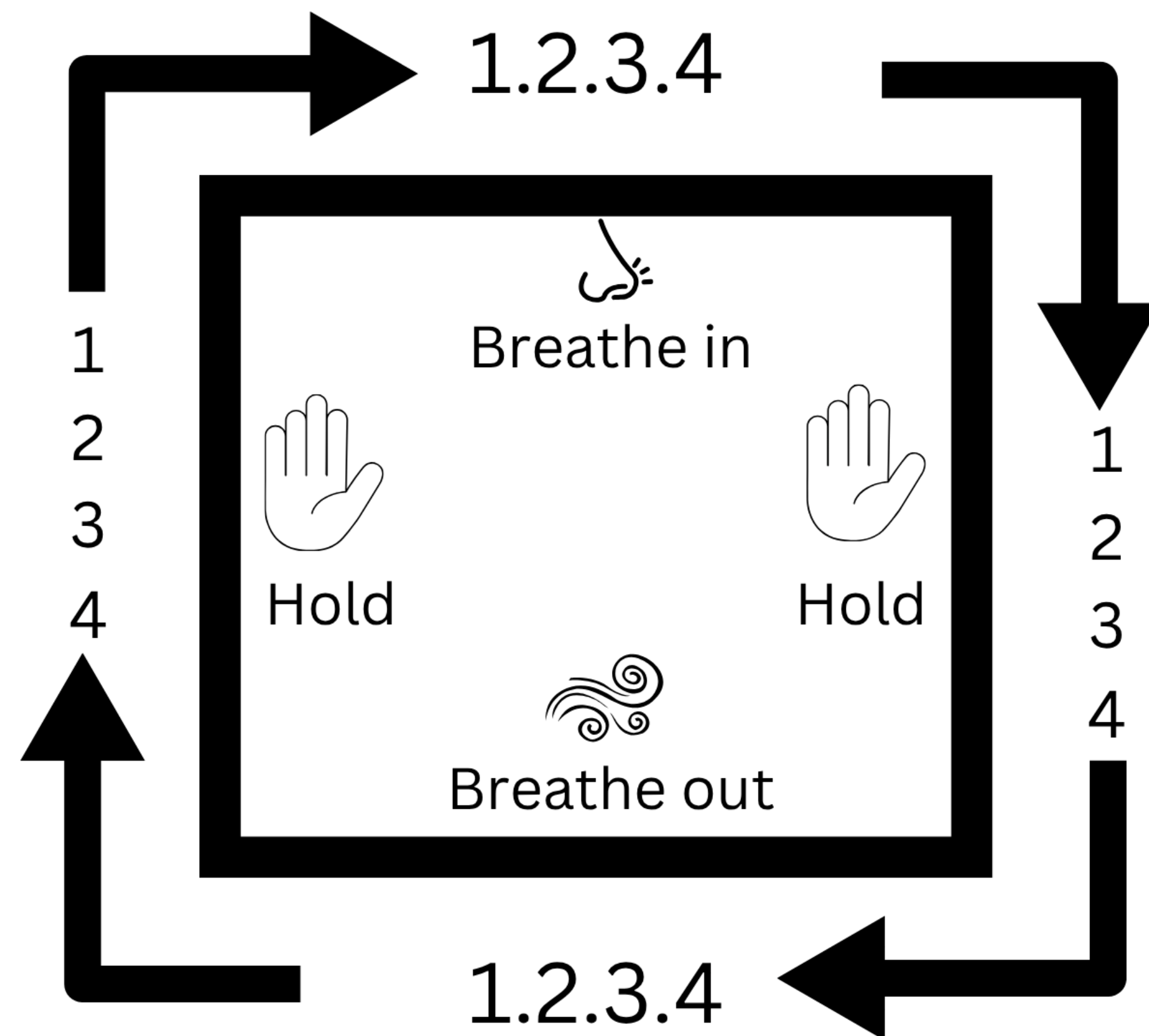




Mary was asked to take on a big and very challenging task. To risk her reputation, even her life. Yet despite everything that was happening, Mary was more than calm - she had peace.

"Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks. And God's peace will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace that God gives is so great that we cannot understand it." Philippians 4 v6-7

Try the square breathing technique below to help you feel calm and focussed.



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Peace



Joseph was looking forward to a simple life, a wife and children. Then his world turned upside down. He had to trust Mary. He had to trust God. It would not have been easy.

If you have room where you are get one person to close their eyes whilst another gives them instructions on where to walk without bumping into anything.

