

BIBIANA, International House of Art for Children

A brief exhibition guide

TRAVELLIG WITH A LAMB

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Welcome to our exhibition. You are invited to travel for an ancient story in the footsteps of a little toy lamb that came alive in our toyshop on December 1st and then ran and ran, who knows where. Elisabeth wanted to bring the lamb home so she followed the running lamb. The lamb ran into a forest where she met an angel who told her that together with the lamb they should go to Bethlehem where Baby Jesus was born more than two thousand years ago. And now we celebrate CHRISTMAS on the day when Jesus was born

Write down or draw why you think Christmas is the most beautiful holiday of the year:

Elisabeth decided to join the angel and the lamb.

Let's follow them!

The story we will follow is more than two thousand years old. Yes, it is the Christmas story. Now, if you are ready to start an adventurous trip, let's go! We will travel in space and time. We will meet many angels, shepherds, lambs and interesting characters who are directly involved in the story of Jesus' birth. A special Advent calendar and a clock, which moves backwards, will guide our travel.

THE ADVENT CALENDAR has guided us in time between the four Sundays before the holiday of the birth of Jesus Christ, before Christmas Eve. This is a time of expectation and preparations for His birth. This year (2013) the first Advent Sunday is as early as 1 December.

First of December

THE LAMB WITH A BELL

On 1 December Elisabeth was shopping in a toyshop with her mother. Elisabeth walked to a basket full of various plush animals. She couldn't believe her eyes! A plush lamb crawled up above all other animals and was alive! The lamb ran through the open door, out of the store and away, out of the city, to a forest. And Elisabeth just kept chasing the lamb.

Second of December

EPHIRIEL

Elisabeth followed the lamb deep into the forest. The lamb was eating grass when a big angel appeared. "Don't be afraid. My name is EPHIRIEL." Elisabeth asked: "Where is my lamb running to so fast?" "It's going to Bethlehem because Baby Jesus is to be born there, you know? I am going there too and you can come with me if you want. But it is far," the angel said. Elisabeth started running again but the lamb was really fast and Elisabeth could not find it.

Find the lamb in the exhibition and write down where it is hiding:

Third of December

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

They meet the good shepherd. A good shepherd is a shepherd who takes care of the flock with love and is ready to help in the most difficult situations.

How did the good shepherd help the lamb?

Fourth of December

JOSHUA

As they were passing through a village at a river, they meet a man wearing a grey cape and holding a stick in his hand. "Hello, my name is Joshua and I am a shepherd." When he heard that they are

travelling to Bethlehem, he said: "I'm coming with you; I want to be there when Jesus is born."

How many travellers are there now? Include yourself in the number.

Fifth of December

CASPAR

The trip went on across the sea. There they met a wise man. "I am King Caspar of Nubia," he introduced himself. Ephiriel explained that he is one of three wise men who are coming to Bethlehem from the east to greet the newly born Baby Jesus.

Sixth of December

JACOB

They went on and they met another shepherd in a meadow who was carrying a lost lamb on his shoulders. "I am Jacob, the shepherd.

I want to join you on your trip to Bethlehem." There were five travellers with four sheep.

Seventh of December

UMURIEL

They were passing by a little town with a church when Elisabeth pointed at the steeple: "Look, there is tiny white bird on the steeple." When they got closer, they could see that it was a tiny angel who said: "My name is Umuriel and I would like to join you. I have been waiting here for a long time." Umuriel told Elisabeth that there are myriad angels in heaven and they all know each other's names. "Ariel, Gabriel, Emanuel, Michael, Narriel ... All names end with el."

Invent names for your angels:

Eighth of December

BALTHAZAR

They were just going to cross a big river when they met Balthazar. Caspar was happy to see him: "This is Balthazar, the next wise man and he is the King of Sheba." The two wise men hugged with joy. Then they all travelled on over big mountains.

Ninth of December

QUIRINIUS

There were Elisabeth, five sheep, angels Ephiriel and Umuriel, shepherds Jacob and Joshua, wise men Caspar and Balthazar climbing up steep hills. St. Maurice monastery was surrounded with the snow-

covered tall peaks of the Alps. There was a man in front of the gate: "I am Quirinius, an ancient Roman and the administrator of the province of Syria, Dixi." "Dixi" means "I have spoken."

Tenth of December

ISAAC

They travelled on a raft. When they reached the shore, there was a man wearing a light blue garment like the other shepherds, sitting on a rock. The man stretched his hand to greet Elisabeth and said: "My name is Isaac. I have been waiting for you."

How many shepherds were travelling now?

