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Jesus is Born – Luke 2:1-7

We are going on a journey, a journey for Jesus. (*march in place*)

In the time of Jesus' birth, everyone had to be counted in the families' hometowns. Joseph was from Bethlehem, so Mary and Joseph had to travel many miles to make sure their names were on the list. But wait! Mary was almost nine months pregnant. Jesus was coming soon!

We are going on a journey, a journey for Jesus. (*march in place*)

Mary and Joseph walked and walked. Finally, they arrived in Bethlehem to get counted. But when they got to town there were not many places for them to sleep. The only choice was to stay in a guest room where the animals were sleeping.

We are going on a journey, a journey for Jesus. (*march in place*)

While Mary and Joseph were with the animals, it came time for Mary to have the baby. So, Mary gave birth to Jesus in a dark and cold room with cows, and sheep, and goats.

We are going on a journey, a journey for Jesus. (*march in place*)

This may not seem like a proper place for a baby, but after he was born, Mary wrapped the baby up and placed him in a manger. Mary and Joseph were very happy to meet this special baby. They called him Jesus, just as they had been told, and kept him safe and warm.

We are going on a journey, a journey for Jesus. (*sit down*)



Family Spiritual Practice

Read the story of Jesus' birth together, following the instructions for marching.

Wonder: Where do you see yourself in this story? Where do you see hope in this story?

Do: Mary and Joseph had to travel a long, hard journey to Bethlehem. Create a Christmas obstacle course in your house and pretend to journey to Bethlehem.

Pray: Dear God, thank you the journeys you give us in life. Thank you for sending Jesus. Amen.