Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think Mary and Joseph felt about their role in God's plan?
- Why is Jesus' earthly family important?
- What about being Jesus' earthy family would be hard? What might be easy?

Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph

Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-24

MAIN POINT: GOD CHOSE MARY AND JOSEPH TO BE JESUS' EARTHLY PARENTS.

One day, God sent an angel named Gabriel to visit Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. The angel said to Mary, "Rejoice! You have found favor with God." Mary was very afraid and puzzled.

"Do not be afraid," the angel said. Then he told Mary that she was going to have a very special and unique baby, and they would call the baby Jesus, which means "the Lord saves."

Mary asked the angel, "How can that happen? I am not married yet."

The angel replied, "God will be the father of the baby. The baby will be God's Son." Then the angel told Mary, "Nothing will be impossible with God!"

"May everything happen just as you said," Mary replied.

Mary hurried to her relative Elizabeth's house. When she arrived, the baby inside Elizabeth leaped for joy!

Mary praised God with a song about how great God is. God was keeping His promise to bless the whole world through Jesus.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months. Then she went home.

Now Joseph found out Mary was going to have a baby, but Joseph knew it was not his baby. Joseph decided to quietly break his engagement with Mary.

Soon after Joseph thought these things, an angel appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph!" the angel said. "Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby she is carrying was put there by the Holy Spirit. Name Him Jesus because He is going to save His people from their sins!"

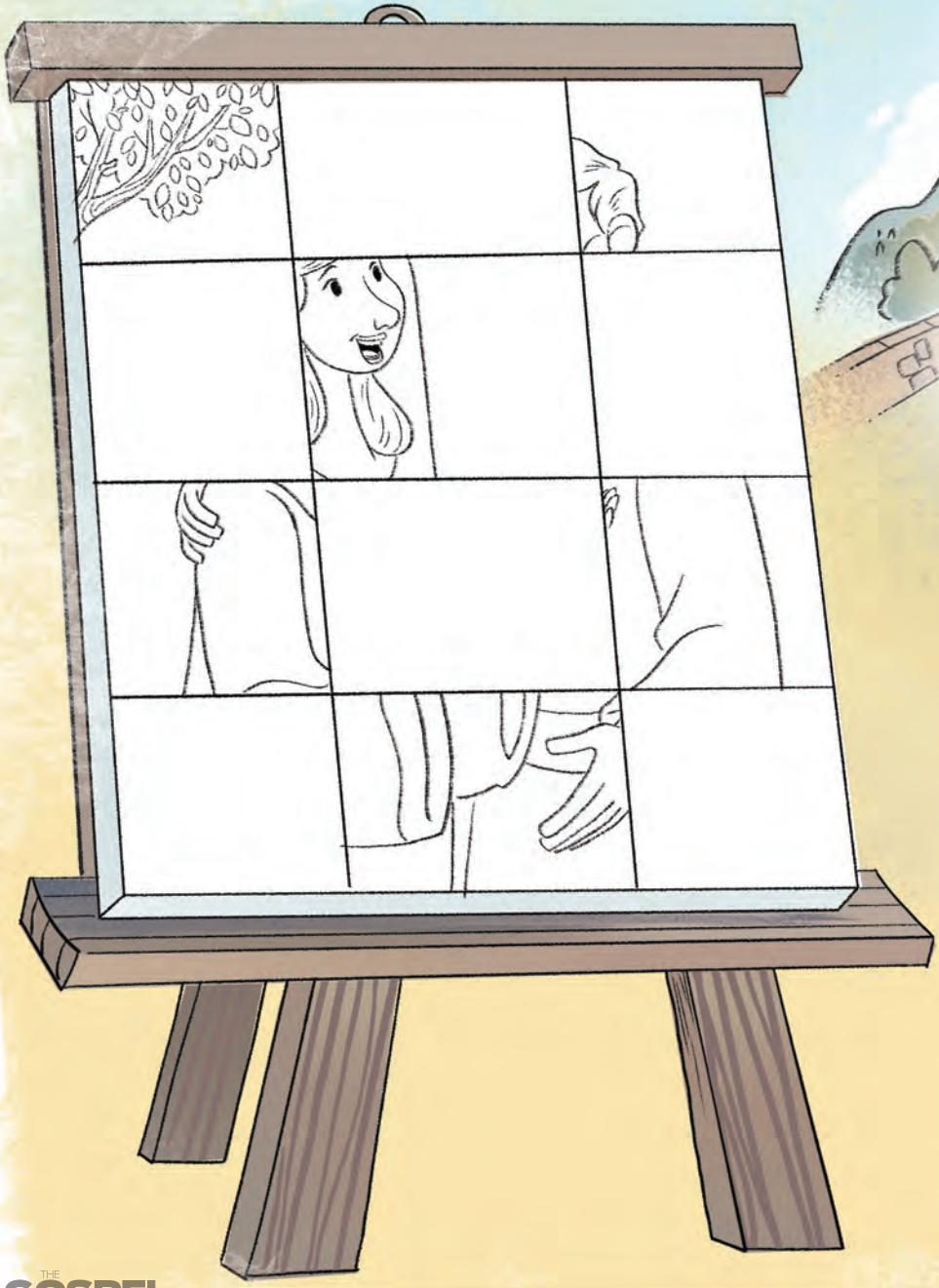
When Joseph woke up, he did exactly as the angel commanded. He married Mary, and when she had a son, Joseph named Him Jesus.

Christ Connection: The baby Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy, as well as other Old Testament prophecies, about the coming Savior. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus fulfilled God's plan of redemption that God planned before the world began.

© 2017 LifeWay

Be the Artist

This Bible story picture is missing a lot of pieces! Can you fix it? Draw in the missing parts.



Secret Message

Use the key to decode the secret message.

1=A	5=E	9=L	13=P
2=B	6=G	10=M	14=R
17=U			
3=C	7=H	11=N	15=S
18=Y			
4=D	8=J	12=O	16=T

6	12	4		3	7	12	15	5	
10	1	14	18			1	11	4	
8	12	15	5	13	7			16	12
2	5		8	5	15	17	15	,	
5	1	14	16	7	9	18			
13	1	14	5	11	16	15	.		

© 2017 LifeWay