

O Little Town **Sensory Story**

You will need to prepare a rolled up scroll, toy figures and a toy town, a doll, a manger, a blanket, a clock and an old pair of shoes.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

[Hold up a rolled up scroll and pass it around]

This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

[Hold up a page saying '1' or hold up one finger and encourage everyone to do the same.]

And everyone went to their own town to register.

[Hold up some toy figures or dolls and have them pretend walk or do a walking action yourself. If using toys, you could also have a toy town to show the figures moving.]

Alternatively stomp your feet or use a pair of shoes to hit onto the floor.]

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,

[Hold up a sign that says 'Nazareth']

to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

[Hold up a sign that says 'Bethlehem']

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

[You could hold up a female toy figure and have the children pass it around. If you're brave, or if you know the children will have fun with it, you could also put a pillow under your top and pat your belly.]

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

[Use an alarm clock to set off the alarm for the word 'time'. Pass it around the group.]

and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

[Pass a doll around the group. You could also use the sound of a [newborn crying](#).]

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger,

[Pass round a blanket and let the children feel it. Place the doll in a manger if you have one.]

because there was no guest room available for them.

[Everyone does a 'no' action with their hands.]