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Mary Visits Elizabeth

A story based on Luke 1:47-55

An angel told Mary that she was going to have a special baby! A baby whose name would be Jesus. Mary decided to go and tell her friend Elizabeth, who was going to have a baby, too.

Elizabeth ran down the path and hugged Mary.

"God loves you," Elizabeth said to Mary. "Your baby will be very special."

Mary and Elizabeth talked and talked.

Mary and Elizabeth had dreams and hopes for their babies. Soon it was time for Mary to go back home. She

was so happy she wanted the whole world to know, so she sang a song.

Mary's Song (tune "London Bridge")

God has blessed me with a child, with a child, with a child.

God has blessed me with a child, I'm so happy!
God will bring us peace and joy, peace and joy,
peace and joy.

God will bring us peace and joy, I'm so happy!
Praise to God who loves us so, loves us so, loves us so.
Praise to God who loves us so, I'm so happy!

Joseph's Dream

A story based on Matthew 1:18-25

Once upon a time, there was a woman named Mary and a man named Joseph. They were planning to get married. It was an exciting time. Mary and Joseph were getting ready, and their families were getting ready.

Joseph sometimes worried about how everything would turn out. One night, he had a dream. In the dream, an angel said, "Don't be afraid. Everything is going to be fine."

Joseph was happy to hear this. Then, the angel said something that made Joseph even happier. The angel said, "Mary is going to have a very special baby and you should name him Jesus."

When Joseph woke up from his dream, he wasn't worried anymore. Joseph and Mary had a wonderful wedding. Time passed, and one day Mary had a beautiful baby boy.

Joseph gently picked the baby up and rocked back and forth.

Joseph hummed a little lullaby and then said, "I have been keeping a special name ready for you. Your name is Jesus." When Joseph held baby Jesus, he knew that God's love was right there with them.

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A Baby Is Born

Based Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was in his carpenter's shop sitting on a stool that he had just finished making. The sun was streaming through the window. Joseph was thinking about all that had happened to him the day before and last night.

Mary had come to him to tell him that she would have a baby; the baby was from God. Joseph didn't know what to say or do. He had promised to marry Mary, but he wasn't sure he could anymore. Joseph decided that he would tell Mary that he couldn't marry her, but the more he thought about this, the more he didn't know what to do. He decided that he would have to go to sleep that night and tell her the next morning.

While he was sleeping, Joseph had a dream. In the dream, he saw an angel of God who told him to go ahead and marry Mary because she had told him the truth. The baby she would have was from the Holy Spirit, sent by God.

The angel also told him that the baby's name would be Jesus, which in Hebrew meant Saviour. Jesus would save all the people from any bad things going on in their lives.

Joseph was surprised by all this, but the angel told him even more. The angel said that these things were happening just like one of the prophets had said. The prophet said that a young woman would give birth to a child and that the child would be known as Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Joseph was a faithful and caring man. He went to Mary's place and told her what had happened. He said that he would marry her and have the baby and call him Jesus.