

Mary Hears the Good News

Matthew 1:18-25

FALL UNIT 5: I Thank God for Jesus

BIBLE VERSE:

*"A Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:11

GOD'S WORD & ME (BOTTOM LINE:)

I can thank God that Jesus was born
and tell others the good news!



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Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Matthew 1. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 27 pictures.

A promise is something someone tells you he or she will do, and the person does it! Has someone ever made you a promise? Listen to find out what special promise God gave to Mary.



A long, long time ago, God promised He would send His special Son. God's people waited and waited and waited. They wanted God to send His Son. One person who waited for God's promise was a young woman named Mary.



One day Mary was alone. She **looked up**. Standing right there beside her was an angel! Mary had never seen an angel before!

"Hello, Mary," the angel said. "God is with you." Mary was surprised and afraid.

"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel said. "God loves you. He has chosen you to be the mother of a very special baby. You will name the baby Jesus. He will be very great. This special baby will be God's own Son!" Mary was **glad** to hear this promise!



How exciting! Mary hurried to tell her cousin Elizabeth the wonderful news. Mary **walked** into Elizabeth's house. Just then God let Elizabeth know that Mary was going to be the mother of His Son, Jesus. Elizabeth said, "Mary, you're a special woman and your baby is very special!" Mary was glad. She thanked God. She told God she loved Him.

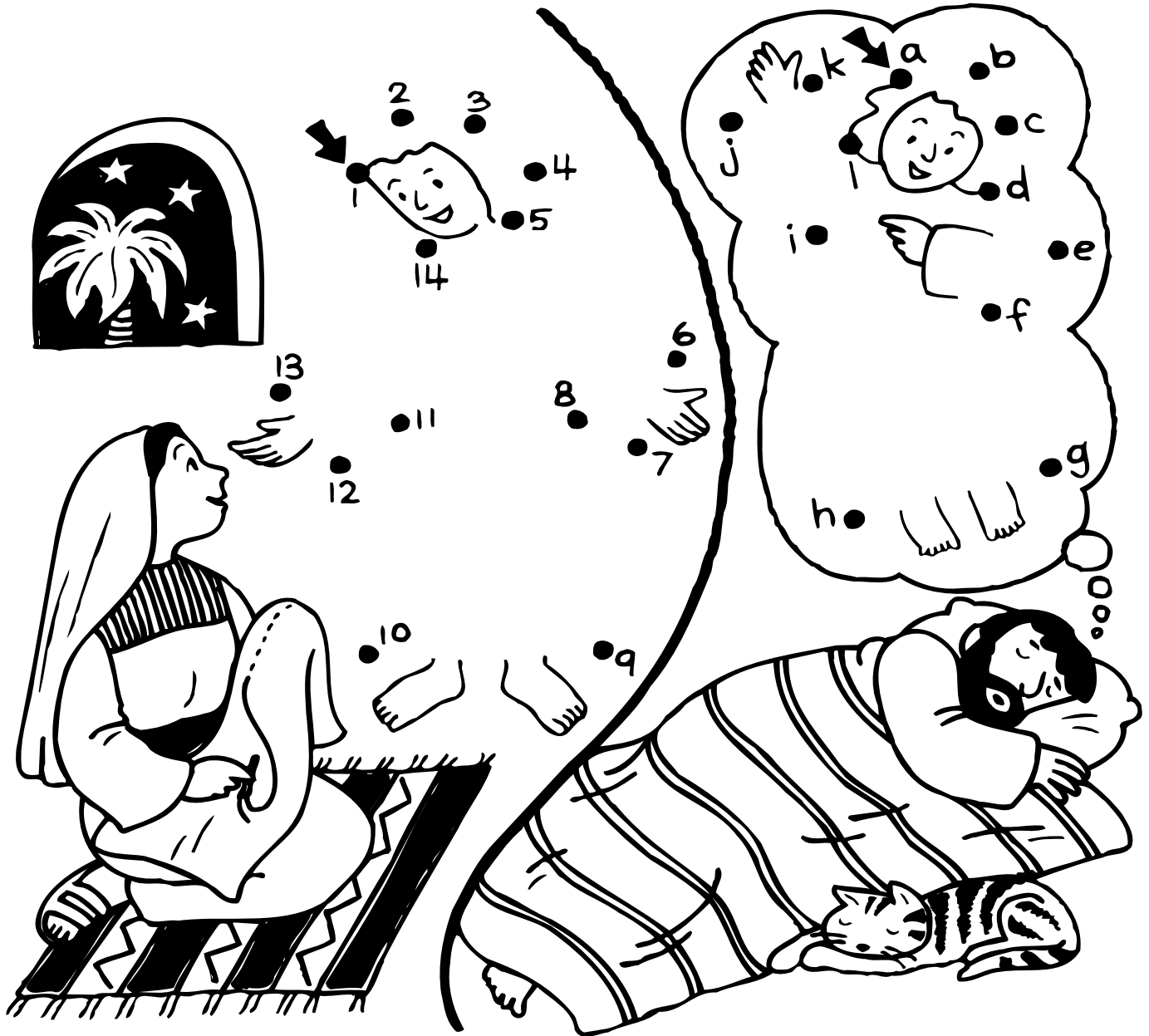


Very soon a man named Joseph was going to be Mary's husband. One night Joseph was **asleep**. An angel talked to him in a dream. "Mary is going to have a special baby. He is God's Son," the angel said. "You will name Him Jesus." Joseph was glad God was sending His Son, Jesus. Joseph was glad he could help care for this special baby God had promised.





Complete the dot-to-dots to see who is talking to Mary and who is in Joseph's dream.



Mary thanked God for His promise to send baby Jesus.
 We can thank God, too, for His promise.
 Our Bible says, "God loved us and sent his Son." (See 1 John 4:10.)



Draw a picture of an angel.