

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



Did you know that:

Augustus is the first *Roman Emperor*. (63 BC – 14 AD)

Bethlehem is a city on the western bank of Jordan river



a **stable** is a place where animals live



a **shepherd** is a person who takes care of the sheep



Read the story and match each paragraph (a,b,c, d) with a picture (1, 2, 3,4) .Put the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple.

1. ____



2. ____



3. ____



4. ____



*C*hristmas is a very special holiday. We all love to receive presents and sing carols. Do you know why we celebrate Christmas? Christmas is a birthday of a very important person in history. Here is how it began:

a) Many years ago

The people of Israel were waiting for a very special Man. They ____ (know) that this Man will be born in their country. One day, an angel ____ (come) to a young lady, Mary. He ____ (tell) her that she was going to have a baby. This baby is the Son of God. He is the Savior of the world.

b) At that time

The Emperor **Augustus**, commanded that all people had to go to their towns to register. Mary and her husband Joseph ____ (go) to the town of **Bethlehem**. But there were no rooms at the hotels, so they had to stay in a **stable** for animals. Mary had her baby there. She named Him Jesus.

c) At night

The **shepherds** in the field ____ (see) an angel in the sky. They were scared, but the angel ____ (tell) them "Don't be afraid..." He ____ (have) very good news for them, and for all the people in the world. The Son of God was born. The shepherds were very happy. They ____ (run) quickly to the town of Bethlehem. They ____ (see) the baby there.

d) Days later ...

The wise men from the East ____ (see) the star in the sky. This was a very special star. They ____ (know) that it meant that the Great King was born. They ____ (go) to Jerusalem to find the child. Herod, the king, was not happy to hear about the child who was going to be a king. He asked the wise men to tell him when they find Him. The star showed the wise men the place where Jesus was. They ____ (have) some expensive presents for Him. Then God ____ (tell) the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod, so they ____ (to take) a different road to go home.

Match the picture with the right word



scared star road field stable shepherd

Name as many things as you can that are special. Eg: Family...

True or False

Christmas is a Birthday ____

The people of Israel were waiting for a special angel. ____

One day an angel came to a young lady. ____

The governor commanded the people to go to their own towns. ____

Mary and her husband Joseph stayed at the hotel. ____

The shepherds saw an angel in the sky ____

The wise men and the king Herod visited Jesus. ____

The wise men had presents for Jesus. ____

Find the information in the text to complete the sentences

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a) John b) Mary c) Herod

2. The angel told about:

a) the baby b) the present c) Joseph

Caesar Augustus, the governor, commanded that all people had to go to...

a) the palace b) the places where they were born c) the fields

3. Mary and Joseph went to

a) the palace b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem

4. They stayed at the

a) room in the palace b) hotel c) stable

5. The shepherds saw in the sky

a) the bird b) the big blue star b) the angel

6. The wise men saw in the sky

a) the bird b) the special star c) the angel

7. It showed them where to find

a) gold b) Jesus c) the angel

8. The wise men took a different road to go home because

a) the different road was shorter b) They saw a special dream c) they were scared

Answer the questions

1. Who came to Mary?

2. What did he tell her?

3. What did the governor command?

4. Where did Mary and Joseph go?

5. Where did they have to stay?

6. Why did they have to stay there?

7. Who did the shepherds see?

8. How did the wise men find the way?

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2. What did he tell her? *He told her that she was going to have a baby.*

3. What did the governor command? *He commanded that all people had to go to the towns where they were born.*

4. Where did Mary and Joseph go? *They went to Bethlehem.*

5. Where did they have to stay? *In the stable for animals.*

6. Why did they have to stay in a stable? *Because there were no rooms in the hotels.*

7. Who did the shepherds see? *They saw the angel.*

8. How did the wise men find the way to Jesus? *The star showed them the way.*