

Lesson No. ( 17 )

## St. Joseph and the Angel

### References

Matthew 1:18-25, The Jesus Story by Mary and Herb Montgomery.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ Joseph obeyed God and proceeded with the marriage. Although others may have disapproved of his decision, Joseph went ahead with what he knew was right.
- ★ Sometimes we avoid doing the right thing because of what others might think. Like Joseph, we must choose to obey God rather than seek the approval of others.

### Objectives

**General:** To share with the church the joy of Christmas and be ready for it.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand what is Christmas all about.
- B. Feel the importance of Christmas to us.
- C. Start fasting if they have not started yet.

### Bible Verse

**“And you shall call his name Jesus.”**

Matthew 1:21

### Teaching Aids

Felt figures and flannel board.

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### Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

# Story Time

Joseph was a man who worked as a carpenter. He used his carpenter tools to make things out of wood. Joseph and Mary were planning to get married.

Something unusual had happened to Mary. An angel brought her a special message from God. The angel told her that she was going to have a baby.

Now, something unusual happened to Joseph, too. An angel talked to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, take Mary home as your wife. She is going to have a baby boy. The boy will grow up to be a very special person. You must name Him, Jesus."

When Joseph got up in the morning, he remembered his dream. He believed what God's angel had told him.

Mary and Joseph were chosen to be the parents of Jesus. Together they got ready to make a happy home for Him. Soon, it would be time for Jesus to be born.

## Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

## Learning Activities

Colouring Page.