



20th December 2020

A promise to Mary and Joseph

Reference: Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

Main Point: An angel told Mary that she was going to have a baby, God's son Jesus. An angel told Joseph that Mary would have a baby. He would be the promised Saviour.

Activities to do together:

- [Colouring in page](#)
- Use a nativity scene with figurines to introduce the people in today's story (Mary, Joseph and the angel).
- Draw a big angel on a large piece of paper and with the children decorate the angel with textas and paper and stickers etc. Talk with your children about who angels are, and how they are in the Bible.

Bible: Read the accounts of the angel telling Mary and Joseph in a children's bible or your own bible.

Discussion:

1. **Who were the three main people in today's bible story?** *Mary, Joseph and the angel.*
2. **The angel came and talked to Mary - was Mary a bit scared?** *Would you have been a bit scared? What did the angel say to Mary? The angel said "Do not be afraid".*
3. **What news did the angel bring to Mary?** *The angel said to Mary that she will have a son, called Jesus and he will be the promised Son of the Most High God and God's promised forever King*
4. **How was this to happen?** *The angel said God will make this happen and will put a baby in Mary's tummy - nothing is impossible for God!*
5. **The angel also came to Joseph at a different time - Joseph was scared about Mary having a baby before they were married. What did the angel say to Joseph?** *The angel said do not be afraid to marry Mary, God has put the baby in Mary's tummy and you are to name this baby boy Jesus because he will save his people from their sins. Jesus is a name that means "the Lord saves".*
6. **What happened after the angels visited Mary and Joseph?** *Joseph married Mary and Mary gave birth to God's son and they named his Jesus.*
7. **What promises did God make in this story?** *He promised Mary that she would have a baby son Jesus, God's son and forever king. He promised Joseph that his son Jesus would grow up to save his people from their sins.*
8. **Did God keep these promises?** *YES! Mary did have God's son Jesus and Jesus grew up to save God's people from their sins. How did Jesus do this? He died on the cross to save us*



*from our sin so that we can be friends with God forever. **But Jesus didn't stay dead did he? No he rose again to rule forever as God's forever king! See God always keeps his promises!***

Pray together:

Dear God,

Thank you for always keeping your promises. Thank you for keeping your promises to Mary and Joseph and sending Jesus into our world to save us from sin forever. Thank you that Jesus is ruling forever as your promised King. Amen.

Memory verse:

John 3:16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

Ideas for sermon time:

- Watch this weeks video for Under 5's
- Angel craft - use this simple idea or one of your own: [Paper plate angel craft](#)
- Print the memory verse (John 3:16) onto an A4 page and have the children decorate around the memory verse.