

Minster Nativity Trail: the Search for Christmas!

Come with us on the search for Christmas!

Follow the rhyming clues through the Minsters, filling in the gaps below to help you get to the next stop, and discover what links them all.

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Stop 1: Minster Christian Centre

- How many angels can you see along the way? ____

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Stop 2: __ __ ____ minster Road

- How many 'no vacancy' signs can you see along the way? ____

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Stop 3: __ __ ____ minster Road

- How many sheep can you see along the way? ____

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Stop 4: __ __ ____ minster Road

- How many stars can you see along the way? ____

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Stop 5: __ ____ minster Road

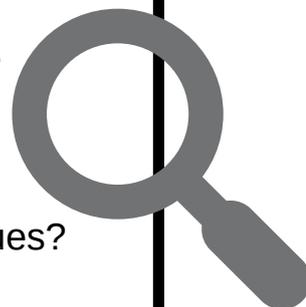
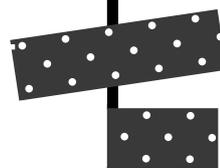
- Can you spot any extra images around the Minsters? _____

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What question will help you link these clues?

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When you've completed your search and opened the door, take a prize pack away with you from the red chest for more fun at home. Find us on Twitter @Minsterchurch, on facebook @MinsterChristianCentre, or on our website (MinsterChristianCentre.org.uk) - tell us what you think of the trail and tag friends to see if they can complete it too!

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At the start of our trail
We will trace the Christmas story.
It begins with an angel
And ends with a baby.



There was a girl in Nazareth
And her name it was Mary.
One day she had an angelic visit -
She found it a little scary!

This angel was called Gabriel
And he told her to be calm:
"The Lord is with you", Gabriel said,
"So please don't be alarmed."

"A tiny seed is within you
And it will grow and grow
Into a tiny baby
But this is not all, you know!"

"He will be great! A King Most High!
His kingdom shall never end
And as well as being the Son of God
He will also be your friend."

What happened next? If you want to find out
A house on a nearby road has the clue
East, West, North and...? -minster
The number is nine plus two



what are they seeking?

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Well done! You have found the next clue.
Now where in our story were we?
Oh yes, Mary got told by an angel
That she a mother would be.

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Now fast forward 9 months (for pregnancy
Is a long time, you know).
Mary and Joseph, her husband,
Were looking high and low

For a place to rest, as Mary was sore
And had been traveling for days on a donkey
From Nazareth all the way to Bethlehem.
They knew they had to be ready

For the birth of this child, who announced his arrival
By labour pains that started that morning,
But house after house turned Mary away
They didn't know the mistake they were making.

For heaven moved, the moon and stars danced
And thousands of angels joined the throng
When the child was born in a lowly goat's manger
Angels burst out in joyful song.

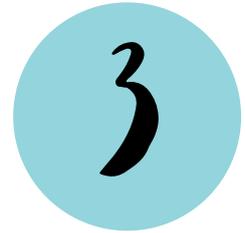
Do you want to know why? Well find the next clue!
And spot all the signs in the mix.
Just stay on this street, please, don't get lost
While you look for six times six.



What are they seeking?
Somewhere to give birth_

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Fantastic job! You got here in one piece -
Now I can tell you what happened next.
On that moonlit night, the angels told
Some shepherds, who became really vexed!



They were resting and watching over their sheep, high up on a hill.
The never dreamt they would see a thundering angel on a night so still.

But the angel said "Do not be afraid,
I have such good news of great joy!
Today, in Bethlehem, the promised one is born
In the form of a baby boy!"

"Go and find him, and then tell the world -
Tell people near and far
That God has come to bring you peace
No matter who you are!"

So off they hurried, those rustic shepherds
Not losing any time
And they found the babe, lying in the trough
Amid the dirt and grime.

They marvelled at the King of kings
Lying there so humble and lowly,
Then they went away and told all they met
Of how they had seen his glory.

Now we must travel to a distant land
Come with me, don't be late
The next street you need sounds like a chopper-minster
The number is four times eight



What are they seeking?
The pr_mised one

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Now we have left the shepherds and sheep
And come many miles away,
Where some clever men were studying the skies,
Waiting patiently for the day

When a particular Star was to rise in the west -
To them it would be a sign
That the baby is born! Long awaited day!
They knew he was divine.

For they were no ordinary men -
They had wealth and understanding -
And furthermore it had been revealed
That the baby was indeed, a king.

They had their bags packed, presents too,
For they were going on a loooooong journey -
Gold, frankincense and myrrh
(For they were not short of money).

But for all their planning, they made a mistake
In assuming this king lived in a palace.
When King Herod found out he was outraged -
You'd think they were really quite careless!

But thankfully the Star led them to the right place -
The child in his humble abode.
They worshipped a babe in their finest clothes...
'Twas the strangest sight to behold.

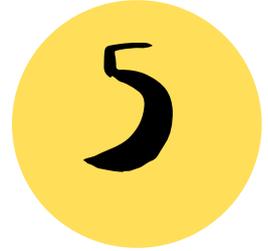
The next clue is in a road that starts with a St
And finishes with - you guessed it! -minster
You've done awfully well to get this far
Before 4, After 2, is the number.



What are they seeking?
A king in his _ place

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You've come a long way, right from the start,
And we're almost at the treasure.
Thank you so much for sticking with me -
it has really been a pleasure.



From the first stop, we've been seeking clues
And the missing letters spell a word.
Have you guessed what it is? Look again
It's the most beautiful word ever heard.

Our Christmas trail is all about seeking -
A city, a person, a way.
The angels, Mary, shepherds and wise men
Seeking, in earnest, were they.

For the hope that comes from Jesus' birth
Is something that is lasting and true.
Have you heard? Do you know? For the Bible says
He came to earth to seek YOU!

For his mission was just beginning here on earth
On the day that bright star shone.
The task, it was finished upon a cross
If you want to know more, c'mon!

Final stop - side church door, across the road
But please do bear in mind
If you want to know more, we'd love to hear from you
If you seek, then you also will find.



**What is Jesus seeking?
'He came to seek and
save the lost' Luke 19.10**