

## Joseph's Story - Matthew 1:18-25 & Luke 2:1-7

Last week you heard from Mary, she is my fiancée. That word means we are engaged to be married soon. We live in Galilee in a town called Nazareth.



Well, this is me, Joseph. I am a carpenter, that means I make and build things from wood.

When I heard that Mary was expecting a baby, I wondered what to do. I was very surprised and a bit worried about it. I like to obey God and keep his laws, so I was praying about it.



Here I am wondering what to do

I believe Mary is a good young woman, but now I don't know if I can really believe her story about the angel. I do not want Mary to face a scandal and public disgrace. What should I do?



Here is Mary and you can see she is expecting a baby.

I had decided to quietly cancel our marriage agreement. I thought that was best. Then, an angel of the Lord appeared to me in a dream. 'Joseph,' said the angel. 'Don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife because the father of the baby she is carrying is the Holy Spirit.'



Here was me sleeping, when I saw the angel.

The angel said, 'Mary will give birth to God's Son and you are to call Him **Jesus** because **He will save His people from their sins!** Wow that is so amazing! Mary was right!



Here I am thinking about what the angel said.

When I woke up, I decided I should do what the angel had told me to do. So, I went to see Mary's family to complete our marriage agreement.



Here is me with Mary's dad.

Then I took Mary home to be my wife.



Here we are leaving her house to go to our home.

A few months later the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus decided that everyone must go to be registered. Bethlehem was my family's hometown and the town of King David. So, we had to go to Bethlehem, which was a long way!



These are some Roman soldiers telling everyone what they must do.

We set off on our journey south to Bethlehem. It was a very, long walk!





**This is me and Mary on our journey.**

When we arrived at Bethlehem, it was crowded. There were no guest rooms free. Mary was very tired and knew the baby was coming soon.



**Mary needed to rest, before the baby was born.**

**In the end, an innkeeper let us stay in a stable with his animals.**



**Here we are settling Mary down for a rest.**

That night Mary gave birth to a baby boy, just as the angel had said! We called our **special baby, Jesus, which means God saves.**



**Here we are thankful to God! How we love our new baby boy!**

**We did not have a cot or any clothes for Jesus, so we wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger. What a poor place for God's own son to be born!**



## **Prayer**

**Dear God.**

Thank you, God that you sent Jesus to be born as the Saviour for every one of us.

Thank you that Jesus means **God saves**.

Help us to trust you and obey you as Joseph and Mary did.

Please help us to be obedient even when it is difficult.

**Amen**

**A famous memory verse:**

**"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have everlasting life."**

**John 3: 16.**

**Try to learn that. It can help you understand why God sent Jesus as a baby, to save us and and give us a new life now and for ever.**



## Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkEypzmHwCI> The Story of Christmas (Mary and Joseph), 3 minutes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrOBJo6LNfw&ab\\_channel=CrossroadsKids%27Club](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrOBJo6LNfw&ab_channel=CrossroadsKids%27Club) God's story: Jesus is born, Crossroads Kids Club, 4 mins 30.





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Mary gave birth to her first son. She wrapped him with cloths and laid him in a manger, where animals are fed. Luke 2 verse 7.

