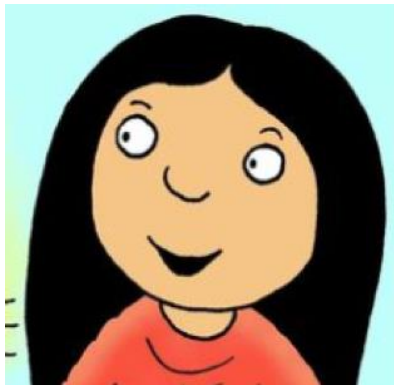


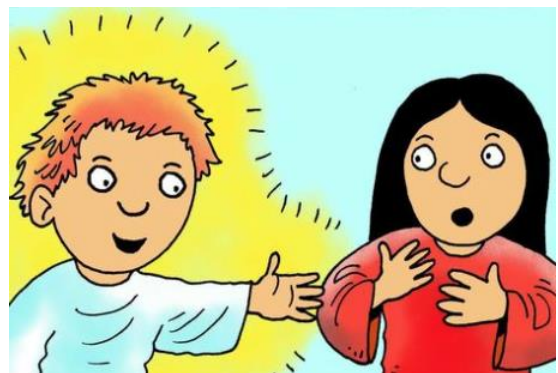
Mary's Story - Luke 1:26-55

A long time ago people had been reading about God's promise that one day He would send a Messiah who would save them but nobody knew when this would happen. So they just waited and prayed. There was a young girl called Mary living in Galilee at that time. She was engaged to a man called Joseph. Mary is going to tell us her story.



Hi everyone, this is a picture of me, Mary.

I'm going to tell you about a very special time in my life. It all began one day when I wasn't expecting it. I was just sitting quietly when suddenly, there, right in front of me was an angel who said, 'The Lord has blessed you and is with you.'



This is me looking rather scared!

Well, I didn't know what to think. I felt rather frightened but the angel said, 'Don't be frightened. You are very special and God is pleased with you. He has chosen you. You will have a baby and you will call his name Jesus. He will be the promised One that people have been waiting for and he will be the Son of God, people will call him Son of the Most High.'



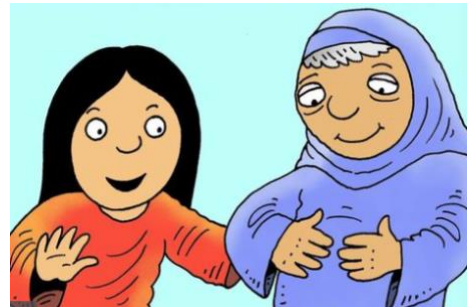
This is me realising that I didn't need to be afraid.

Then the angel told me that my cousin Elizabeth was going to have a baby too. I couldn't believe it at first because Elizabeth was much older than me and she and Zachariah had been wanting to have a baby for years and years. Then the angel looked at me. I think he must have known what I was thinking because he said, 'With God nothing is impossible.' So I replied 'Yes, I want to serve God, I will do what God wants me to do.'

Then the angel went away.

So, what do you think I did next?

I packed my bags and got ready to go and see my cousin Mary. I was so excited but it was quite a long journey. Elizabeth lived in a small town up in the mountains of Judea. I had to go on a donkey and it took a very long time but eventually I arrived and there was Elizabeth waiting to greet me.



This is when we met, we were both very happy.

When we met Elizabeth told me that when she saw me coming she felt the baby jump inside her and she said, 'God has blessed you greatly and has blessed your baby.' We were both just so amazed at what God was doing and we thanked him together. God even gave me a special song of praise to sing.

Anyway I stayed with my cousin for three months and then made the long journey home in time to get ready for the baby's birth but that's another story and next time Joseph is going to tell you what happened next.

You can find Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55

The first verse goes like this,

*"My soul praises the Lord:
My heart is happy because God is my Saviour.
..... God has shown his care for me"
Luke 1:46*

Can you learn this and make it your song. It reminds us that God is our Saviour and that makes us happy. In these verses Mary realises that God loves and cares for her in a special way even though she is just an ordinary girl. God loves and cares for us all, he loves us all just the same. Remember that just as God had plans for Mary he has plans for each of us too.



Prayer

Dear God.

Help us to praise God just like Mary,

Thank you God that you love every one of us.

Thank you that you have plans for us all.