If you had your eyes closed, how easy was it to trust the person giving you instructions?

When we put our trust in God He will always help us. His ways are not always the same as our ways but, like Joseph, we can trust Him even in difficult times.

"God, I will thank you forever for what you have done. With those who worship you, I will trust you because you are good."
Psalms 52 v 9

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Trust





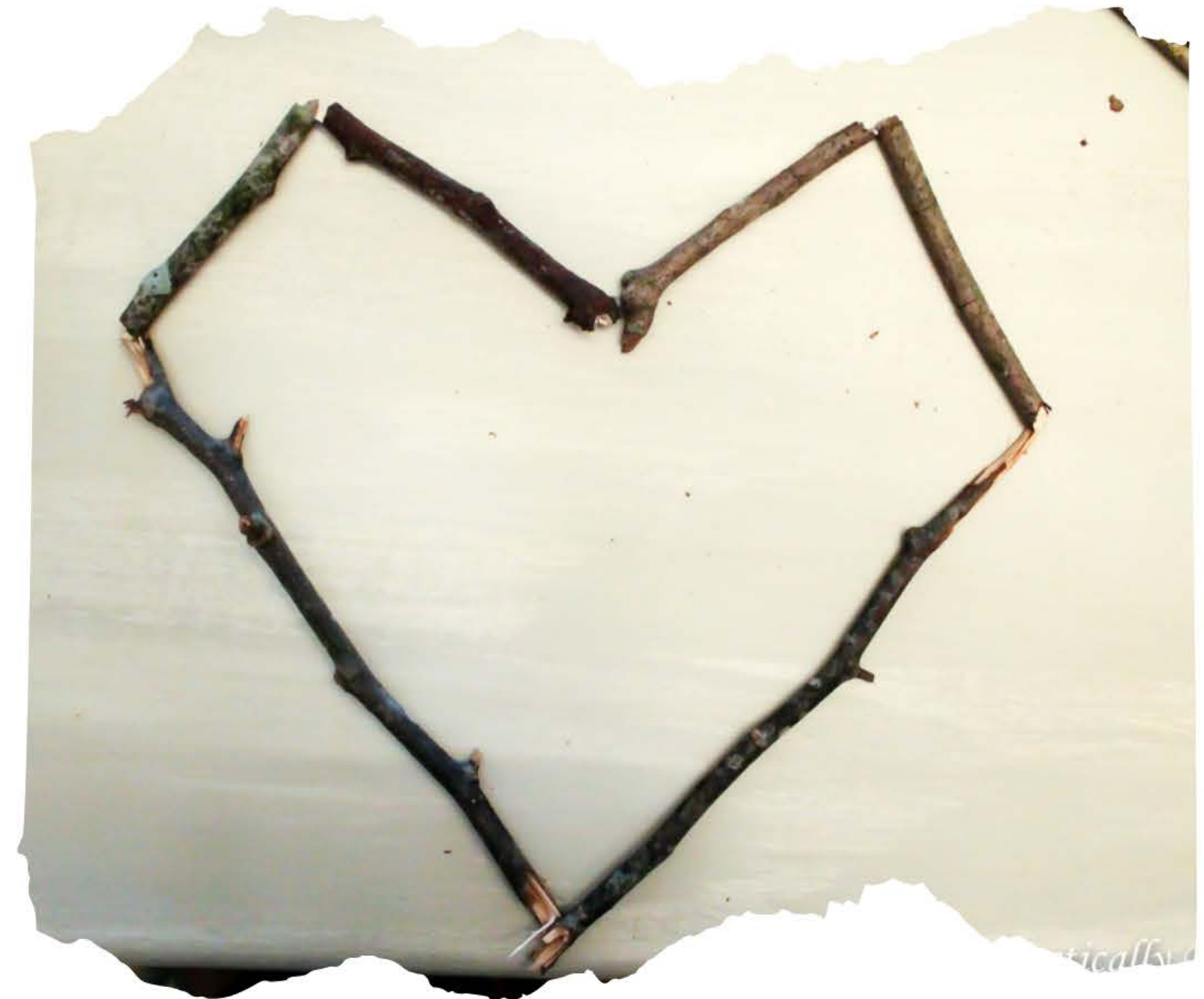
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Hope

Elizabeth and Zachariah had prayed and hoped for a child for many years. When they finally had a baby they were a lot older than other parents in their town.

At Christmas there are many things we hope for - toys, games, money, a happy time with family.

