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**Lesson No. 2 The Christmas Story - God's Messenger**

**Read**

*Matthew 1: 18-25*



*Matthew 1: 21*

Christmas is a time of surprises. What a wonderful moment it is when you discover what the large, unusual present is! Or perhaps your grandparents unexpectedly come for a visit!

Once, a man called Joseph had a surprise; in fact, he had **TWO!** First, he discovered that the girl he intended to marry was going to have a baby. He didn't know how this was possible since they were not living together!



**Which verse tells us that he thought about secretly breaking off the engagement?**

**Verse**

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Yet even while he was thinking about this, he had the second surprise! An angel, God's messenger, appeared and spoke to him!

**What did the angel say to Joseph?**

**Put a ✓ after each sentence which is right and an X after each one that is wrong.**

Joseph was the son of Daniel.

Mary conceived through the Holy Spirit's power.

Mary would give birth to a son.

The child must be called Jesus.



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**Look at verse 22 and write one sentence to explain why all this was happening.**

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How wonderful that God's promise, given several hundred years earlier by Isaiah, had now come true! (See Lesson 1, Isaiah 7: 14.)

**Write out the part of the Key Verse that tells why the Lord Jesus came into the world.**

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Circle the correct meaning of the name 'IMMANUEL' (or 'EMMANUEL').

God's Son

Holy Child

God with us

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Let us never forget that the One called 'Immanuel', was more than just a baby boy. He was the holy Son of God, who came down from Heaven to be our Saviour. That is why His coming into the world was so miraculous. If the Lord Jesus was only the son of Mary and Joseph and not the Son of God, He would have been a sinner like us and could never have died to save us from our sins. The Lord Jesus was unique! His mother was Mary, but His Father was God!

What happened after God's messenger left Joseph? Only three of these sentences are true. Number them in the correct order 1, 2 and 3.

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| Joseph woke up.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Joseph called the baby Jesus. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joseph questioned God. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Joseph fell asleep.           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joseph divorced Mary.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Joseph married Mary.          | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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Joseph's task may not have been easy but, like Mary, he trusted in God and left everything in His hands. If we love the Lord Jesus and are His followers, we, too, must trust God and obey His Word.

Do this CROSSWORD to learn the main facts of this lesson again.

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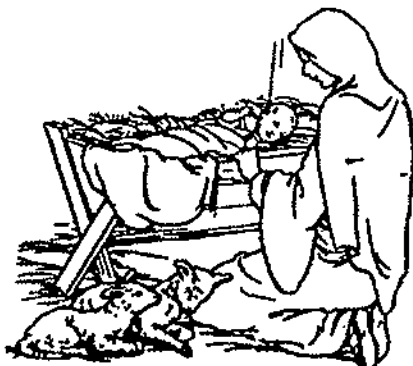
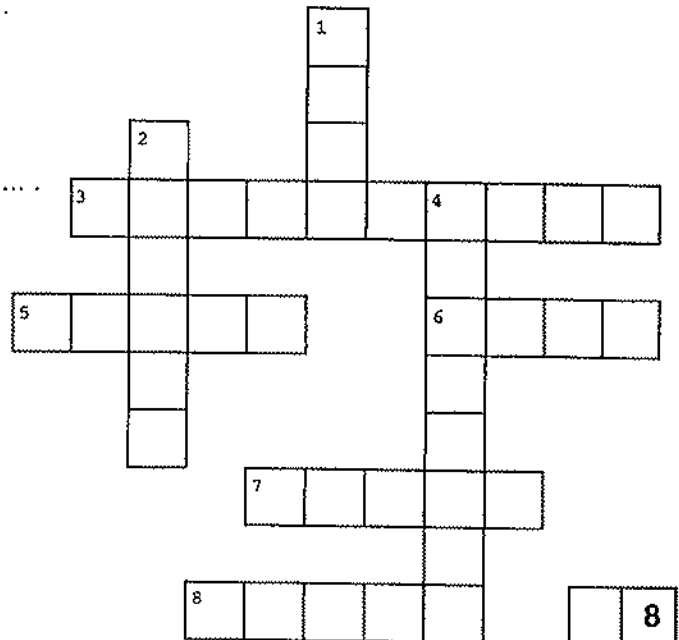


**Clues Across**

3. She conceived the baby by the power of the ..... (Two words)
5. God told him about this miracle in a .....
6. The virgin's name.
7. The name of her first-born son.
8. An ..... of the Lord was God's messenger.

**Clues Down**

1. He was born to save His people from their .....
2. The man who obeyed God's command.
4. This name means 'God with us'.



For teacher's remarks

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