

GUIDE

Beginning of the Journey

Hello fellow travelers! My name is _____. I have traveled this road often, so I will happily guide you to Bethlehem to complete our required Census there. Please follow me but please be careful, this road can get a bit tricky and dangerous. It will be long, so we all need to stay together as a group. Make sure to pick up your feet throughout the journey to avoid trips and falls.

Along the way, we are going to get to know each other very well. Just know, every time I have made this journey there has always been something that surprises me!

Scene #1 – Gabriel

WOW! We just met an angel!! Just imagine what else we might see along this journey. I told you, every time I travel this road something unexpected always happens!

Look, there are some fellow travelers ahead. Let's catch up with them and travel together.

Scene #2 – Mary and Joseph

Response to Mary & Joseph: It was nice to meet you. Safe travels. Maybe we'll see you again in Bethlehem.

Halfway between Scene 2 & Scene 3: Oh! I almost forgot to warn you! We will pass right by Herod's palace. If we're quiet, we may be able to slip by without drawing any attention.

But whatever you do, do NOT make him angry... or mention anything about what we've heard... OR who we've met along the way!

And PLEASE ignore the people in the Marketplace; we will need to move rapidly.

Scene #3 – Herod

Response to Roman Soldier: We seek passage through the palace to continue onto Bethlehem to turn in the census.

Response to Servant: We are but humble travelers on our way to Bethlehem to complete the king's census.

Response to Servant: Ummm...

Before Leaving the City Wall: Whew!! We made it out of there. Herod did NOT like hearing anything about a King being born! Please give me your census papers. It will be safer and easier if I carry them all to Bethlehem.

Scene #4 – Wise Men

Response to Wise Man #1: We are headed to Bethlehem. We have also heard about the new King that is to be born there. Good luck Magi... I think they're going to need it.

They too are looking for the Messiah to be born in Bethlehem. I hope they make it.

Let's keep going on our way.

Scene #5 – Shepherds

Can you imagine seeing the sky filled with angels? What a sight to behold! That really seemed to shake them up!

Response to Roman Soldier #3: Yes... of course! Come along everyone, we still need to find a place to stay!

Scene #6 – Innkeeper

That innkeeper sure seemed worn out. And that poor family, traveling all this way, only to have the mother give birth in a stable.

Do you think he was talking about that young couple we met along the journey?

Look!! I see something up ahead! I think it's a star, or something bright over that stable. Let's go see what is happening.

Scene #7 – Jesus

Response to Mary & Joseph: Is this the newborn King we've been hearing about?

Thank you all for coming with along with me on this Journey to Bethlehem. What an incredible journey we've shared. I am going to take you back to the Christmas Experience. If you are looking to get back to your vehicle, I can lead you to the correct path on our way back.