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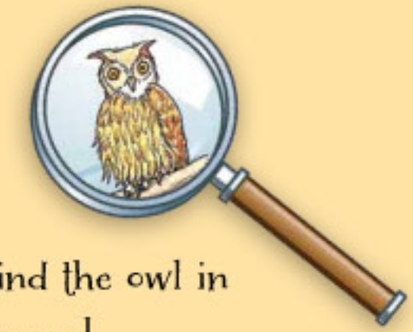
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Remember to find the owl in every scene!

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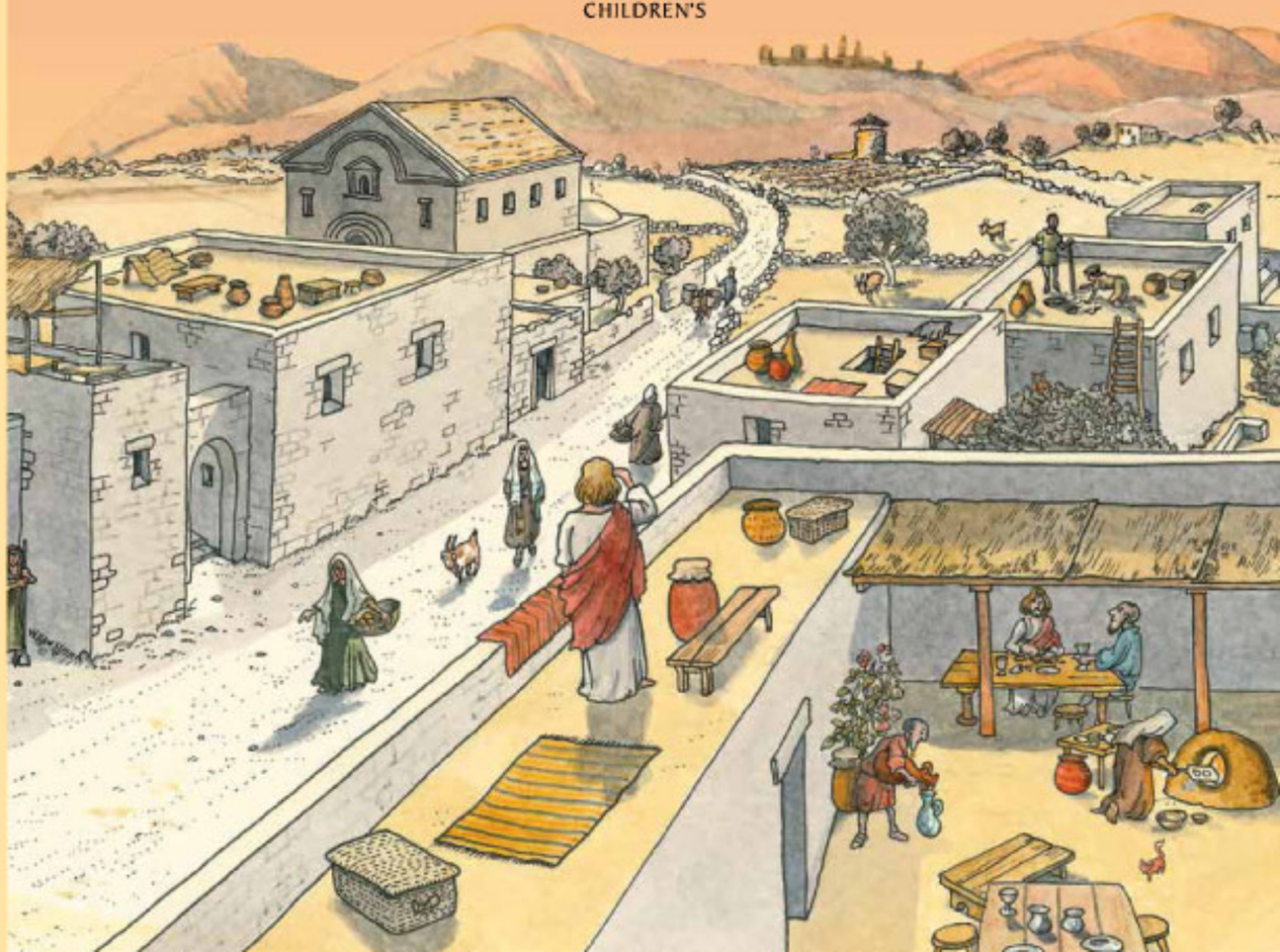
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A messenger in Nazareth

The story of Jesus includes miracles and wonders. At the same time, it is set firmly in the everyday world of the Roman empire. At one time, the emperor, Caesar Augustus, issued a decree that everyone had to go to their home town to register as taxpayers. For a man named Joseph, a carpenter in Nazareth, that meant going to Bethlehem. He decided to travel with his future wife, Mary.

