

Contents

1. God's Message for Mary 2
2. Good News of Great Joy 14
3. Following a Star 30





1

God's Message for Mary

From Matthew 1 and Luke 1-2

A young woman named Mary got quite a surprise when an angel appeared right in front of her eyes!

She was terribly frightened, as you would be too if what happened to Mary had happened to you!




The angel said, “Mary, there’s no need to fear.
You are special to God, which is why I am here.

“I bring you the message that you are the one
who was chosen by God to give birth to his son.”



Mary said, "I'm not married, so how could this be?"
Then the angel told Mary, "Trust God and you'll see."
So she trusted in God. She said, "Lord, let it be."



Young Mary and Joseph had plans to be wed.
Joseph dreamed of an angel while sleeping in bed.

He was terribly frightened, as you would be too
if what happened to Joseph had happened to you!



The angel said, “Joseph, there’s no need to fear.
I’ve a message from God, which is why I am here.

“The baby who Mary now carries within
is Jesus, God’s son, who will pay for man’s sin.”



God's message was clear. Joseph knew what to do.
He married young Mary. She married him too.

Soon they both had to travel to Joseph's hometown,
so the king's people-counters could write their names down.

God, help me
trust in you when
it's difficult and
follow your plan
with faith, like
Mary and Joseph.



For Mary Lu Pulley (Mom)



HIM Kids

The Rhyming Bible Christmas Storybook
Text and Illustration Copyright © 2024 by Kelly Pulley

HIM Kids is an imprint of HIM Publications.

Requests for information should be sent via email to HIM Publications.
Visit himpublications.com for contact information.

All rights reserved. No part of this book, including icons and images, may be reproduced in any manner without prior written permission from the copyright holder, except where noted in the text and in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews.

ISBN 978-1-970102-74-1 (Paperback)
ISBN 978-1-964817-00-2 (ePub)

Library of Congress Control Number: 2024940324

Interior design and typesetting: Bryana Anderle (YouPublish.com)
Editor and art direction: Chad Harrington (YouPublish.com)
Theological review: Chad Harrington, MA Biblical Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary