

Welcome everyone. We are a children's prayer group called Friends of Jesus and Mary. We are glad to present to you the Story of Christmas:

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a young woman named Mary in Nazareth, a town of Galilee. She was to be married to a man named Joseph of the family of David.

When he came to her the angel said: *"Hail, Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with you!"*

She was startled by his words and wondered what such a greeting might mean. But the angel said to her,
"Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will have a son and will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

Then Mary said to the angel, *"How can this be, for I am not yet married."*

The angel answered her, *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you; therefore your child will be called holy, the Son of God."*

Mary said: *"I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me as you say."* Then the angel left her.

Mary then set out and travelled to the hill country to the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth, who the angel had said were with child as a sign that what he had said was true. When Mary greeted Elizabeth...Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out,

"Blessed are you amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

1. Song: HAIL MARY (Angels and Elizabeth), <https://youtu.be/RERoQ1biLdE?si=hdx-ebdvrBxIQmDB>

Joseph did not understand what had occurred. While he pondered this, an angel of God spoke to him in a dream and said, Joseph, son of David, do not hesitate to take Mary as your wife, because she has conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son which you will name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.

In those days the emperor Augustus commanded that everyone should be registered in his own town. Joseph, because he was of the family of King David, went with Mary, to Bethlehem, the city of David.

2. Song: BURRITO SABANERO (Everyone) https://youtu.be/zqyJ0mSSsR8?si=mvpTNGMXhVNJk_U1

While they were there, Mary's baby son was born in a stable because there was no room for them in the inn. She wrapped him in swaddling-clothes and laid him in a manger,

3. Song: SILENT NIGHT (animals-first graders) <https://youtu.be/d7xbP9ei6b4?si=77MG2StTith3KDvx>

In that country there were shepherds living in the fields and keeping watch over their flocks by night. And an angel from God stood by them and a heavenly light shone around them, and they were frightened. But the angel said to them:

"Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people. For to you is born this day A Savior. You will find a baby in swaddling-clothes lying in a manger."

Then suddenly there was with the angel a great number of the heavenly ones singing praise to God and saying:
"Glory to God on high, And on earth peace, good-will among men."

4. Song: JOY TO THE WORLD (Angels and Shepherds) <https://youtu.be/Rjinc8ctg5c?si=Fsber7FMI60dIVNB>

The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about."

5. Song: PASTORES A BELEN (Shepherds and angels) <https://youtu.be/ufmK1arA0z8?si=IoAebM1MdedBQpuv>

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem looking for the Newborn King of the Jews. After meeting with King Herod, they set out for Bethlehem and behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them and they followed it.

6. Song: King Seekers, Song about the 3 Kings, <https://youtu.be/yt9aO0Cw8pk?si=eBtcpy2sLkUfGrci>
(stop at minute 1.16 after 2nd don, don, dan, di, don)

The star led them to the place where the child was. They were overjoyed and on entering, they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All adored the newborn King.

7. Songs: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL, (Everyone) <https://youtu.be/1YI3Kaxx2gk?si=VWVMNlf-yOc8WWIJ>

May you experience the joy and peace of the Newborn King of Love this Christmas!

8. Songs: (pass out jingles) (Everyone)
Feliz Navidad, Jingle Bells <https://youtu.be/QV3RbiAk8ms?si=Oz9VnnXbnJ1fRq4->
We Wish you a Merry Christmas https://youtu.be/g-OF7KGyDis?si=Q958QKN_PrXBvJ7g

The Story of Christmas-2023

Characters

Joseph-Matthew

Mary-Sara

Angle Gabriel-Laura

St. Elizabeth-Cora Marie

Angels-Gabriela, Arianna, Luca, Carolina, Maria

Shepherds-Marco, Michael, Santy, Daniel

Animals

burrito

3 Kings-Lucca, Andrew, Luciano

Star-Ceci

Narrator

Props:

Baby Jesus and basket (manger)

Maracas

Bells

Microphone

Speaker

Music

Star