



# Jesus' Childhood

Luke 1:26-38



## Simple Truth about Jesus' Childhood

The Bible is a library with 66 books in it. The New Testament tells about the Life of Jesus.

In the 'Simple Truth' Irene Green retells the stories Jesus's childhood. Widgit Symbol 'highlights' are used to provide the key message to the passage of text.

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Reading the stories.

1. Reading the text with symbols gives you the basic story.
2. Reading all the text gives you the simple truth.
3. Reading with a partner is fun!

Will you read the text with symbols or the text without symbols?



## Mary hears an Angel

Luke 1:26-38

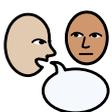


An Angel speaks to Mary.

Mary is a young girl.

Mary is engaged to be married.

She is going to marry Joseph.

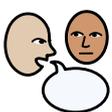


The angel says God is pleased with Mary.

Mary hears that she is special to God.

Mary does not understand.

She wonders what does this mean.



The angel says, "You will have a baby."

Mary wants to know how this can happen.

She has not been with a man.

She is still a virgin.

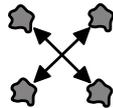


The baby is the Son of God.

The angel says, "The power of God will come to you.

The baby will be holy,

He will be called the Son of God."



God can do anything!

The angel tells Mary that Elizabeth is also having a baby.

Elizabeth is old but she is going to have a baby.

Mary is pleased to hear this news.

    
**Mary visits Elizabeth**

Luke 1:26-38

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Mary goes to visit Elizabeth.

Elizabeth lives in a town in Judea.

The town is up in the hills.

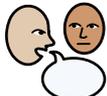
Elizabeth lives with her husband, Zachariah.

        
When Elizabeth hears Mary the baby inside her moves.

Mary tells Elizabeth all the angel has said.

The baby inside Elizabeth jumps.

Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit.

        
Elizabeth tells Mary that she is blessed by God.

Elizabeth understands the babies are a blessing from God.

Elizabeth understands that Mary's baby is the Son of God.

She is very happy to see Mary.

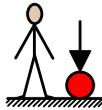


Mary praises God.

Mary praise God for what he is doing for her.

Mary praises God for all he has done in the past.

Mary praises God because he always keeps His promises.



Mary stays with Elizabeth.

Mary stays with Elizabeth for about three months.

After three months she goes home.

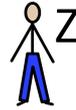
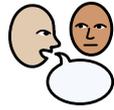
Soon it is time for Elizabeth to have her baby.



## Elizabeth's Baby is Born

Luke 1:57-80

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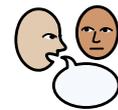


An angel tells Zachariah about the baby.

The angel says, "Elizabeth is old but she is going to have a baby."

The baby is a blessing from God.

You must call him John."

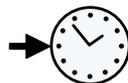


Zachariah has doubts about what the angel says.

Zachariah and Elizabeth are very old.

Zachariah asks the angel, "How can we have a baby?"

The angel tells Zachariah that God sent him.



Zachariah cannot speak until the baby is born.

The angel says, "God sent me to tell you the good news.

You will not be able to speak because you doubted me.

You and Elizabeth really will have a baby."

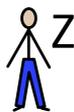


Elizabeth has a baby boy.

After some time Elizabeth has a baby boy.

Elizabeth's friends and family are happy for her.

They understand that she is blessed by God.

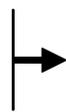


Elizabeth and Zachariah name the baby John.

Friends and family think they will call the baby Zachariah.

Elizabeth says, "No! his name is John."

Zachariah agrees with her.



John is a blessing from God.

The angel says, "Many people will be happy when John is born.

God has a a great plan for John's life.

He will make people ready for Jesus' coming."



# Joseph has a Dream

Luke 1:18-25

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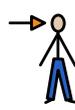
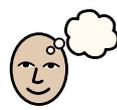


Joseph hears that Mary is pregnant.

Mary and Joseph are going to get married.

They are not married yet.

Joseph hears that Mary is going to have a baby.



Joseph thinks he should divorce Mary.

Joseph is a good man.

Joseph does not want to bring shame to Mary.

So he plans to divorce Mary secretly.

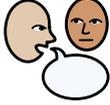
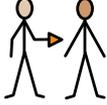
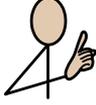


Joseph sees an angel in a dream.

