

## An Angel Visits Joseph – Matthew 1:18-24

This story tells us about how the birth of Jesus will happen. In the Bible, news often came from special messengers, like angels.

When we hear the news of baby Jesus, we learn about angels appearing to different people to tell about the coming Christ Child.

In this story, Joseph is sleeping when he has a very surprising dream. While he is asleep, an angel comes and tells him about baby Jesus. Joseph was engaged to Mary. They were to be married soon.

The angel told Joseph that Mary was pregnant and was going to have a baby. Joseph was to name the baby Jesus. Jesus was coming to save the world. Jesus would be a promise that God is with us.

When Joseph woke up, he did exactly as the angel told him. Joseph listened and followed God. He would help take care of the baby, call him Jesus, and claim him as the Son of God.

### Family Spiritual Practice

Read the story of Joseph together.  
Act out the story together.

**Wonder:** Why do you think God chose Joseph to help Mary? Do you think it was easy for Joseph to do what God asked of him?

**Do:** Joseph plays a supporting role in the story of Jesus' birth. Think of all the people in your life who support you. Write a special note of thanks, or find a way to appreciate them this week.

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you all the people you have given us to help us. Most of all, thank you for giving us Jesus. Amen.

