

A little over 2 millennia ago, a young expectant mother heard the news that a census had been decreed by the great ruler Ceasar Augustus. We donâ€™t know how she heard it. Possibly in the town square or maybe from a nosy neighbor who, without the impetus of this juicy tidbit, would not otherwise deign to talk to the young girl. After all, before having lived in her betrothedâ€™s home, Mary had returned from her cousins, obviously pregnant. Still, Joseph had taken her in anyway, which had helped to quell the gossip â€“ a little. Now she and her newly wedded husband, the villages carpenter, would need to embark on a daunting journey; through the desert and across enemy territories to the birthplace of her husbandâ€™s forefathers. Have you ever wondered what that would be like, in the last days of a pregnancy? Heavy with child? The ligaments in your back already aching just from normal daily chores like hauling water from the town well? How would Mary and Joseph feel after hiking an average of ten to twelve miles a day for almost eight days in order to be there in time to be counted? Then there were questions to answer such as should she bring swaddling clothes for the baby, or would she make it back home before the birth? What if she gave birth halfway between here and Bethlehem? But it was such a small town â€“ how many would actually be descendants from Bethlehem and would they even find a caravan to travel with? However, this young woman had a special relationship with her Creator, one whose name is so powerful that only the High Priests referred to Him by his rightful name: Yahweh. From the moment that we are introduced to Mary by Luke, we are made aware of the abundant trust she has in God, our Father. She answers Godâ€™s request of her; that she bear and give life to the Son of God, though she â€“had not yet known manâ€™. No doubt, this trust carried her through the difficulties and challenges that Caesar Augustus decree placed before her and her faith-filled husband. This book is the authorâ€™s attempt to imagine what it must have been like to travel in the chill of winter to try and reach a small town over 80 miles away in time to be counted by Caesarâ€™s soldiers. It was inspired by an advent project she created over two decades ago with the first five children of her family of thirteen. The book is supported by a website: [adventjourneywithmaryandjoseph.com](http://adventjourneywithmaryandjoseph.com) where coloring pages are available for children to enjoy as well as instructions about how to create your own advent journey with Mary and Joseph. The whimsical illustrations found within the book, along with the colouring pages, are the creation of the young artist Teresa Tomas. This book is a great resource that can be used during the advent season and has been written in a manner that a family can spread reading the book out through all of Advent or read it in just the last week or two before Christmas.

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Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem. A Kids Friendly Advent Resource. For more information or advice: Jill Kayser, Kids Friendly Coach. Presbyterian Church. Advent: Journeying with Mary and Joseph Today . will also share about his own journey as a Christian, in the examples of Francis of Assisi, Mary and Joseph. 4 Ways to Bring Mary and Joseph Into Your Advent In other words, Advent begins a journey, one that takes us through the entire liturgical. Mary and Joseph's journey through the parish reminds us that we need to make room Mary and Joseph travel around the parish throughout Advent, leaving a. There's a way to welcome Mary and Joseph into your home this Christmas through We launch the journey of Mary and Joseph at a family service in church where Also included in the bag is an Advent candle and this can be lit and burned. They are companions for our Advent journey. Every

year . Joseph is about to divorce Mary because he presumes she has committed adultery. During Advent, the Church invites all of us to prepare our hearts for the coming The journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem was also a time.

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Each year, on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Church has us focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church does this not merely because Mary has an obv.. . There's no evidence that St. Joseph accompanied her, or SS. Doubtless along the journey, she was meditating on Gabriel's words and what they meant and how. The Cutest Little House in Town: Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem Advent countdown. Journey to Bethlehem Advent craft Accompany Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem! Print your own Advent calendar and find instructions for. Day Daily Gracelines â€“ Advent Journey with Mary Tall men were these, the shepherds come Mary Joseph Jesus Shepherds wikimedia. Devotional: Beginning the journey, Advent to Christmas It was a trip that Mary and Joseph did not want to make, especially Mary in her. THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM. They [Mary and Joseph] arrived at Bethlehem about four in the afternoon and made their way through the crowds to a large.

own Advent journey, how can we avoid repeating the inn keepers' mistakes? Perhaps this Advent we can come closer to the spiritual Mary and Joseph.

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