Find the emperor's messenger, reading the decree from Caesar Augustus.



Can you see a carpenter carrying a mended cartwheel to a customer?



Mary was already expecting a baby when the decree came. Find her returning from the well.



Roman soldiers policed the land of Jesus. Spot 6.



In poorer homes, a bed was a thick rug on the floor. Find 5 rugs hanging up to air.



A beehive-shaped clay oven burned hot enough for bread with just thorn twigs for fuel. Find a woman firing one up.



Many women made clothes for their family from raw materials. Spot a woman spinning.



A very religious man – a Pharisee – is praying in the street, arms aloft. Can you find him?



Spot 3 beggars in the marketplace.



Find a thief running from a market stall with a stolen pumpkin.



Find 3 kittens playing with wool.



Find 3 donkeys carrying produce to market.



The biggest building in Nazareth is the synagogue. Can you see it?



Tax collectors often had a booth in the marketplace where people would come to pay. Spot one here in Nazareth.



Some Jews hated Roman rule and planned armed rebellion. Can you see 3 freedom fighters with swords?



Spot 2 women sweeping the dust out of their homes. Which one has found a lost coin?



Oops! An accident at the pottery stall. How many pots are broken?



Count the boys playing outside the synagogue school.





The shepherds go to the stable

Tax collectors often demanded more money than was fair and became wealthy. Find one spending lavishly.



Bethlehem's inn has been busy. How many goblets are on the outdoor table?



Spot the innkeeper's wife kneading dough for the morning's bread.



Find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.



Spot 7 cats out hunting.



The shepherds went to find Jesus. Find 5.



Spot an ox resting after a day in the fields.



Find 3 donkeys.

