

"Joseph, do not be afraid to marry Mary. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she is going to have a baby. It will be a boy and you must call him Jesus because He will save his people from their sins."

A prophet of God told God's people about it long, long before it happened. He said :

"A virgin will become pregnant and have a son, and He will be called Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."

Joseph woke up and knew he had to listen to God's message. He wasn't scared anymore. He married Mary soon after this.

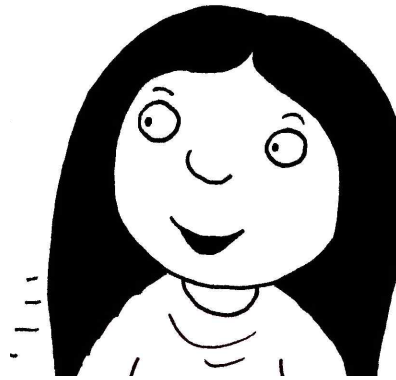


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ANGEL GABRIEL TELLS MARY ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH



Long time ago there was a little girl called Mary. Her parents were God's people and from when she was small, they were always teaching her to listen to God and do what He wants.

She became a beautiful young woman and she was also beautiful on the inside. Why? Because she kept her heart pure. That means that she obeyed God and when she did anything wrong, she always said sorry. She also tried to be kind to others.

Mary was engaged to a Joseph, a young man who also loved God. They were looking forward to getting married.

One night after Mary said her prayers, suddenly angel Gabriel stood in front of her. He was huge and his face and clothes were shining like a bright light. He said to her :

"Peace to you! The Lord is with you and He has blessed you in a big way!"

She didn't know what to say and wondered what it was all about.

Then Gabriel told her :



"Don't be afraid, Mary; God has chosen you. You will have a baby boy and you must call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. He will be a King and his Kingdom will never end!"

Mary was very amazed. But she was also worried. She asked Gabriel :
'How can this happen, because I am not married to Joseph yet.'

Then Gabriel explained it all to Mary :
"Remember, nothing is too difficult for God. The Holy Spirit and God's power will come on you to have this baby. That's why the child will be called the Son of God."
Now Mary understood better and said: "It's fine, let it happen just as you have told me."

Then Gabriel left.

AN ANGEL GIVES A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO JOSEPH



Joseph was a young man who always tried to do the right things. This is what he learned from his parents. He was engaged to Mary. They were all God's people who lived long ago.

Joseph and Mary were looking forward to getting married. But when Joseph heard that Mary was going to have a baby, he understood it and he was scared. So he didn't want to marry Mary anymore.

But while he was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream and said :