Please help us to be obedient to you just like Mary,

Help us to be willing to do what you want us to do.

Amen

Links

These two short video clips follow on from each other
Superbook Part 1: Gabriel visits Mary (1min)

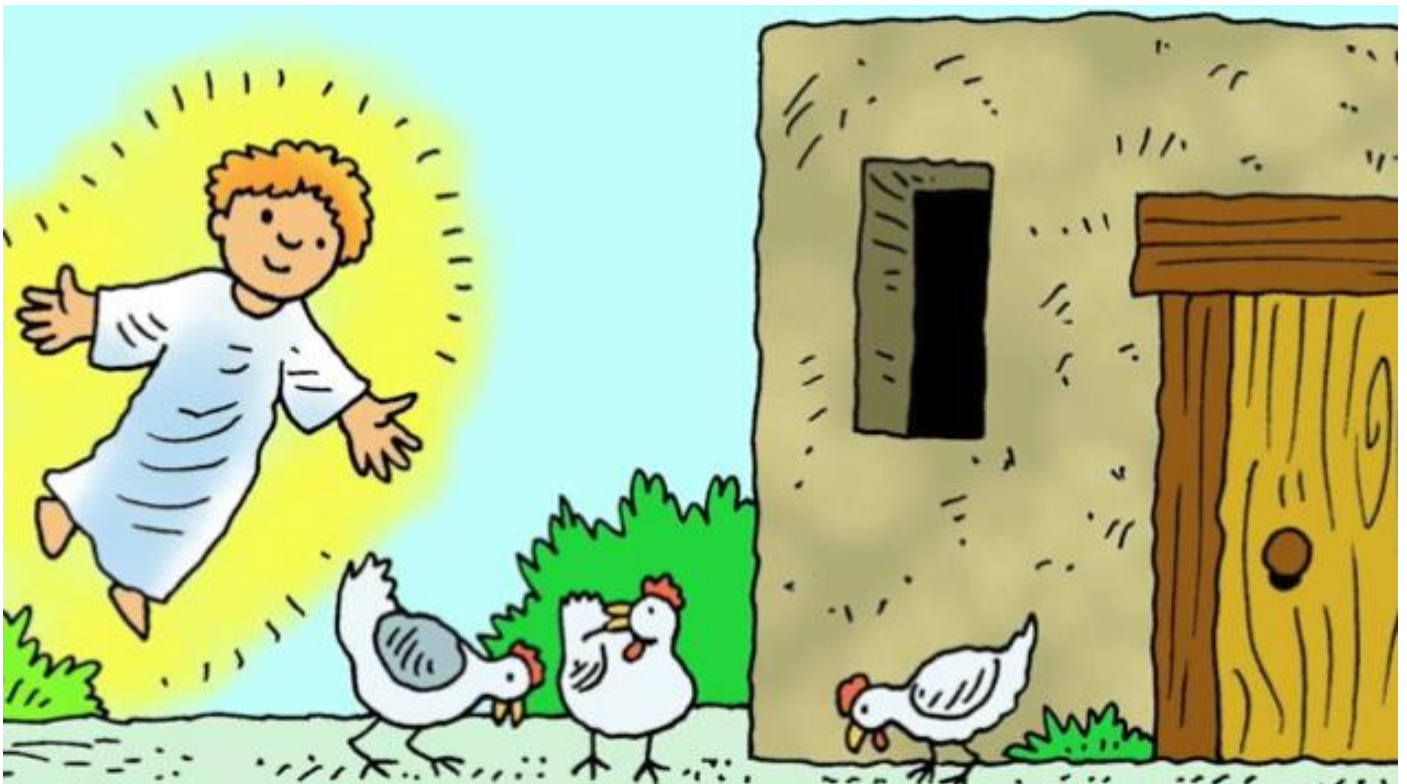
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1OLLwtCqtM>

Superbook Part2: Mary's visit to Elizabeth (1min)

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Teaching Kids about Jesus - This video tells the story of Gabriel's visit to Mary and Mary's visit to Elizabeth. (5mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQuB5ETodY8>



An Angel visits Mary
Luke 1:26-38



Mary visits Elizabeth



Luke 1:39-45

Mary's Story - Luke 1:26-56

Can you find these words:-

Mary
Elizabeth
Gabriel
angel
frightened
baby
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Judea
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Verse

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