



What did Mary do as she prepared for the birth of Jesus?

Just before the time when Mary was ready to give birth to Jesus, she had to go with St Joseph to Bethlehem to put their name on the new register of everyone who belonged to the family line. This was not the best time for Mary to have to make this journey as she really needed to rest.

Mary knew that the long journey would be difficult but maybe she knew that Joseph might find a donkey to carry her safely along. She must take with her the things she might need in case the baby was born before they got back.

So what would she need? They could carry very little..... She would need a warm blanket and a mat to sleep on as there were so many people trying to get to Bethlehem that they may have to sleep beside the road on the way. They would need food and water too. If the baby was born, things would be more difficult and they would need something warm to wrap it up in and keep it safe.

If Joseph decided to take a donkey – what would the donkey need? She did hope that they would take one as it was a long way for her to walk so heavily pregnant with Jesus.

Mary would have thought carefully and prepared well for whatever would happen. But first she prayed, maybe asking the angel to come along with them and for God to help her decide what to take for the long journey.

Draw a picture of Mary getting ready for the journey.