Using the things around you (if you're outside use sticks / leaves etc) see if you can create a picture of what you are hoping for this Christmas.



Sometimes we put our hope in people and they let us down. When we put our hope in God He will never let us down, He will always give us what we need at just the right time.

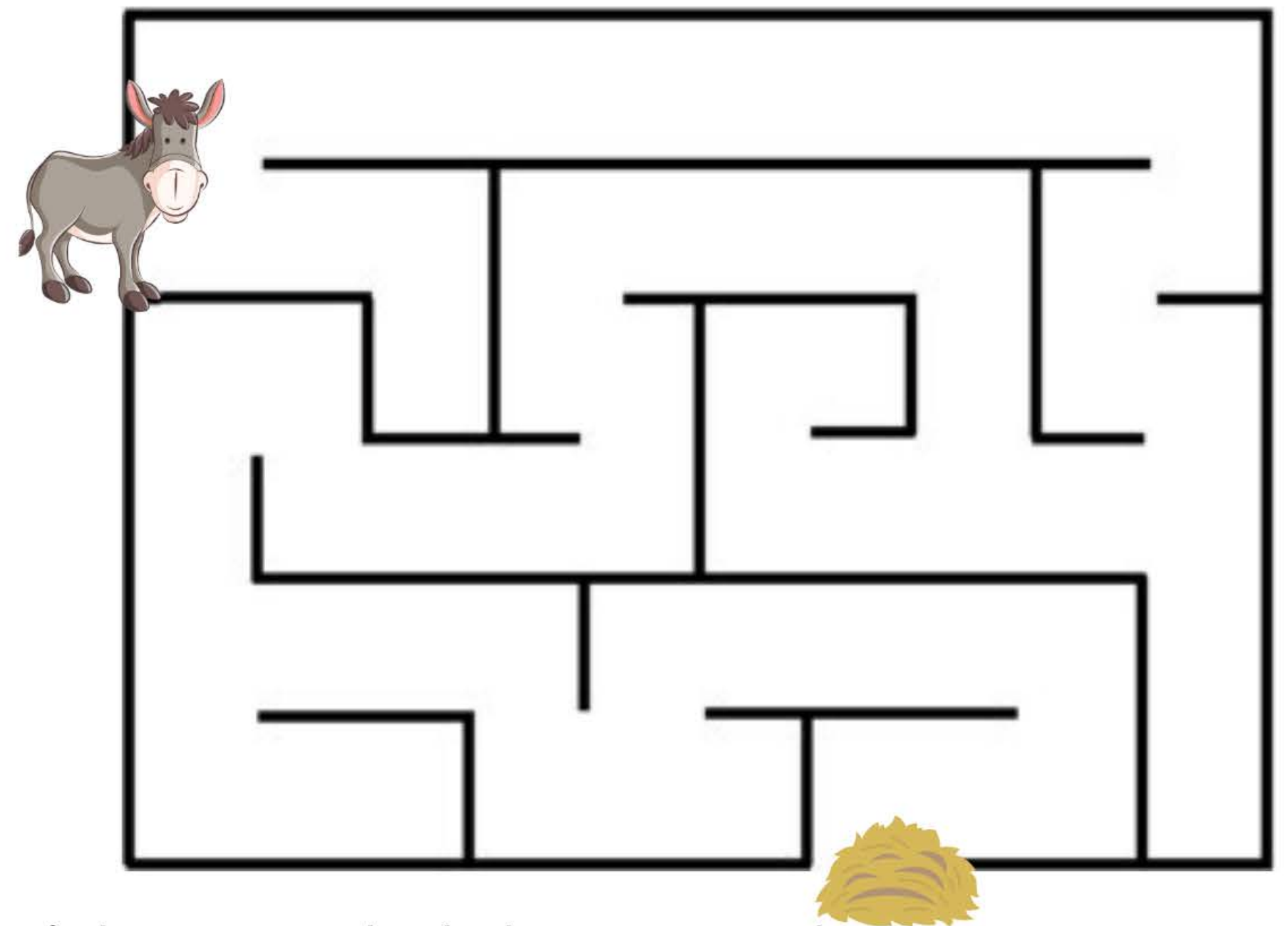
"Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise." Hebrews 10 v 23.



Donkeys play quite a big role in the Bible. They carried Mary, Joseph and all their belongings into Bethlehem. At Easter we hear how Jesus chose to ride a donkey into Jerusalem, which we remember on Palm Sunday. That's just two examples, there are many more!

