Week 2

An angel came to Joseph in a dream to tell him that Mary was having God's baby. Joseph was excited about the baby and soon Mary and Joseph were married. Just a few weeks before Mary's baby was due to be born, the emperor told everyone that they had to return to the town where their family came from so they could be taxed. This meant Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. They set off on the long journey with a donkey to help them...

To make your Joseph you'll need:

- a toilet roll
- brown paper, or white paper coloured brown
- light pink paper, or white paper coloured light pink
- black paper (optional)
- scissors (not pictured), glue and Sellotape
- a black pen and a pencil

Cut the pink paper to fit round your toilet roll. Now glue the paper to your toilet roll.

Next cut two pieces of brown paper to fit round your toilet roll. Take one of those pieces and cut a 'U'



shape (for Joseph's face). Stick that brown paper onto your toilet roll over the pink paper, and draw Joseph's eyes and nose with the black pen/pencil on the pink paper you can see underneath. Next is Joseph's beard if you want to have one. On brown or black paper (your choice) draw a 'U' shape and join the top of the U together with a wavy line. Once you have cut out the beard make a few cuts to the bottom, draw on a mouth and stick it to the bottom half of Joseph's face.

To make Joseph's headdress, take your second piece of brown paper and cut it in half length ways. Put one half aside and cut a semicircle from the other half (to get the right size draw round the bottom of the toilet roll and fold that circle in half). Then glue the brown semicircle above his face (straight side down) and put the brown strip of paper over his head attaching it at both ends with Sellotape. You now have a finished Joseph.

To make your Donkey you'll need:

- two toilet rolls
- grey paper, or white paper coloured grey
- grey card, or white card coloured grey
- black paper, or white paper coloured black on both sides
- scissors (not pictured), glue and Sellotape
- a black pen and a pencil

Cut the grey paper to fit round both of your toilet rolls. Now glue the paper to each one.

To make the body, head and tail you'll need one of your covered toilet rolls, the grey card and black paper. Draw round each end of the toilet roll on the

grey card, then cut out the two circles. Sellotape one grey circle to the end of the toilet roll. Next make a donkey head from card and attach it to that circle (we did this by sticking the donkey head to one end of a small rectangle of grey card and then sellotaping the other end of the rectangle to the circle).

The other grey circle can now be used to make the tail. Make a hole in the middle of the grey circle (we used a pencil for this). Now cut out a rectangle (about 4cm by 6cm) of black paper, and make several cuts (about 4cm long) along the shortest side. Next roll the black paper, push the end without the cuts through the hole in the grey circle, and Sellotape to secure. Finally, Sellotape the grey circle with tail to the end of the body.

To make the legs, cut the other toilet roll in half (to give you two rings). Squash both rings flat, and at the top of each one in the middle cut out a semicircle (that goes through both layers) for the body to sit in. At the bottom of each one, in the middle cut out a square (which goes through both layers). Use Sellotape to attach the legs to the body. You now have a finished donkey.

Come back next week for another exciting instalment in the Christmas story.