# Gathering for worship





#### Lord Jesus,

We light this candle to remind us that You are the Light of the World.

As we come together to pray and praise, may your light remove all darkness from our lives.

Amen.





### Advent



The colour purple is used for many reasons:

#### Here are 2:

- It represents prayer and preparation for the coming of Christ
- Purple is associated with royalty and kingship



### The Journey to Bethlehem

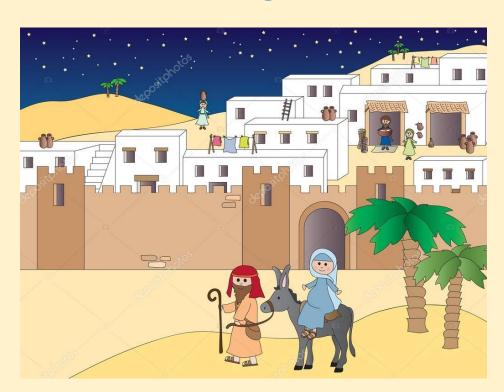






## The Journey to Bethlehem

As I read the story, think about how Mary and Joseph needed to show courage.



Luke 2: 1-5



### Courage

- How many different ways did Mary and Joseph need to show courage?
- Share your thoughts with a partner.

COURAGE

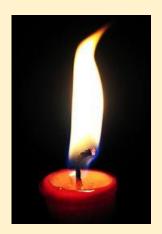


Commit to what is right and true

Do not be discouraged

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:9



#### LEADER

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

#### ALL

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen



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