The angel tells Joseph not to be afraid.

The angel tells Joseph to marry Mary.

The angel say, "The baby that is in Mary is from the Holy Spirit."

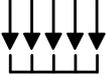
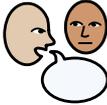
     

The angel says, "You must name the baby Jesus."

The angel tells Joseph the baby is a boy.

The angel says, "You will name the son Jesus.

Give him that name because He will save His people from their sins."

Joseph does everything the angel tells him to do.

Joseph marries Mary.

Joseph does not have sex with Mary until after her baby is born.

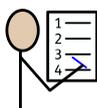
Joseph names the son Jesus.



# Mary's Baby is Born

Luke 2:1-7

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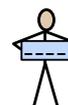
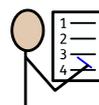


The people have to register their names.

This is the first registration.

It happens while Quirinius is governor of Syria.

The people have to travel to their own town to register.



Joseph goes to Bethlehem to register their names.

Joseph leaves Nazareth to go to Bethlehem.

Mary goes with him because they are going to be married.

There are a lot of people in Bethlehem.



The baby Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

There is no room for them in the house.

Mary wraps the baby Jesus in pieces of cloth.

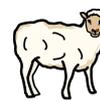
She puts the baby Jesus in a box used to feed the animals.



# Shepherds Hear About Baby Jesus

Luke 2:8-20

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Some shepherds are in the fields watching their sheep.

An angel appears in the field.

The angel stands in front of the shepherds.

The glory of the Lord shines around them.

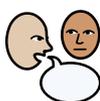


The shepherds are frightened when they see the angel.

The angel tells them not to be afraid.

The angel has good news for them.

The good news will make all the people happy.

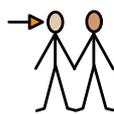
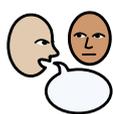


The angel tells the shepherds the baby Jesus is born.

The baby Jesus is their saviour.

He is born in Bethlehem.

He is Christ the Lord.

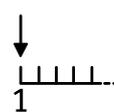
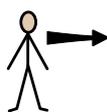
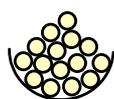


The angel tells them how to find the baby Jesus.

This is what the angel tells them.

"You find the baby wrapped in pieces of cloth.

He will be lying in a box used to feed the animals."



Soon lots of angels join the first angel.

The angels praise God and say,

"Praise God in heaven,

and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God."



The shepherds go to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus.

The shepherds know the angels bring a message from God.

They want to see this thing for themselves.

So they set out for Bethlehem.

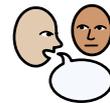
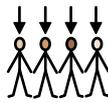
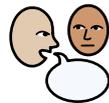


The shepherds see Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus.

It is just as the angels say it will be.

The baby Jesus is wrapped in pieces of cloth.

He is lying in a box used to feed the animals.

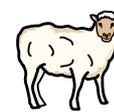


The shepherds tell everyone what the angels said.

Everyone is surprised when they hear what the shepherds tell them.

Mary thinks about all she hears.

She is trying to understand it.



Then the shepherds go back to their sheep.

The shepherds praise God.

The shepherds thank God for all they have seen and heard.

It is just as the angel said.



The baby is named Jesus.

When the baby is eight days old he is circumcised.

Mary and Joseph name him Jesus.

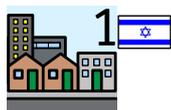
This is the name the angel gives before the baby grows inside Mary.



# Wise men Visit Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

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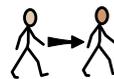
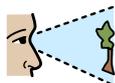


Herod is king in Jerusalem.

Baby Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

At the time Herod is the king.

Herod the king lives in Jerusalem.



The Wise men see a star and follow it.

The star shows the wise men that Jesus is born.

The wise men come to Jerusalem to look for the king of the Jews.

The wise men come to worship Jesus.

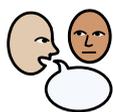


King Herod worries.

King Herod worries when he hears about the new king of the Jews.

All the people in Jerusalem worry too.

Herod wants to know where this new king is to be born.



King Herod talks to the priests and teachers.

King Herod asks them where the "Christ" is to be born.

