

Story: **Mary and Joseph**

Bible Reference: **Matthew 1:20-23**

YOU WILL NEED: Signs that say: *Mary, Joseph, and the Angel.*

Jesus is Born

Choose three volunteers (two girls and a boy)—To represent *Mary, Joseph, and the Angel.*

Tell Mary that every time you say “Mary,” she’s suppose to say, “That’s me.”

Every time you say, “Joseph,” he says, “That’s me.”

Every time you say, “Angel,” she says, “That’s me.”

Every time you say, “Married,” everybody says, “Ooooooh.”

Read the Story:

In the Gospels we read about a young lady named **Mary** (*That’s me*). She loved the Lord and God had chosen her to for something very important. **Mary** (*That’s me*) was supposed to be **married** (Ooooooh) to **Joseph** (*That’s me*). But one day an **angel** (*That’s me*) appeared to **Mary** (*That’s me*) and the **angel** (*That’s me*) said that God had chosen her to give birth to His Son. Wow! Before **Mary** (*That’s me*) and **Joseph** (*That’s me*) were **married** (Ooooooh), **Mary** (*That’s me*) was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because **Joseph** (*That’s me*) was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to put her aside quietly. But after **Joseph** (*That’s me*) had considered this, an **angel** (*That’s me*) of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “**Joseph** (*That’s me*) son of David, do not be afraid to take **Mary** (*That’s me*) home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

SAY: Get your Bibles ready for a Bible Drill.

Ask the students—**Who knows an easy way to find the Gospels?** (Turn to the middle of the Bible—You’ll probably find Psalms. Then turn halfway through the section to your right. You’ll usually end up in the Gospels.)

Ready...Matthew 1:20-23...Go!

Read these verses and tell them to listen for two names.

Ask the students—(Refer to your challenge verse poster.) **Who knows what the name “Jesus” means?** (It means “He saves.”)

SAY: Jesus is the Savior of the world. He was born to die, to pay the price for our sins so that we could be saved. That’s what Christmas is all about.