



AN ANGEL VISITS JOSEPH



Matthew

At the time when the angel came to Mary and told her that she would be Jesus' mommy, Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. At first, Joseph didn't believe Mary was telling the truth about the Messiah, baby God, being in her tummy. He thought she was lying. Joseph was a righteous man who wanted to make God happy. He didn't want to make God sad by marrying a lady who would not be truthful with him. He was thinking he would have to cancel the wedding with Mary.

As Joseph was thinking about all this, he fell asleep and had a dream. In his dream an angel came to Joseph and told him, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child in her tummy is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you will name Him Jesus, because He will save His People from their sins. This is what Isaiah the prophet told about when he said, 'The maiden will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Emmanuel,' which means 'God with us.'"

When Joseph woke up from that dream, he was ready to do all that the angel told him. This is what had been promised — a Savior! This is what they had hope, hope, hoped for! So, Joseph took Mary as his wife. He was honored to be the adopted daddy of this little special baby, Jesus.



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Jesus is God's Son.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Toy tools and work bench - - - **Floor** - cars



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. Show the wrapped baby doll. **What do you see?** [allow for responses] **That's right! A baby! Babies need someone to take care of them. Who takes care of you?** [allow for responses] **Today, we will learn God sent His Son, Jesus, as a baby. God chose a man named Joseph to take care of Jesus on earth. Let's listen to how it all started.**



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Read the Bible story from the script provided; or use the video from the jump drive on the TV. Today's video story is located in the December 2025 file.

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the December 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

**God loved us and sent us His Son.
1 John 4:10**



ACTIVITIES

A GOOD CARPENTER

- Show interested preschoolers the cardboard box and toy hammers. Allow preschoolers to pound the golf tees into the box.
- You may also allow preschoolers to 'build' with the toy workbench.
- **Joseph was a carpenter. Do you know what a carpenter does?** [allow for responses] **That's right! A carpenter builds things: houses, furniture, fences. God chose Joseph to be Jesus' earthly father. Joseph taught Jesus how to be a carpenter.**

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WOULD YOU RATHER. . .

- Tape the star and snowflake on two opposite walls of the classroom. Ask fun travel questions and have preschoolers choose their answer by standing by the star or snowflake.
- Use the following questions or make up your own.
- **Would you rather ride in a car for 10 hours [star] OR walk 10 miles [snowflake]?**
- **Would you rather ride a donkey [star] OR carry a heavy backpack [snowflake]?**
- **Would you rather sleep in an expensive hotel [star] OR in a barn with animals [snowflake]?**
- **In our story today, Mary and Joseph didn't get to choose. They had to travel a long way on foot or donkey while Mary was about to have a baby. They trusted God to keep them safe and provide just what they needed when they needed it.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.