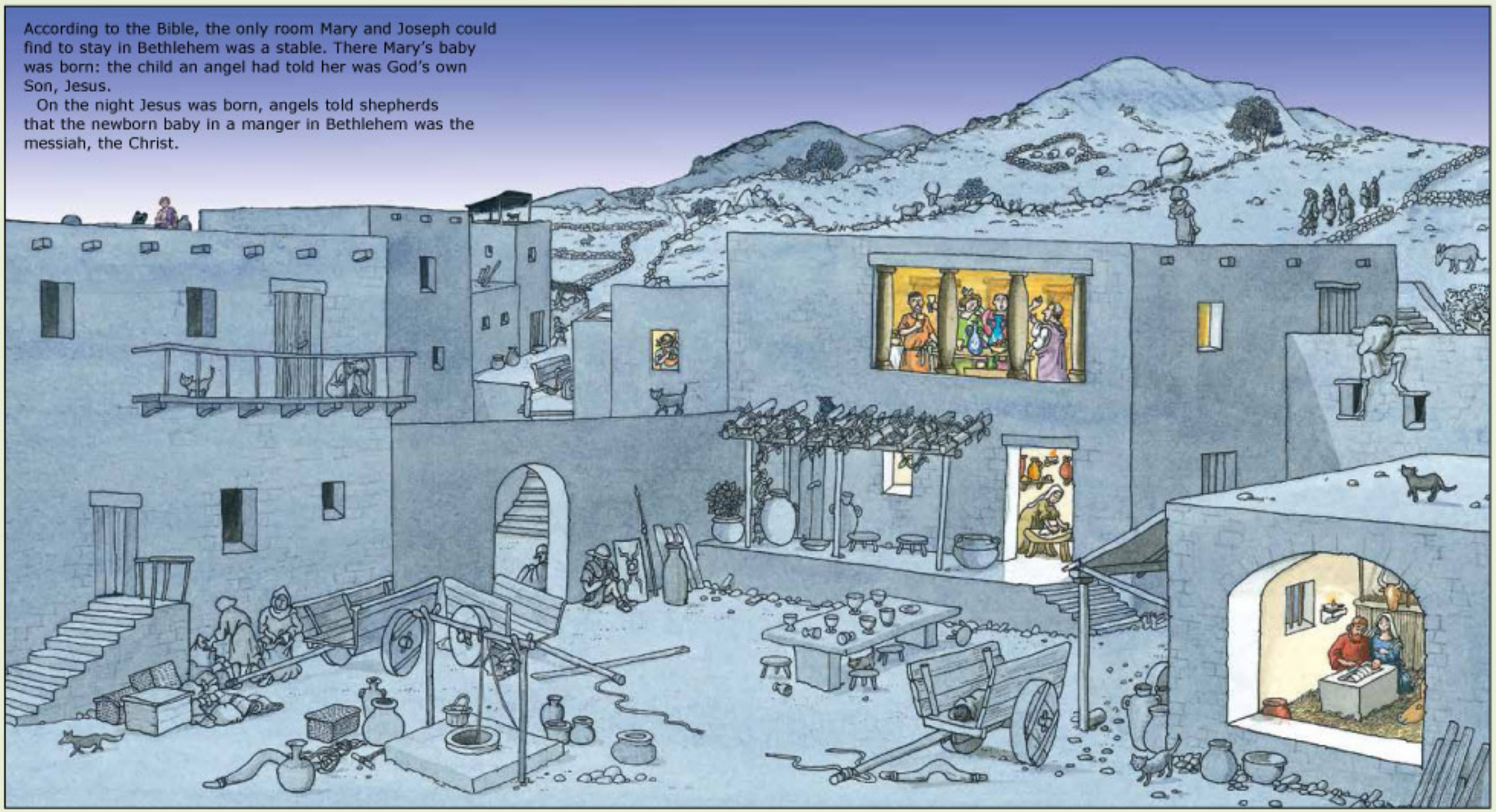


Spot 2 soldiers sleeping even though they should be on duty.



According to the Bible, the only room Mary and Joseph could find to stay in Bethlehem was a stable. There Mary's baby was born: the child an angel had told her was God's own Son, Jesus.

On the night Jesus was born, angels told shepherds that the newborn baby in a manger in Bethlehem was the messiah, the Christ.



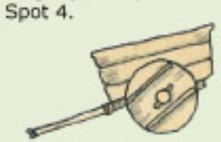
Where there are people with luggage, there are thieves. Find 2 rifling through bundles.



Had there really been angels in the sky over Bethlehem? Find a child gazing at the night sky.



Wealthier people used carts for longer journeys. Spot 4.



Spot a lamp in the stable.



Homeless beggars had to find shelter where they could. Find 3.



Young people: they will stay out late. Find 3 teenage boys scurrying home.



Spot 2 foxes sniffing out food scraps.



Oh dear. A cow and her calf have got out. Find where they are.



How many jackals are on the hunt tonight?



Spot a low-walled sheepfold on the hillside.



Late at night is no time for music practice! Spot someone playing the harp.





Pilgrims from Nazareth

Spot the city wall of Jerusalem. The boy Jesus enjoyed discussing his faith. You can't spot him here – he stayed in Jerusalem to learn from the rabbis there.



Some mischief-maker has hidden a pair of sandals. Find their hiding place!



It was SO good to wash the dust off the feet at the end of a day walking. Find a bowl and towel.



From Nazareth to Jerusalem was several days' journey on foot. Find 9 awnings that have been put up as shelter.



You need a mallet to get pegs into hard, dry soil. Spot 3.



5 donkeys have brought the luggage. Where are they?



Spot a fox.