Donkeys are not grand, not the most beautiful, and they can be very very stubborn! However, Donkeys are reliable, they serve, they work hard. Throughout the Bible we see many times where God chooses those who are the weakest, smallest, least skilled to do amazing things. God turns our human values on their head. No matter who you are, what you look like, what you can or can't do, if you trust God he will help you to do exactly what He has created you to do.

Use your finger to get Donkey to his well deserved dinner!



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." Timothy 4 v 12

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Serve



The Shepherds met angels! They got to hear them singing - can you imagine how amazing that would have been. Even better than hearing your favourite band play live!

The Shepherds felt absolute fear followed by total joy! Joy is more than just a smile on your face. Joy is like smiling on the inside!

With those around you play a quick game of charades and act out what things bring you joy - see if they can guess!

"Now go home and have a feast. Share your food and wine with those who don't have enough. Today is holy to our Lord, so don't be sad. The joy that the Lord gives you will make you strong." Nehemiah 8 v 10

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Joy





The Magi were a group who were considered to be wise. This group of Magi had heard the prophecies about a new King who would come - the Messiah. They were so eager to meet the King they'd heard about, they studied hard and travelled a long distance following the star they believed was the sign of the King.

Have you ever had to search really hard for something?
How did you feel when you finally found it after all your effort?

If you have time and you are in a safe place, play a quick game of hide and seek before you move on - or play when you are home. How wonderful it is when you find the person you are looking for!



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Seek

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29 v 13

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near." Isaiah 55 v 6



The Inn Keeper:

When we watch Nativity plays, not many people want to be the Innkeeper because it doesn't seem like a big role. But the Innkeeper is really important! This character can teach us that even if we think we don't have much to give, God can use what little we have to do amazing things.

The Innkeeper was kind enough to let Mary and Joseph stay when they needed help, showing care and compassion—something we all should have more of in our lives.

There are many ways you can show you care for others. You can give to charities like the Bishop's Appeal or Christian Aid. You can also help by saying a little prayer. Here's a simple way to pray for the people you love:



1. **Thumb.** Closest to your heart - pray for your family & friends.
2. **Pointer finger** - pray for those who show you the way - your teachers, coaches, youth workers, ministers.
3. **Tallest finger** - pray for those who lead - Government, Doctors & Nurses, Police etc
4. **Ring finger** is the weakest - pray for those who are sick or in need.
5. **Pinkie** - the smallest, pray for yourself & your needs last.

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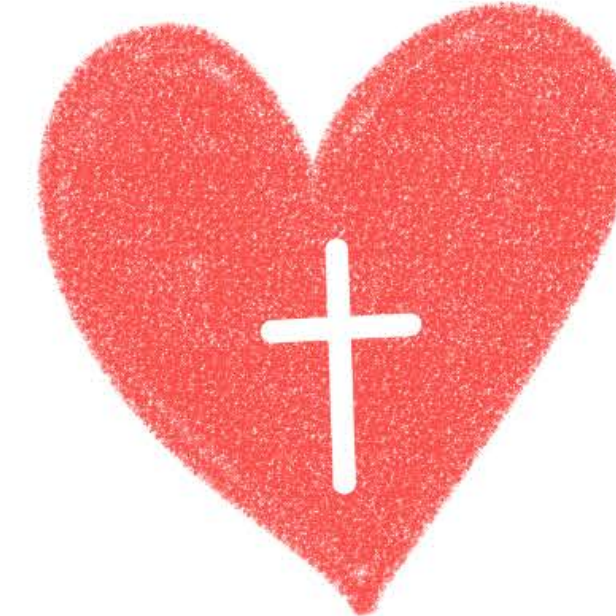
Care



Jesus: At this time of year we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We focus on the stable and on the baby.

But Jesus didn't stay a baby. He grew up in a world that was full of chaos and pain, war and hurt. He was teased, treated badly by those around Him and even killed by those who hated Him. And yet through it all He showed love, He forgave those who hurt Him, He cared for those who the world ignored, He listened to Children, the sick and the elderly, gave time to people who others saw as nobodies. He loved with a perfect love, a love that still reaches out to us all today - a love that never ends, never runs out on us, never lets us down.

Quietly where you are, draw a cross on the palm of your hand and thank God for His love - for sending Jesus,



"I have loved you with an everlasting love" Jeremiah 31:3.

Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God...This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his only Son into the world to give us life through him. True love is God's love for us, not our love for God. He sent his Son as the way to take away our sins.

That is how much God loved us, dear friends! So we also must love each other." 1 John 4: 7-11

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Love