Eleventh of December

SERAFIEL

In the city of Thessaloniki the travellers arrived at an octagonal temple of St. George. Another angel came out of one of the gates and said, "I am Serafiel and I will join you on your trip to Bethlehem."

How many angels were travelling now?

You can draw them.

Twelfth of December

EMPEROR AUGUSTUS

The pilgrims are getting closer to Constantinople. The city was originally called Byzantium, now it is Istanbul. It is the spot where the Bosphorus separates Europe from Asia. The straight is so narrow that one can see from shore to shore. A young man holding a sceptre in his

hands walked towards them and said: "I am Emperor Augustus and I will take you from Europe to Asia."

Thirteenth of December

They were all happy that they got to Asia so fast with the ancient Roman emperor. He was the emperor who ordered the census to which Joseph and Mary, the parents of Jesus, went.

Fourteenth of December

The sea was calm.

Fifteenth of December

MELCHIOR

The pilgrims keep going, across Asia Minor towards Bethlehem. High up above the sea they spot a majestic figure. Caspar and Balthazar rush towards the figure and then they hug. The man said: "Welcome in Pamphylia. I am Melchior, the third of the wise men and the king of Egryskulla." Finally, all three wise men were together! And they started descending down towards the Mediterranean Sea.

Sixteenth of December

NICOLAS

Melchior told the others: "We should greet Nicolas who lives nearby, in the city of Myra." Nicolas was a bishop who helped people and was

very generous. He was very happy when he could drop presents for people through their windows. His message is still alive. Nicolas met the travellers in front of the church. He had three boxes in his hands and he presented them to the wise men. Caspar got a box with golden coins, Balthazar got frankincense and Melchior got myrrh.

Write down or draw a picture of what Saint Nicolas brought you this year:

Seventeenth of December

EVANGELIEL

Our travellers moved on the Genezareth Lake in Galilee. There was another angel, blowing a trumpet, above the lake. The angel's name was Evangeliel.

Eighteenth of December

GENEZARETH LAKE

The lake looked like a porcelain dish with golden rim. Many miracles happened there later. The Bible reads that Jesus walked on water, for example.

Nineteenth of December

DANIEL

Another shepherd was sitting on the shore. "My name is Daniel, and I will join you on your way to BETHLEHEM to hear the news the angels will announce."

Twentieth of December

CHERUBIEL

All of sudden as if something fell from the heavens. That was yet another angel.

"Do not be afraid, I am angel CHERUBIEL and I will accompany you to BETHLEHEM!"

How many travellers were there now?

Twenty first of December

THE INN OWNER

The caravan was only a couple days from Bethlehem when a man riding on a donkey approached them. "I am the inn owner. My role in your story is to tell you that there is no room for Joseph and Mary and to tell them to seek shelter in the shed," he said in introducing himself. He mounted Elisabeth on the donkey and they went on.

Twenty second of December

PRESENTS FROM THREE WISE MEN: GOLD, MYRRH, FRANKINCENSE

Gold is precious metal, a symbol of wealth and power. It was used as a means for payments. Modern money is also backed with gold that is deposited in special banks.

Myrrh is a precious tree sap and is as valuable as gold. It is used as balm to heal wounds.

Frankincense can be scented sap which has purifying effects or it can be the vessel to burn a sap mix. Mostly myrrh and frankincense are used.



Can you find gold, myrrh and frankincense in the exhibition?

The group has arrived at the shed. A newly born baby cried in the silent night. A bright star is above the shed. Mary swaddles the baby and puts him in the cradle. Heaven and the earth joined in celebrating, a miracle happened!

Every time a baby is born a miracle happens! Baby Jesus was born!

That was a long trip to know the history of Christmas mystery. We travelled with Elisabeth, the lamb and all other pilgrims and in our imagination we passed many countries and made a trip into ancient times. You had an unusual adventure with the travellers. We hope you discovered the secret of Christmas; Elisabeth certainly did.

We wish youa MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Twenty third of December

JOSEPH and MARY

The group of travellers have just arrived in Bethlehem where a census is held. Joseph and Mary, who is expecting a baby, also went to Bethlehem.

Twenty fourth of December

BETHLEHEM AND BABY JESUS

Bethlehem is a site which is central for the world, central for history and it happened in the middle of night.

Where was Jesus born?

He was born in: _____

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A few questions for smart travellers:

What was the name of the girl who travelled with the lamb?

Her name was: _____

What does the Latin word DIXI mean?

It means: _____

What was the modern city of Istanbul called in the past?

It was called: _____

In what town did Saint Nicolas live?

He lived in: _____