

**Ages 1-2**  
**12.7.25**

## Angels Told About Jesus' Birth

### VERSE

Jesus was born  
in Bethlehem.

MATTHEW 2:1

### EXPLORE Name Meanings

Tell the Bible story (reverse side). Mention that an angel told Mary to name her baby *Jesus*. Talk about how you came up with your child's name and/or the meaning of her name. State that we read in Matthew 1:21 what an angel said to Mary: "Mary will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus."

### BABIES

### LOOK at Family Photos

Show your baby family photographs. Talk about the people in the pictures. Thank God for each person by name. Remind your baby that Jesus had a family. Tell your baby that an angel told Mary that she would have a special baby. Mention that an angel also told Joseph about the baby and to name Him Jesus.

### COUNT Angels

Look around your home for angels represented on Christmas decorations and cards. Count every angel you find. Talk about the Bible story. Emphasize that angels told Mary and Joseph the good news that Jesus would be born. Say the Weekly Verse, explaining that this is what an angel said to Mary: "Mary will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus."



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# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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## CONVERSATION

### Angels Told About Jesus' Birth

**BASED ON MATTHEW 1:18-24;  
LUKE 1:26-56**

**WEEKLY VERSE:** Mary will have a son,  
and you will name Him Jesus.  
*Matthew 1:21*

**LIFE POINT:** God planned for Jesus to  
be born.



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that God planned for Jesus to be born. Angels told Mary and Joseph about God's plan that they would care for Jesus.

#### LIVE IT OUT

Remind your preschooler that God planned for Mary and Joseph to care for Jesus as His parents. Tell that God planned for your child to be in her family. Pray together and thank God for His plans.

#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God chose a family for Jesus.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Matthew 1:21  
**Monday:** Matthew 1:24  
**Tuesday:** Luke 1:30-31  
**Wednesday:** Jude 1:25  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 11:2  
**Friday:** Galatians 4:4-5  
**Saturday:** Matthew 1:23

#### BABIES

An angel (messenger from God) told Mary that she would have a special baby.

Mary would name the baby Jesus.

Then an angel told Joseph about the special baby and to name Him Jesus.

#### 1s

An angel (messenger from God) told Mary the good news that she would have a special baby.

The angel told Mary to name the baby Jesus. Mary said, "I will do what God says."

Joseph had a dream.

An angel told Joseph about Mary's special baby. The angel told Joseph to name the baby Jesus.

#### 2s

God sent an angel (messenger from God) to tell a young woman named Mary some special news.

"You will have a baby," the angel said. "The baby's name will be Jesus."

Mary was surprised but happy.

"I will do what God says," Mary told the angel.

One night while Joseph slept, he had a dream.

An angel told Joseph, "Mary will have a special baby. You will name Him Jesus. He will grow up to help people."

Joseph woke up. He did exactly what God's angel told Him to do.



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Ages 3-K  
12.7.25

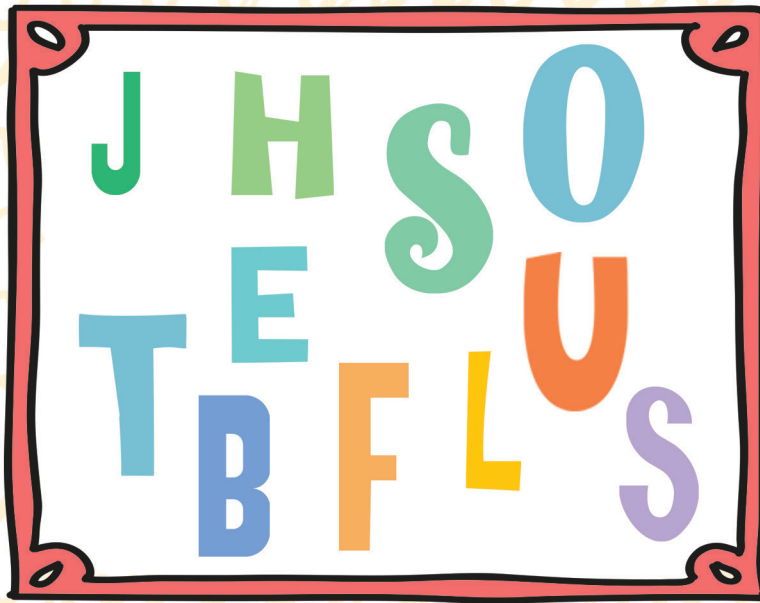
## Angels Told About Jesus' Birth

### VERSE

Mary will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus.  
— MATTHEW 1:21

## FIND the LETTERS

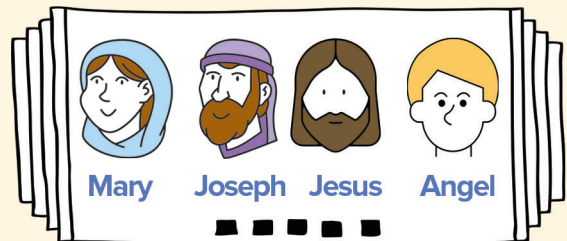
Can you **FIND** and **CIRCLE** the letters to spell the name **JESUS** in the box below? Use the guide under the box to find the correct letters.



JESUS

## READ the STORY

Ask a grown-up to read the story below. Fill in the words for the pictures using the picture key.



