

The Angel Appears to Joseph

December

Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was a very special baby. An angel told Joseph that Jesus was a gift to him and Mary from the Holy Spirit. Angels also announced Jesus' birth in Bethlehem to poor shepherds in the fields. They proclaimed the good news of His coming into the world.

The Gospel Story Through Gameplay

This Story takes place in the city of Nazareth. The city contains several homes, including Joseph's carpentry shop and a market area. Children begin the game outside the city of Nazareth and are instructed to find Mary in her home. Children navigate through Nazareth until they find Mary working inside her home. They watch a cinema of Matthew 1:18-19.

Kids must now find Joseph asleep in his home. Children navigate through the city of Nazareth to find Joseph. Upon finding him, they watch a cinema of Matthew 1:20-21, as the angel comes to Joseph while he is asleep. The angel tells Joseph to take Mary as his wife. Children then find Mary and Joseph in a courtyard of Joseph's home. They hear the narration of Matthew 1:22-24, where Joseph did as the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

Children are then told to help Mary and Joseph prepare for Jesus' birth by collecting healthy items for them to eat. Children collect apples, figs, bread, grapes, water, and a bucket of cheese. Kids must take all the items back to Joseph and Mary's home and place them on tables. After completion of this task, children are told to find the Faith Focus.

The Bonus Round contains an abundance of tokens located on tops of homes. Children also find a stream of tokens located all the way around the outside walls of Nazareth. There are additional service tasks that children can perform. One man needs new spokes for a wheel, another needs a new handle for his cart. A woman needs new teeth for her rake.

THE GAME IN 30 SECONDS

Find Mary in her home and watch a cinema of Matthew 1:18-19.

Find Joseph asleep in his home and watch a cinema of Matthew 1:20-21.

Find Joseph and Mary together in Joseph's home and hear Matthew 1:22-24.

Find 8 healthy items for Mary and Joseph to eat.

Find the Faith Focus.

Collect bonus tokens; then find the cross to end the game.

LIGHT THE FIRE

This week, children will hear the angel tell Mary that she will have a baby. Kids will be asked to help Mary and Joseph prepare for the baby by finding all kinds of healthy foods for them to eat.

Tell the kids: Mary discovers that she will have a baby. In the game, how do you think she and Joseph might prepare for the baby's birth?

(Each month, "Light The Fire" will contain some fun gameplay activities related to the Gospel story. Use it to start a discussion with your children about this month's Bible story game.)

Saint of the Month

Saint Frances Xavier

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who helps you when you feel worried or afraid?

Kids find this special saint token in a marketplace of the city.

Children learn that Saint Francis Xavier is called the Apostle of the Indies and Japan because of his missionary work in India and Japan.



Spiritual Works of Mercy

Comfort those who suffer

Children find a man who is old and in pain. He asks the kids to find him some warm water for this bath.