

**9TH - 11TH DECEMBER**

# Road to Bethlehem



**SOCIAL STORY FOR  
YOUNG CHILDREN**

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is the dramatic retelling of the story of the first Christmas. At Road to Bethlehem there is lots to do. Fun activities, yummy food and the best part of all, the nativity story told at different stops along the road, finishing with baby Jesus in the manger.





Before you start your journey along the Road to Bethlehem you will have a chance to pat some animals, get your face painted, do a craft, eat some yummy food and much more. This place is called the marketplace and it is sometimes busy and noisy. After dark the marketplace is lit up with fairy lights to help you see.

# What will I **SEE?**

As you begin your journey you will see people in costumes. These people are dressed in clothes like the people in Bible times would have worn.

You might also see some smoke at different stops. This smoke isn't dangerous and it doesn't mean there is a fire. It's only pretend smoke. The smoke is used to make the experience even more exciting.

Lots of people come to Road to Bethlehem. They are very excited to see the true story of Christmas, just like you!



# What will I **HEAR?**



Your journey along the road might be noisy at times. There are people shouting, pots banging and soldiers telling you to hurry up.

Don't worry, these are people just playing a part in the play. They are just pretending. They aren't really angry or mean.



Along the way you might spot some friendly animals. These animals can't escape and are part of the play. They might make some noises as all animals do.

# What will I SMELL?

Animals can be a little stinky sometimes. You might notice a smell as you journey by.



At the marketplace there are lots of delicious food and drink to choose from. The smell from the food cooking can be carried in the air so your nose might pick up some of these smells as you spend time in the marketplace.



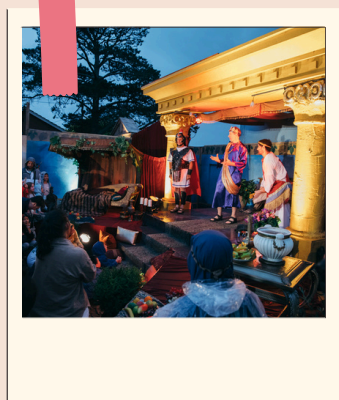
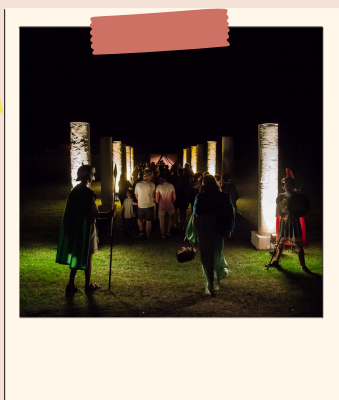




# LIGHTS

As the sun begins to fade, the Road to Bethlehem is lit up with many lights. Each stop along the journey has lights so you can see what is happening. There are still some darker spots along the road so make sure you stay with your group.

On your way to Bethlehem you will meet some shepherds guarding their sheep when an Angel appears from heaven. You will hear thunder and see flashes of light.

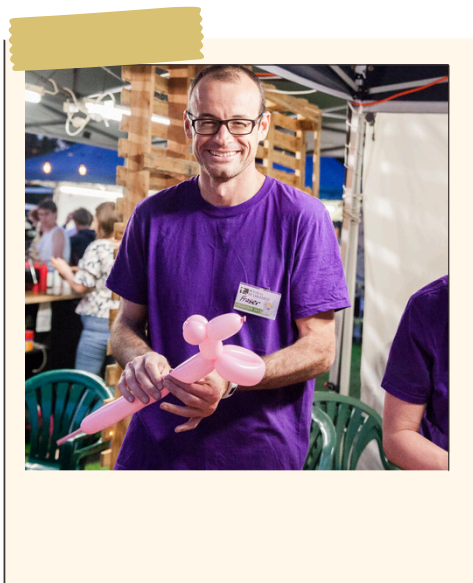


# LOTS OF FUN

There is tons of fun to be had at the marketplace. You might like to get your face painted or do a craft. Everybody likes to have fun so sometimes you will need to wait in line for your turn.

Waiting is hard, but luckily there are lots of activities to choose from.

Road to Bethlehem is a wonderful event for everyone and we can't wait to share it with you!





# TIPS FOR PARENTS

## **PRE BOOK**

To avoid an uncertain wait times pre-book tickets online or over the phone. Ticket bookings open November 25 at 9am

## **ARRIVE BEFORE DARK**

If you are concerned your child may be frightened by flashing lights or dark spaces it is best to pre-book tickets to journey through before dark

## **COME PREPARED**

Sensory toys and ear muffs might assist some children with aspects of the journey.

## **PREPARE AHEAD**

Chat with your child about what to expect on your Road to Bethlehem experience



*See you in*  
**DECEMBER**

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**BOOKINGS** are available  
from 9am November 25th

Online at [www.roadtobethlehem.org](http://www.roadtobethlehem.org)  
or by PHONE 9264 7770

For group bookings and information  
phone lines open between 9am - 5pm  
25 November to 6 December 2024