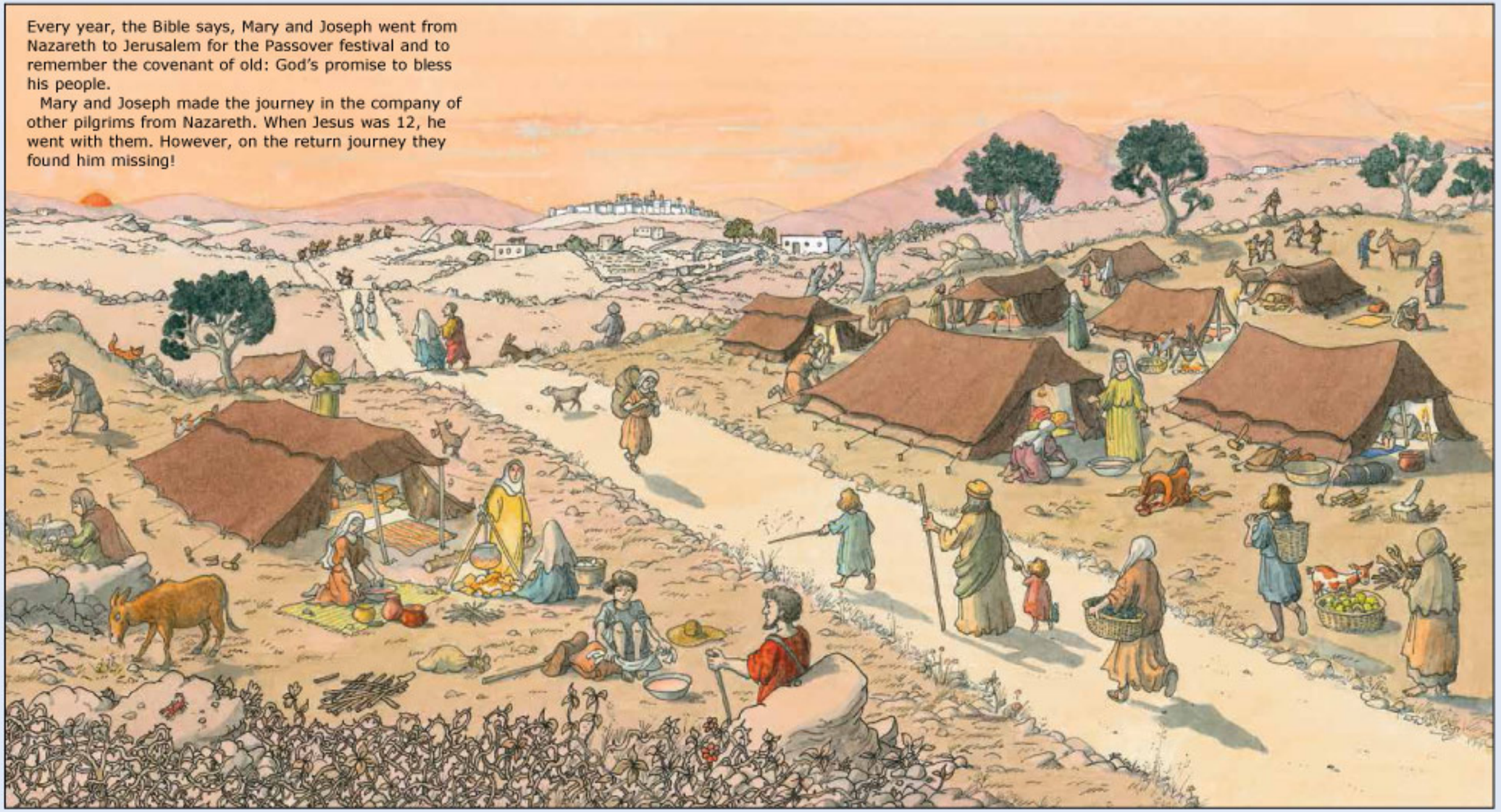
Locals have come to the camp with produce to sell. How many baskets of produce are there?

3 goats are quietly eating some of the supplies. Where are they?



Every year, the Bible says, Mary and Joseph went from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the Passover festival and to remember the covenant of old: God's promise to bless his people.

Mary and Joseph made the journey in the company of other pilgrims from Nazareth. When Jesus was 12, he went with them. However, on the return journey they found him missing!



Spot a stray dog making off with a leg of lamb.



Will the owl disturb the pilgrims in the dark, or the other way around? Where is the owl now?



Mary thought Jesus was with the other boys. Spot a group playing.



Pilgrims have to watch out for scorpions. Find one.



Wild herbs make a stew tastier. Spot a woman foraging for them.



Some of the Temple priests are on the road home. Find 2.



The road to Jerusalem is used for trade. Spot 7 loaded camels.



The pilgrims have put rush torches around the camp to light when it gets dark. Spot 4.



Find Mary and Joseph hurrying back to Jerusalem.



Find a man gathering wood for the campfire.



Urgent messages might be carried on horseback. Spot a Roman messenger heading for Jerusalem.



The carpenter of Nazareth

Many carpentry tools have changed little in 2000 years. Spot the following:

2 planes



3 saws



Hammer



2 mallets



6 chisels



3 axes



When he was 12, Jesus said that the Temple in Jerusalem was his "Father's house". Even so, he returned home to Nazareth and grew up as a good and obedient son. He learned the family trade: to be a carpenter.

Wooden farm implements would have needed repairs. Find the following:

A threshing sledge



A cartwheel



A winnowing fork



In Jesus' day, a carpenter would also get jobs building. Spot these builders' items:

3 ladders



A plumb bob to check a true vertical



Spot Joseph and a client discussing plans for a shed.



The owner of one particular olive press will need a carpenter! Spot the olive press with a broken beam.

A bow drill like this worked well. Can you see someone using it to make a set of holes in wood?



Wheeled wooden toys were popular. Can you find one that is whole and another that has to be fixed?



A wealthy man has asked the workshop to make the 3 legs for a marble table. Where are they?



Spot a mouse nest.



Not all young men were as dutiful as Jesus. Spot 3 men taking it easy during the working day.



Roman soldiers have been mending the roads. Find one with a broken mattock.



