

Christmas Heroes



MARY

God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin named Mary. The angel said, "You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You are to name him Jesus. He will be the Son of God and will rule forever."

Mary said, *"I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!"* (Luke 1:38, ERV)



JOSEPH

Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph. When he heard that Mary was pregnant, he knew it was not his baby. But an angel came to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby that is in her is from the Holy Spirit.” So Joseph married Mary and took her home as his wife.



THE SHEPHERDS

There were some shepherds in a field guarding their flocks. Suddenly, an angel appeared to them and said, "I have some good news for you. The Messiah has been born in Bethlehem! You will find him wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a manger."

The shepherds hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them. (Luke 2:16-17, NLT)





ANGELS

That night, the skies were filled with angels. They were praising God. They said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

SIMEON AND ANNA

When Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, “Lord, now let your servant die in peace. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people!”

Anna, a prophetess, was there when Joseph and Mary came to the Temple. She praised God and talked about Jesus to all those who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem. (Luke 2:25-38, NLT)



THE WISE MEN

Sometime later, wise men from countries far to the east saw an unusual star in the sky. They realized it meant a new king had been born. So, they came to Bethlehem and found the house where Jesus and his parents were staying.

When the wise men saw Jesus with his mother, they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



GOD

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life. (John 3:16, ERV)



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