God sent an  to talk to . The  told  she was going to have a baby.  should name Him . An  also visited  in a dream. The  told  that  would have a baby.  should name the baby .

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A young girl named Mary lived in the town of Nazareth. Mary was going to marry a man named Joseph.

One day Mary heard some news. God sent an angel named Gabriel to talk to Mary. The angel said, "Mary, God loves you. You are special."

At first Mary was afraid. She did not know what to think about what the angel said. Then the angel said, "Do not be afraid. God has chosen you to be the mother of a special baby boy. He is God's Son. You will name Him Jesus."

Mary asked the angel, "How can I have this special baby?" The angel said, "This is part of God's special plan. God will make this happen. Mary said, 'I will do what God wants me to do.'"

Then God sent an angel to visit Joseph in a dream. The angel told Joseph "God wants you to marry Mary. She is going to have a very special baby—God's Son. You will name Him Jesus."

Joseph obeyed God and married Mary. Joseph and Mary waited for the special baby, Jesus, to be born.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

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#### LIVE IT OUT

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#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

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VERSE

"She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to name him  
Jesus, because he will save  
his people from their sins."  
MATTHEW 1:21

# FAMILY TREE

Fill in the circles with the names of the members of your family. Add more circles if you need more spaces, and don't worry if you can't fill in all the circles. God made family trees of all shapes and sizes!

## FAMILY TREE

## SURPRISE Message

The angel of the Lord told Joseph that he would be the earthly father of God's Son, Jesus! Fill in the blanks with letters to make words that complete the message the angel gave to Joseph.

Hint! Look up and read Matthew 1:20-21 for help.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him ...

Don't be    F       I   .

Take Mary as your    F   .

God gave Mary a baby through the    H       S       I   .

Name the baby boy    S   .

The boy will    E    people from their sins.

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## CONVERSATION

### LIFE POINT

God prepared the way  
for Jesus' birth.



### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

This Bible story showed your child how God prepared the way for Jesus' birth. God planned for Jesus to have earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, and God sent angels to tell them this news.



### LIVE IT OUT

Families are important to God. God chose an earthly family for Jesus through Mary and Joseph. Plan a special family event this week—bake cookies, play games, watch a Christmas movie. Enjoy celebrating the birth of Jesus!



### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was born of a virgin.



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## News for Mary and Joseph

**LUKE 1:26-56; MATTHEW 1:18-24**

In Nazareth, a town of Galilee, a young woman named Mary and a man named Joseph were engaged to be married. One day God sent an angel named Gabriel to speak to Mary.

When Gabriel greeted Mary, she was frightened, but Gabriel called her favored one and told her not to be afraid. Gabriel told Mary that God had chosen her to give birth to His Son and to call Him Jesus. Gabriel said Jesus would be great and would be called Son of the Most High who would rule over His people forever.

Mary did not understand how this could happen. After all, she and Joseph were not yet married.

Gabriel explained that the Holy Spirit would make this possible and that the child would be called the Son of God. Then Gabriel had another surprise for Mary. He told her that her relative, Elizabeth, would have a baby, too, even though Elizabeth was old. Gabriel reminded Mary that nothing is impossible with God.

Mary knew that God is a great God. She said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel Gabriel left.

After Gabriel's visit, Mary went to visit Elizabeth. As soon as Mary greeted her relative, the baby inside of Elizabeth leapt. Elizabeth exclaimed, "Blessed are you, Mary! Blessed are you who has believed that God will do what He has promised!" Mary thanked God for choosing her to be Jesus' mother and praised God for His mighty works.

When Joseph discovered that Mary would have a baby, he was troubled. God sent an angel with a message for him. This time the angel delivered the message in a dream. As Joseph slept, he heard the angel tell him to not be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Joseph learned the baby boy is God's Son, whom Joseph and Mary would name Jesus because He was coming to save people from their sins.

When Joseph awoke, he did exactly as the angel had commanded. Joseph and Mary were married.

**WEEKLY VERSE** Matthew 1:21



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# December



SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
	<b>1</b> Isaiah 11:1	<b>2</b> Micah 5:2	<b>3</b> Genesis 3:15	<b>4</b> Isaiah 9:7	<b>5</b> Isaiah 7:14	<b>6</b> 1 John 4:14
<b>7</b> Matthew 1:21	<b>8</b> Matthew 1:24	<b>9</b> Luke 1:30-31	<b>10</b> Jude 1:25	<b>11</b> Isaiah 11:2	<b>12</b> Galatians 4:4-5	<b>13</b> Matthew 1:23
<b>14</b> Luke 2:11	<b>15</b> Luke 2:4-5	<b>16</b> John 1:1-2	<b>17</b> John 1:14	<b>18</b> Matthew 2:1	<b>19</b> John 3:16	<b>20</b> Luke 2:7
<b>21</b> Proverbs 21:30	<b>22</b> Isaiah 14:27	<b>23</b> Job 42:2	<b>24</b> Proverbs 16:9	<b>25</b> Psalm 37:23	<b>26</b> Psalm 33:11	<b>27</b> Proverbs 19:21
<b>28</b> Luke 2:40	<b>29</b> Luke 2:21	<b>30</b> Romans 5:19	<b>31</b> Hebrews 5:8			

**EACH DAY YOU READ, HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIAL.  
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