

# **A Message for Joseph**

## **Session #2 & December 11, 2022**

### **Younger Children's Activity**

**Resources Needed:** small clear plates 2 per child, cotton balls 2 per child, white paint, Q-tips, ribbon, liquid glue, pictures of each child, hot glue, text truth labels

#### **Directions:**

- Have the kids glue their picture in the center of one plate.
- Glue cotton balls to the bottom of the center of the plate like snow.
- Use Q-tips to dot paint snow around the top of the picture.
- Put glue around the edge of the of the plate and place second plate on top face down to create a globe.
- Attach the text truth to the back behind the cotton balls.
- Hot glue a ribbon loop to the back at the top.

**Extra Activity:** Make brown gift bag for the ornament

### **Older Children's Activity**

**Resources Needed:** 11x14 blue paper, 11x14 light brown paper, di-cut of Mary and Shepherd (manila) di-cut donkey (dark brown), glue sticks, 8x11 black paper

#### **Directions:**

- Have the kids cut the light brown paper to make the road. (save the rest of the paper)
- Glue at the bottom of the blue paper.
- Cut the shepherd staff off of the shepherd to make Joseph.
- Have kids make a cave with the remaining light brown paper and black paper.
- Glue Mary on top of the donkey
- Glue all of the characters on the road with Joseph leading Mary on the donkey to the cave.
- Have the kids draw the reigns to the donkey, stars in the sky, and decorate the characters

**Extra Activity:** N/A

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JESUS IS IMMANUEL WHO CAME TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SIN.

December 11



## ANGEL SCULPTURE

This elegant angel sculpture was carved from **OAK** by a **FRENCH ARTIST** in the **LATE 1200S**. The sculpture once stood on top of a tall column that held curtain rods surrounding the **ALTAR** IN A CHURCH BUILDING.

An **ANGEL** is a creature whose **JOB IS TO SERVE AND WORSHIP GOD**. God sent an angel to **JOSEPH IN A DREAM** to deliver a message. Turn to **MATTHEW 1** to learn more about how the angel prepared Joseph to participate in **GOD'S PLAN TO SEND JESUS**.

## MATTHEW 1 REVIEW

Write a T in the blank if the sentence is true. Write an F in the blank if the sentence is false. If the sentence is false, circle the word that makes the sentence false. Tell a friend what the word should be.

1.  GOD CHOSE ELIZABETH TO BE THE MOTHER OF JESUS.
2.  MARY WAS ENGAGED TO A MAN NAMED JOSEPH.
3.  JOSEPH WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN.
4.  WHEN JOSEPH HEARD MARY WAS PREGNANT, HE PLANNED TO DIVORCE HER PUBLICLY.
5.  BUT GOD SENT AN ANGEL TO JOSEPH IN A DREAM.
6.  THE ANGEL TOLD JOSEPH, "DON'T BE HAPPY. MARY WILL HAVE A SON."
7.  THE ANGEL TOLD JOSEPH, "THE BABY IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT."
8.  THE ANGEL TOLD JOSEPH, "YOU ARE TO NAME HIM JESUS, BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."
9.  GOD WAS FULFILLING A PROPHECY HE HAD MADE LONG AGO THROUGH THE PROPHET HEZEKIAH.
10.  ISAIAH PROMISED THAT A WOMAN WOULD HAVE A SON AND NAME HIM IMMANUEL.

**BIBLE PASSAGE:**  
MATTHEW 1:18-23

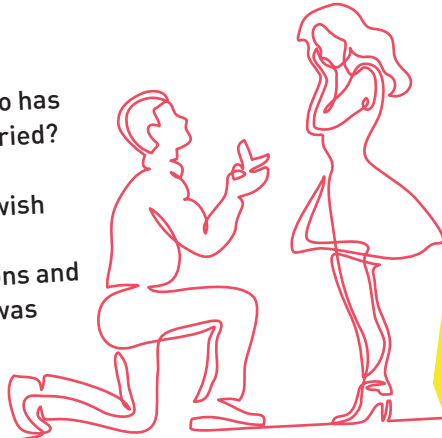
**MEMORY VERSE:**  
MATTHEW 1:21

## MARRY MARY

Do you know someone who has gotten engaged to be married?

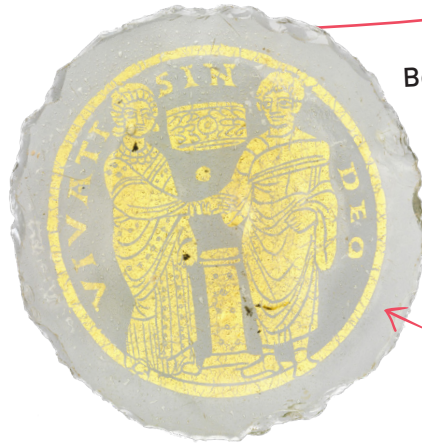


In Bible times, Jewish people arranged betrothals for their sons and daughters. A betrothal was like an engagement, but it was legally binding.



Because Joseph was not the father of Mary's baby, Joseph would have been allowed to break his betrothal to her. But God sent an angel to tell Joseph to still marry Mary. The baby was God's Son!

MARRIAGE SCENE ETCHED IN GOLD AND GLASS, 4TH-5TH CENTURY AD



## BUILDING CODE

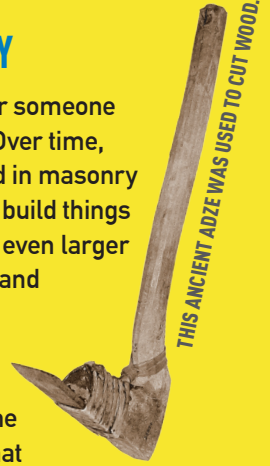
Some of the tools Joseph probably used in his carpentry are similar to today's tools. Some tools are different. Use the code of today's building and construction tools to discover a message from today's Bible story. Then look at **MATTHEW 1:18-23** to see why this message is important.



## ALL ABOUT CARPENTRY

A carpenter is a woodworker or someone who builds things from wood. Over time, carpenters also became skilled in masonry and metalworking. Carpenters build things like tools, furniture, boats, and even larger structures like houses, shops, and other buildings.

In Bible times, sons learned trades from their fathers. The book of Matthew tells us that Joseph and Jesus were carpenters!



THIS ANCIENT ADZE WAS USED TO CUT WOOD.

Is there a skill or a hobby you've learned from your dad or another man in your family?



BELGIAN SCULPTURE OF MARY WATCHING JOSEPH AND JESUS IN THE CARPENTRY STALL

Carpenters in Joseph's day used wood from sycamore, acacia, oak, and ash trees.



If they needed really large pieces of lumber, they would import cypress and cedar trees from Lebanon.

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