

The First Christmas

(Present and Past assumptions)

Look at the silhouette of the Christmas story. Make assumptions of what you can see on the picture using "This must be (99% sure) This could be (50%) This might be (20%) This can't be (0%) ...

Eg: This might be a donkey on the left.



Past assumptions:

Imagine how **these people** in the Christmas story may have felt in each situation. Use 'must have been/may have felt/ might have been ...' Finish the sentences with your assumptions.

Some suggestions:

Frustrated, disappointed, exhausted, fascinated, frightened, overwhelmed, anxious, concerned, relieved

Mary, when an angel appeared to her at the beginning of the story and told her that she was going to have a special baby who would save the world.

Eg: She might have been scared at first...

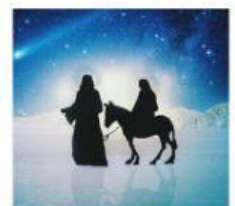
The people of Israel, when the Roman emperor, Augustus, announced the census in the Roman Empire and they had to return to their own towns to register for this census.

They may have felt...



Mary and Joseph on the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It was quite a long way. (Keep in mind that there were no buses or trains and they were riding a donkey.)

They must have been...



Mary and Joseph when they arrived and found out that all the guest houses were full. They had to stay in a stable.

They might have felt



The shepherds who were staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep when an angel suddenly appeared and told them the news that the Savior of the world was born.

They might have been



The king Herod, who was reigning at that time in Israel when the wise men from the East arrived asking about the newborn king, whose star they had seen.

He must have been

The wise men, when the star which had been going ahead of them had stopped over the place where they finally found Jesus.

They may have felt

