

Christmas Stories with Jolly

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An Angel Visits Mary



For grades 3-5

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There once was young girl named Mary. She lived in a town called Nazareth. Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph who was from the family of King David. Everyone in Nazareth knew that Joseph and Mary were going to get married, but in those days, people didn't get married until they had been engaged for a long time. Joseph and Mary had promised each other they would get married, but they were waiting until the time was right.

One day, God sent his angel, Gabriel, to visit Mary. Gabriel had a very important message to give to her from God. Gabriel told Mary how much God loved her, and that He had a special plan for her that would make her blessed among all women. When Mary saw the angel, she was afraid. She didn't understand what he was talking about or why he was there. She didn't know why God thought she was special. She thought she was just an ordinary girl and so did everyone else. She didn't have an important family or lots of money. Why would God think she was special?

Gabriel told her not to be afraid. He had come to give her an important message. He told her that she was going to have a baby, a very special baby boy, and she was supposed to name him Jesus. Jesus was going to be the Messiah who would one day rule the whole world.

Mary had heard of the Messiah, all of her people had. People had been talking about the Messiah for hundreds of years. Mary knew that the Messiah coming was a very big deal, but she was still very confused. She didn't understand how she was going to have a baby. She was a virgin. She was just a young girl without a husband. She had never loved

anyone the way God said to love a husband, not even Joseph. It wasn't the right time for them to start a family. She just didn't understand.

Gabriel told Mary she didn't need a husband to have this very special baby. If she was already married, no one would think this baby was special. This baby was going to be God's Son. God would put this baby in her tummy. Then the baby would grow up to be the Savior of the world.

After Gabriel told Mary about God's special plan for her, he told her about the very special baby that was growing in Elisabeth's tummy. Mary knew Elisabeth. Elisabeth was Mary's cousin. Mary knew that Elisabeth was old and if she was having a baby, it must be because God was doing something special through her. Mary knew that God was doing something very special through both of them.

Mary told Gabriel that she would do whatever God wanted her to do even if she didn't understand. Mary knew it would be very hard for the other people in Nazareth to understand what God was doing. She knew people might get very angry when she tried to explain the things the angel had said, but she trusted that God would take care of her, and He did.

1. What was the young girl's name?
2. Where did she live?
3. Who came to visit her?
4. What did the angel tell Mary?
5. What was she supposed to name her baby?
6. Why was she confused by the angel's message?
7. Who was going to be the baby's father?
8. What was going to be special about the baby?
9. Who else did the angel say was going to have a baby?
10. How did Mary know Elisabeth?

Look it Up! (All answers are KJV specific.)

- Luke 1:26** ...Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of _____
- Luke 1:27** To a virgin _____ to a man whose name was Joseph
- Luke 1:28** ...thou that art highly _____
- Luke 1:29** what manner of _____ this should be
- Luke 1:32** ...and shall be called the Son of the _____
- Luke 1:33** ...and of his _____ there shall be no end.
- Luke 1:35** And the angel _____ and said unto her
- Luke 1:36** ...thy _____ Elisabeth...who was called _____
- Luke 1:37** For with God nothing shall be _____
- Luke 1:38** And Mary said, Behold the _____ of the Lord

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In My World

God had a very special plan for Mary. But when the angel told Mary about His plan, it didn't make sense to her. Sometimes in life, God is going to call us to do things that are going to seem very strange to us. Sometimes things won't add up. Sometimes the things He is calling us to do will be hard to explain to others. In those times, we must be like Mary and trust God even though we don't understand. God can do things that we can't even imagine. He isn't bound by human rules and boundaries. Sometimes our human minds can't even process what He is going to do through us. Don't let your lack of understanding keep you from following Him.

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever seen something out of the ordinary happen that you couldn't understand or explain?
2. Have you ever been willing to do the right thing, just to find out that it made others angry at you?

My Prayer for You

My prayer for you that you trust God with the impossible if the impossible is what He is calling you to do. I pray that you are willing to do whatever God is calling you to do whether you understand how it's going to work out or not. I pray that you have courage to trust God when the crowds form against you, and that you have the strength to keep going. Sometimes the things of God will seem weird to the world. I pray that you never avoid doing the right thing because of what others might think or do.

For with God nothing shall be
impossible. Luke 1:37



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1. Mary
2. Nazareth
3. The angel, Gabriel
4. She was going to have a baby
5. Jesus
6. She wasn't married
7. God
8. He would be the Messiah
9. Elisabeth
10. They were cousins

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Luke 1:26	Galilee
Luke 1:27	espoused
Luke 1:28	favoured
Luke 1:29	salutation
Luke 1:32	Highest
Luke 1:33	kingdom
Luke 1:35	answered
Luke 1:36	cousin barren
Luke 1:37	impossible
Luke 1:38	handmaid