

Announcing A Miracle Child

Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-25



The Story

We know nothing is too hard for God to do. Today we will read about a special miracle which reminds us that God can do anything!

While Zacharias and Elizabeth were waiting for John to be born, God sent another angel to deliver a different message. The angel Gabriel visited a young woman named Mary. The angel had very good news for Mary. He told her she would have a son and call His name Jesus.

Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph and didn't understand how she could have a baby, since she was not yet married. The angel told her Jesus would be the Son of God. He also told her about her relative Elizabeth. Even though Elizabeth and Zacharias were old, they were going to have a baby. There is nothing God cannot do!

After the angel left, Mary hurried to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth could feel John leap for joy inside her womb.

Mary was excited. Jesus,

the Savior from sin, would be born. She sang a song praising God for all His blessings to her.

Joseph was a good man. When Joseph heard Mary was pregnant, he did not know the baby was Jesus. He decided to send Mary away to have the baby instead of marrying her.

An angel came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said that Joseph and Mary should still get married because the baby to be born to Mary was the Son of God, Jesus, who would save all people from their sins.

When Joseph awoke from the dream, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. He took Mary home, married her, and took care of her. Joseph and Mary believed and trusted in God. By faith, we also trust and believe in God's promises.

God announces the miracle of Jesus' birth.

Activity One - Fill in the blanks to complete the following sentences. A letter has been given in each word.

God sent the angel _ _ _ _ _ **E** _ with a message to Mary.

When Mary greeted Elizabeth, **J** _ _ _ leaped in Elizabeth's womb.

An angel came to _ _ **S** _ _ _ in a dream.

Mary sang a **S** _ _ _ praising God.

By faith we _ _ **U** _ _ and believe God's promises.

Now unscramble the letters that were given to show the name of the miracle child.

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Activity Two - Find the following names in the puzzle. Can you tell how each one is part of the miracle in today's story?

Jesus	John
Mary	Gabriel
Joseph	

B	M	K	D	A	J	L	P	O
G	A	B	R	I	E	L	E	R
F	R	V	J	O	S	E	P	H
C	Y	O	O	R	U	W	M	L
E	Q	A	H	B	S	F	I	D
T	N	M	N	E	P	R	A	Y

Believers show faith in the miracle within Jesus' birth.

Activity Three - Color over each "X" in the puzzle to show a very important message!

"FOXR WITXH GXOD NOXTHINXG

WILLX BXE IMXPOXSSIBLEX." (Luke 1:37)

Passage

She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Hymn - TLH 95 v. 1-4

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh —
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Tho' by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heav'n enthroned.

From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell —
High the song of triumph swell!

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for doing what seemed impossible - becoming true God and true Man. Please strengthen our faith through the study of Your Word. Help us to show our love for You in everything we think and do. Amen.