

Story 2 : The Birth of Jesus

Main Bible verse
[Isaiah 7:14]
[Matthew 1:23]

"The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son.
And he will be called Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)
The name Immanuel means "God with us." (Matthew 1:2)

Years and years ago, Mary lived in a little town called Nazareth in Israel. Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph, a kind-hearted carpenter. At the time, Israel was ruled by King Herod who did not believe in God.

The Israelites were living a difficult life far from God. One night, while Mary was sleeping, the angel Gabriel appeared before her. "Mary, do not be afraid. God has blessed you and has been kind to you. You will become pregnant by the Holy Spirit and give birth to a baby boy and you will call him Jesus. God will give him the everlasting throne of David."

Maria said, "But I am not yet married. How can I have a child?" The angel Gabriel spoke again.

"The child will not be a son of man but will be born by the power of God! He will be God's own Son."

At the time, it was scary because if an unmarried woman had a baby, she might be stoned to death.

Also, Mary would be abandoned by Joseph to whom she was engaged.

Yet despite this risk, Mary trusted and obeyed God and gave thanks and praised Him.

Joseph, who was engaged to marry Mary, was a kind and righteous man. But the news that Mary was expecting a child was a big surprise to him. Joseph decided to tell Mary that he would not be able to marry her. Then one day, an angel appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David! Do not be afraid to have Mary as your wife because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name, Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." After hearing the angel's words, Joseph married Mary as he had promised.

A few months later, Joseph took Mary, who was still pregnant, to his hometown, Bethlehem because the Roman Emperor had ordered everyone to return to their hometown for a census.

It was late but Joseph and Mary could not find a place to stay: there was already a lot of people there.

The two who could not find a place to stay finally found rest in a stable where horses eat and sleep.

That night baby Jesus was born. He was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who would save his people from their sins.



Activity 1.

Mark with an "x" the correct answer.

a. Who did Mary marry?

- ☐ John
- ☐ Joseph
- ☐ Jacob

b. What was the message that the angel gave to Joseph?

- ☐ That he should leave Mary and not marry her.
- ☐ That he should stay in Jerusalem to live.
- ☐ Do not be afraid to marry Mary, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

c. Read Matthew 1:23. What does Immanuel mean?

- ☐ God is with us.
- ☐ God is not with us.
- ☐ God of armies.

● Read and memorize the main Bible verse. (Matthew 1:23)

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Activity 2.

Color, cut out, and put together the book about the birth of Jesus.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS



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