## NAME OF SHEEP NAME OF SHOP TIE BREAK QUESTION - WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE AT CHRISTMAS (ANSWER ON BACK PAGE) Your name (print clearly): The winner will be drawn and notified between 23 and 31 December. We will not pass your details to anyone else and we will Age (if under 18): ..... destroy the entry form after Parent/carer's consent: the winners are drawn. Extra forms available from Name Signature participating shops and at:

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## THE CHRISTMAS STORY



## ON 25 DECEMBER WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS WHO WAS CALLED CHRIST...

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Before Jesus was born, his parents, Mary and Joseph, went to a town called Bethlehem. It was very busy and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. A friendly innkeeper let them sleep in his stable with the animals. Jesus was born, and Mary wrapped him in cloths and put him in the manger.

A star appeared in the sky over the stable.

Out in the fields, some shepherds were looking after their sheep when suddenly an angel appeared. The shepherds were very scared. The angel told the shepherds not to be scared because he had brought good news. He told them that Jesus had been born and that he would be the person who would save the world. He told the shepherds to go and see Jesus. Then there were lots more angels who sang glory to God and peace on earth.

The shepherds went to see the baby Jesus. They knelt down in front of the manger and were very happy that they had found the one who had been sent by God. When they left, they told everybody they could find about Jesus and about how he was going to save the world.

Later on, some wise men came from the East to see Jesus. They brought special gifts because they knew that Jesus was a king. They were surprised that he had been born in a stable and not in a palace. They worshipped Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

## AND SO...



Each Christmas we celebrate Jesus being born. God gave us Jesus as a present to show that he loves us. Each Christmas we give each other presents to show people that we love them.