They remind him that the prophet Micah said,

"A great ruler, is to be born in Bethlehem."

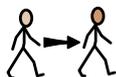


King Herod meets with the Wise Men.

King Herod tells the Wise Men to go to Bethlehem to look for the child.

He asks them to come back and tell him where the child is.

He says he wants to go and worship the child.

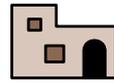


The wise men follow the star to Bethlehem.

When the wise men leave Herod they see the star again.

They are very excited when they see it.

The star leads them to Bethlehem.



The wise men find the right house.

The star leads the wise men to the right house.

The child Jesus is in the house.

He is there with his mother Mary.

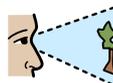


The wise men bring gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The wise men worship Jesus.

They open the gifts they have brought.

They give Him gold, frankincense and myrrh.



The wise men do not go to see King Herod.

The wise men have a dream and hear from God.

He tells them not to go back to see King Herod.

So they go home a different way.



# The Family go to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-18

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Joseph has a dream.

After the wise men go Joseph has a dream.

In the dream Joseph hears an angel.

The angel tells Joseph what to do.



The family are not safe.

King Herod wants to kill the child Jesus.

He is going to look for the family.

The angel tells Joseph to take the family to Egypt.



Joseph takes the family to Egypt.

When Joseph hears the angel he goes to Egypt.

He takes Mary and the child Jesus with him.

They leave during the night.



# Baby Boys are Killed

Matthew 2:16-18

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The wise men do not go to see King Herod.

Herod is angry when the wise men do not go back to see him.  
The wise men fool the King by going home a different way.  
Now King Herod is very angry.



King Herod orders the boys to be killed.

All the boys in Bethlehem must be killed.  
All the boys in the area around Bethlehem must be killed.  
King Herod orders all the boys under two must be killed.



It is two years after the baby Jesus is born.

The wise men told King Herod when the baby Jesus was born.  
It is now two years after that time.  
So King Herod says all boys two years old and younger must be killed.



# Joseph Returns from Egypt

Matthew 2:19-23

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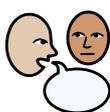


King Herod dies and Joseph has a dream.

After King Herod dies Joseph has a dream.

An angel speaks to Joseph in the dream.

The angel tells Joseph what to do.

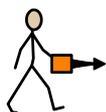


An angel tells Joseph to go back to Israel.

It is safe to go back to Israel now.

The people who want to kill the child Jesus have died.

So Joseph takes Mary and the child back to Israel.



Joseph takes his family to live in Nazareth.

When King Herod dies his son Archelaus becomes king in Judea.

Joseph decides not to go back to Judea.

Instead he goes to Nazareth in the area called Galilee.



# The Boy Jesus

Luke 2:39-52

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  +    in  Nazareth.

The little boy Jesus is growing up.

He grows stronger and wiser.

God's blessings are with him.

   +    Jerusalem.

They go to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

They stay in Jerusalem for several days.

When the feast days are over they go home again.

    Jerusalem with  Joseph and  Mary.

When Jesus is 12 they all go to the Passover Feast as usual.

When the feast days are over they leave for home.

But the boy Jesus is behind.

 +  have  the   Jesus.

Joseph and Mary travel for a whole day.

They think Jesus is with them in the group.

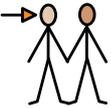
They look for him among their family and friends.

 +  cannot find  the   Jesus.

They cannot find the boy Jesus anywhere.

So they go back to Jerusalem to look for Him there.

It takes three days to find Him.

  the   Jesus in the  temple.

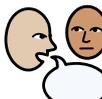
Jesus is sitting in the temple with the religious teachers.

He is listening and asking questions.

Everyone hears Him and is amazed.

        
When Joseph and Mary see Him they are amazed.

Mary asks, "Why did you do this?  
Your father and I were worried about you.  
We've been looking for you."

       
Jesus says, "Why did you have to look for me?"

Jesus says, "You know I must be where Father God's work is."  
But Joseph and Mary did not understand.  
They did not understand the meaning of His words.

        
Jesus goes back to Nazareth with Joseph and Mary.

Jesus obeys His parents all the time.  
He continues to learn and grows taller.  
People like Jesus and He pleases God.