

Ding Dong—<https://youtu.be/3mYsVdSB0oc>



Last week in Part 1, we found out about Zechariah and Elizabeth, given a child in old age, one who was blessed with the Holy Spirit living in him, and he would make a way for anointed one, the Messiah, or as we know him Jesus.



We also met Mary, as did the Angel Gabriel when he told her she would be mother to Jesus, a blessed child who would be the son of God. Mary said she was God's servant.

The main take away last week was that God could use ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

This week however we see some of the fall out of that decision, the hardship that can come when following God's command, and then humble beginnings. a baby in a feeding trough.

Okay so we will be looking at our Bibles this morning take a look and find Matthew 1:18 - 24



We find Joseph being given som interesting news and he needs to make a decision, helped along by an angel.

And then the second bit, the trek and the trough. Now for this bit we are going to be jumping back to the book of Luke 2:1-7.

What we learned:

Joseph listened to the Angel and was faithful, he looked after Jesus and taught him everything he knew.

Jesus birth wasn't perfect, but the world he was coming into was perfect, it was broken, and he had come to fix it and make it right.

**Some questions for you and the family to think about.**

What did God ask Joseph to do?

Did Joseph do what God told him to do?

Why did they need to go to Bethlehem?

What's so special about Bethlehem?

Why was there no rooms available?

Who was the baby in the manger and why was he important?



## ACTION

CRAFT! Dontcha just love it, the glue, the cutting and sticking, the colouring in.. I know I do! We are going to continue our theme of nativity crafts with another tree ornament, now like last week you may choose to make this with some thicker card to make it last longer.

You will need

- Page three of the print out
- Scissors and glue
- Colouring in felts or pencils
- Some string, straw or yellow paper cut in strips

Cut out all the pieces, you may need a mum or dads help for the centre bit of the top triangle / fold the two side triangle in to the middle / put some glue along the edge of the bottom triangle and then fold up in to the the other triangles / you should have something that looks like an envelope / colour in the label that goes on the envelope / colour in the Baby Jesus / either wrap if you have string , or just place strips of yellow paper into the envelope to make it look like straw / glue the label on the front, and put Baby Jesus in the envelope. Ta Da.. You can now hang your Baby Jesus Ornament on the tree, to remind us that even though he is a baby, laying in a manger, he is also Immanuel, God with Us!

Each week we finish by Honouring God through prayer and memory verses:



## HONOUR

### **Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for the way you have opened this story to us today, thank you for all the lessons we can learn, from listening to you like Joseph did, and understanding that sometimes nothing seems to be going right, but even then you are with us.

Thank you for sending your only son to save us. Help us to remember you in the coming weeks during Christmas and give thanks for all you do.

Amen

### **Memory Verse:**

“She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7



IMMANUEL  
GOD WITH US

