

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Use dramatic dialogue:** Stand in one spot when telling the angel's words. Then turn and face that spot as you speak Mary's words. Move to a third spot when speaking for Elizabeth.
- **Dress like Mary:** Ask a small group leader to wear a long dress and a scarf over her head and shoulders. Her facial expressions should show emotion appropriate to the events in the story.

Mary Praised God

Luke 1:26-56

One day, God sent an angel named Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth. The angel went **to visit** a young virgin named **Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph**, a descendant of King David.

The angel said to Mary, “Rejoice! You have found favor with God. He is with you.” Mary was very afraid and puzzled. Why would God find favor with her? She had done nothing special.

The angel told Mary to not be afraid. He told Mary that she was going to have a very special and unique baby, and they would call the baby Jesus, which means “the Lord saves.” The angel explained that the baby would be great—He would be God’s Son! He would even be a king—the King God had promised would come.

Mary asked the angel, “How can that happen? I am not married yet.”

The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come, and a miracle will happen. The baby will be God’s Son.”

The angel Gabriel told Mary, “Nothing will be impossible with God!” He told Mary that her relative Elizabeth was pregnant, even though she was old and did not have any children.

Mary replied, “I belong to God. May everything happen just as you said.” Then the angel left her.

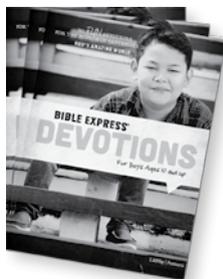
Mary hurried to her relative Elizabeth’s house. When she arrived, the baby inside Elizabeth leaped for joy! The Holy Spirit filled Elizabeth and she said, “What an honor, Mary! Your baby will be blessed too!”

Mary was so happy. She praised God with a song

about how great God is. Mary knew every family in the future would say she was blessed because God was going to do great things through Jesus. **God was keeping His promise to Abraham to bless the whole world through Jesus.**

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months. Then she went home.

Christ Connection: Mary was willing to follow God's plan, even though being Jesus' mother would not be easy. Mary wanted to bring praise to God. Likewise, Jesus brought praise to His Father by willingly dying on the cross to save people from sin.



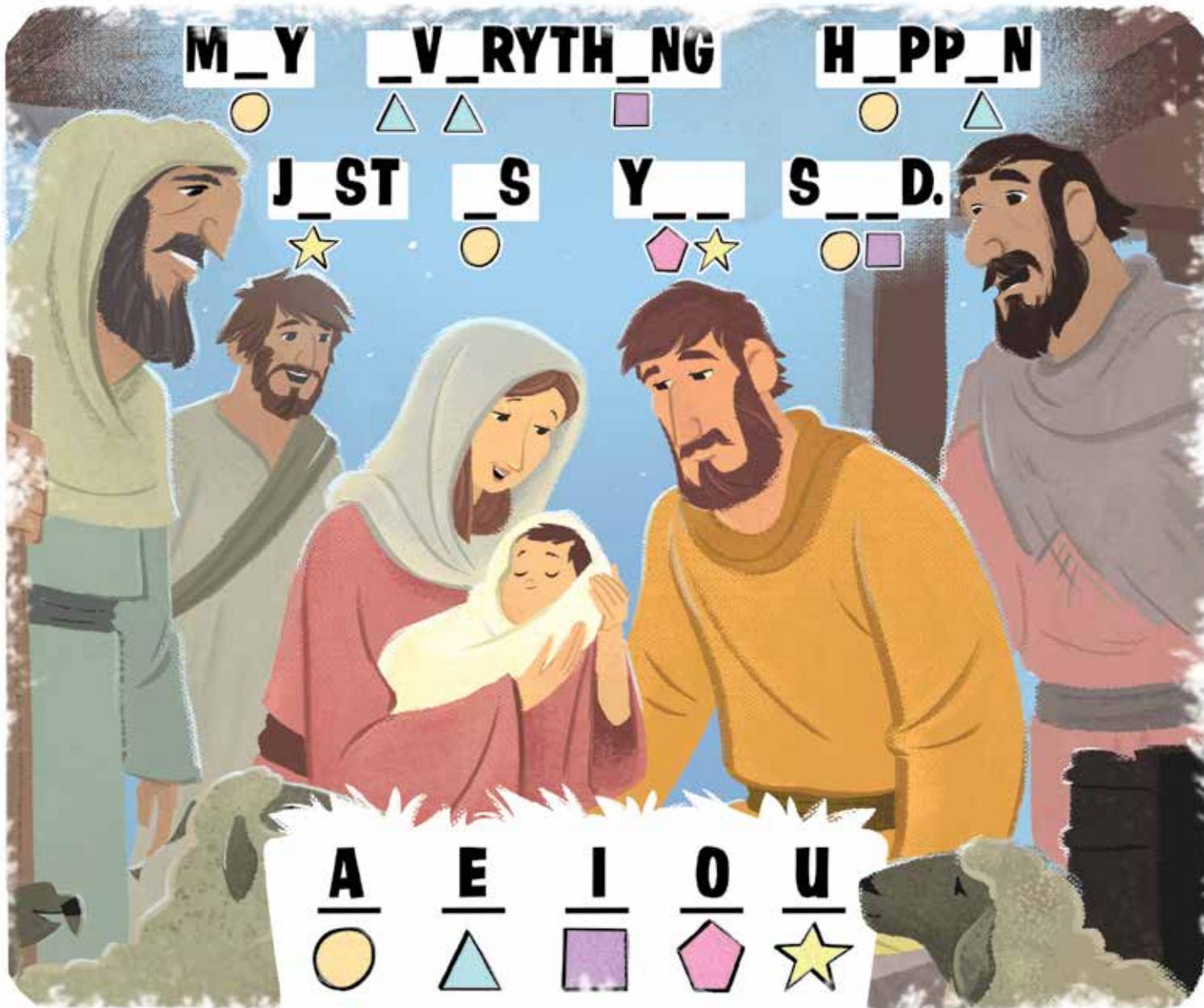
**WANT TO
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GOD'S WORD?
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BIBLE EXPRESS!**

Invite kids to check out this week's devotionals to discover that Mary praised God for keeping His promise to send a Savior. Simeon later saw Jesus and praised God for keeping His promises. (Luke 2:30) Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.

Mary's Motto

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TGP FAMILY APP

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the shape code provided to put the vowels in the right places to see what Mary said.



KEY PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different?
Jesus is fully God and fully man.

BIBLE STORY:

MARY PRAISED GOD

- God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother.
- Mary's cousin Elizabeth was chosen to have a special son too.
- Elizabeth's baby would prepare the way for Jesus, as the Scriptures prophesied.
- Mary praised God for His good plans.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do you think Elizabeth's baby knew Jesus was near?
- How do you think Mary felt about being the Messiah's mother?
- Can you think of other difficult things God asks people to do?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your family to write a praise song. Sing it together before meals, on the way to church, or before bed.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 19, Session 2



What's Different?

Find and circle the 10 differences in the picture.

	B		J
	C		M
	D		R
	G		S
	H		T

A Special Purpose
Use the key to crack the code. Fill in the blanks to discover the main point of today's Bible story.

Code:
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The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.