



## Week 2: Mary

### Introduction

Are you getting ready for Christmas? What do you do to get ready?

Some families decorate their house or their yard. Some families put up a Christmas tree. Some families buy gifts or send Christmas cards. Getting ready for Christmas can be a lot of fun, but it can take a long time!

Today we will talk about someone else who needed to get ready. Baby Jesus' mother, Mary, needed to get ready for the very first Christmas.

### Getting to the Heart

*(Read today's Bible story—Luke 1:26–33—from a child-friendly version of the Bible. Or summarize the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary in your own words.)*

The Bible tells us about a Christmas miracle. And what a miracle it was! How surprised Mary must have been to hear the angel's message. People had been getting ready for the Savior to be born for a long, long, long, long time! Now—finally—it was about to happen! After years and years and years of waiting, the Savior was about to be born. Mary would be his mother.

The angel Gabriel told Mary all about this. It would be a miracle. (A miracle is something only God can do.) Mary didn't have a husband. What's more, Mary's little Baby would not be like any other baby. The angel told her, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:32). This special Baby would be God's very own Son! That Baby would be God himself. Imagine that! Mary's Baby was a tiny human baby, and he was God, too, all at the same time. What a miracle—a Christmas miracle!

Jesus was God's Son, born to be our Savior.

Jesus, God's own Son, gave up his heavenly home to be born in a lowly stable. Jesus loved us that much! What a miracle!

Here's a little poem to help you remember that miracle:

*(Encourage the children to repeat the words after you and mimic your actions.)*

Little baby Jesus sleeping in the hay. *(Tilt your head to "sleep" on your hands.)*  
You're God's special Miracle, born on Christmas Day. *(Rock the "baby" in folded arms.)*

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## **Taking It Home**

Let's pray to thank Jesus for his love. I'll say the words first and you repeat them after me.

*(After each line of the prayer, pause while the children repeat your words.)*

**Dear Savior Jesus,  
thank you for coming  
on that first Christmas  
to be our Savior.  
Thank you for your love.  
We love you too, Jesus!  
Amen.**