

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

JOHN 3:17 (CSB)

GOOD NEWS CROSS OUT

Read the statements below. Follow the instructions beside the true statements, but do not follow the instructions beside the statements that are not true.

- If an angel told Mary she would have a baby, cross out the words that begin with **A**.
- If Mary believed the angel, cross out the word **Son**.
- If Mary went to visit Elizabeth after hearing the good news, cross out the words that begin with an **M**.
- If Joseph read a letter telling him to marry Mary, cross out the seven-letter word.
- If the angel told both Mary and Joseph to name the baby Jesus, cross out the names of ways to travel.
- If the angel told Joseph to hide the baby, cross out the word **Savior**.

God	always	plane	planned	Mark
Son	for	alone	boat	Jesus
to	apple	car	be	most
money	the	skates	Savior	angel

Now read the leftover words to find good news for everyone.

PICTURE THIS

The angel told two people good news in today's Bible story. Do you know who they were? Find out if you are right by writing the first letter of each picture on the blank above it.

REMEMBER
Jesus' coming
is good news!



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CONVERSATION

Angels Told Good News

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

God sent the angel Gabriel to a town called Nazareth. He sent the angel to a girl named Mary. Mary was engaged to Joseph, but they were not yet married.

The angel greeted Mary. “God is with you. Don’t be afraid. God is pleased with you. You will have a son. Give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.” The angel explained that Jesus would have a kingdom that lasts forever.

Mary asked, “How can these things happen? I am not married.”

The angel said, “God’s Spirit will cause you to have this baby who will be called the Son of God. Your relative Elizabeth will also have a special baby although she is old. Nothing is impossible with God.”

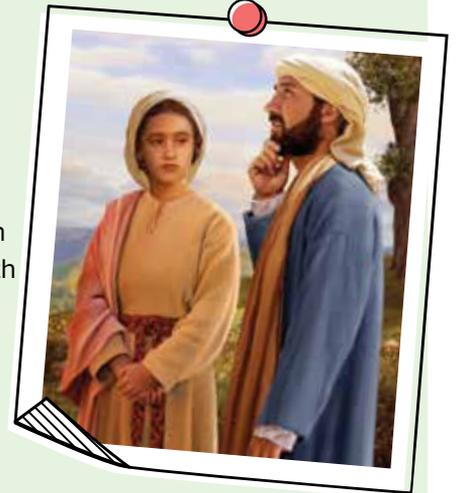
Mary visited Elizabeth. Right away, Elizabeth knew Mary was the mother of the promised Savior. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped inside her.

Back in Nazareth, Joseph wondered what to do. He was engaged to Mary, but he knew Mary was going to have a baby. He knew he was not the father. An angel came to Joseph in a dream.

The angel said, “Joseph, don’t be afraid to marry Mary. Her baby is from God. You are to name the baby Jesus because He will save His people from their sins.”

All these things happened because God promised them many years earlier. God told the prophet Isaiah an unmarried woman would have a son. One of His names would be Immanuel. *Immanuel* means “God is with us.”

When Joseph woke up, he married Mary. When the baby was born, Joseph named Him Jesus.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child heard about God’s plans for Jesus to be born. God planned for Jesus to have an earthly family, Mary and Joseph.

LIVE IT OUT

Remind your child that God planned for Jesus to have an earthly family. Help your child make a list of other things she remembers about Jesus’ birth.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God provided a way for people to become Christians because He loves them.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Matthew 1:23

Monday: John 7:42

Tuesday: Malachi 3:1

Wednesday: Jeremiah 23:5

Thursday: Galatians 4:4

Friday: Acts 13:33

Saturday: Isaiah 11:1

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Matthew 1:23

LIFE POINT: God planned for Jesus to be the Savior.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Angels Told Good News* in Bible Studies for Life: LifeWay Kids App for games and activities for your child.

