

## Your Wood Carving

Your carving is made from a real piece of wood.  
Can you see the bark around the edges?  
The tree it was made from grew in Palestine.

We sometimes call Palestine the Holy Land, because it's where Jesus was born

## Have a closer look

Can you see Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem?  
Mary is riding on a donkey.  
Can you see Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus?  
Look at how the star is carved above them.

## A carpenter like Joseph



This is Elias. He is one of the people who carves wood in the workshop in Bethlehem where your carving was made.  
Elias' mother is called Mary and his father is called Joseph!



# Journey to Bethlehem

## Things to Know & Do

Turn over and try some of the things to do!

## Find out more

What is life like for people living in Bethlehem, in Palestine, today?



Children in Bethlehem

The government of Israel has built a wall all around Bethlehem now. Because of the wall, it is hard for children to get to school. It is hard for farmers to get to their land.

Imagine Mary and Joseph trying to get from Nazareth through the wall to Bethlehem today.



The high wall around Bethlehem

The government thinks the wall will keep people safe.

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## Send a friendly message

**We are thinking of you  
and we hope you will find  
peace and justice.  
Love from Stella**



People in Palestine love to know that we are thinking of and praying for them.

You can send a message of friendship to people who live in Bethlehem today, like Elias does.

Email your message to Pax Christi. We will pass it on:  
[info@paxchristi.org.uk](mailto:info@paxchristi.org.uk)

## Draw

Use your wood carving to help you draw a picture of Mary, Joseph and Jesus without taking your pen off the paper!



**Dear Jesus,  
Help everyone to share  
the beautiful land where  
you were born and to be  
good friends.  
Amen**

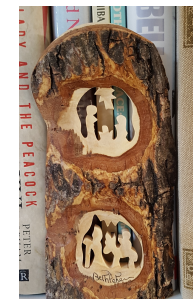
## Prayer



Say a prayer for the people who live in Palestine and Israel today.

## Admire your woodcarving

Put it in different places in your house. Where does it look best?



## Quiz



Make up some Advent and Christmas quiz questions for your family and friends. Here are two questions to get you started:

1. Why do we call Palestine the Holy Land?
2. What do you call someone who can make things out of wood?

## Tell the stories

Can you tell the Christmas story in your own words?

Can you tell someone what you have learned about the people who live in Bethlehem today?

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