





MATTHEW 1:18-25: LUKE 1:26-33

Joseph was a carpenter. He was engaged to Mary, a young girl who lived in Nazareth. Joseph and Mary planned to be married.

One day God sent an angel (messenger) to tell Mary some special and exciting news. "You are going to have a baby. The baby's name will be Jesus."

Mary was surprised at this news, but she was happy.

Then Joseph heard the news, too. In a dream an angel said to Joseph: "Don't be afraid, Joseph. God wants Mary to be your wife. Mary is going to have a very special baby. He will be God's Son. When the baby is born, name Him Jesus. He will grow up to save people."

Joseph woke up. He remembered the dream and the angel's words. Joseph obeyed God and did what he had been told to do. Joseph went to get Mary and take her to his home.

Joseph took care of Mary while she waited for Baby Jesus to be born.