

Narrations for upper KS2 (9-11+yrs)

Part 1: An Angel Visits Mary

Narrator 1

Over two thousand years ago, when the world was a very different place, God looked down on his creation and decided it was time for a change. People needed to be given a new direction, a new way to live their lives...a new way to treat each other. So, He would send someone to guide them and show them how this change could be made. That someone would be His own son.

Narrator 2

At that time, a young woman named Mary lived in the Galilean town of Nazareth. Loved by all, she had a sunny nature and was known for her pure heart and honesty. One afternoon, while she was busy with her chores, an unexpected and wondrous event occurred: she was visited by an angel called Gabriel, who came with an important message from God.

Narrator 3

Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to a baby boy, the son of God, whom she should name Jesus. Understandably, this confused and worried Mary, but the angel soothed her with comforting words. God had been watching her and was impressed by her character. He knew that she was the perfect choice to be the mother of this very special baby. He would keep her safe and help her in this most important task. Mary need not be afraid.

Narrator 4

Now, Mary was betrothed to Joseph, a caring and generous carpenter who also lived in Nazareth. When Mary told him that she had been chosen to be the mother of God's own son, Joseph was anxious and uncertain whether his place should be beside her. However, as he slept restlessly that night, an angel appeared to him in a dream and explained how important it was for him to support Mary and to play his own part in God's great plan.

Narrator 5

The angel told Joseph that Mary's baby would be a king and a saviour. He would forgive people their past sins, showing them how to lead better lives and be closer to God. The world would never be the same once everyone had heard the words of Jesus. When he woke up from the dream, Joseph felt calm and his fears were allayed. He did what the angel had told him to – he took Mary home to love and protect her.

Choose your song

Mary, Mary

Tracks 1 (*with vocals*) & 2 (*backing*). Lyrics p28.

Hi There Mary

Tracks 3 (*with vocals*) & 4 (*backing*). Lyrics p29.

Listen To Me

Tracks 5 (*with vocals*) & 6 (*backing*). Lyrics p30.

Narrations for lower KS2 / upper KS1 (7-9yrs)

Part 1: An Angel Visits Mary

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Long ago, when the world was a very different place, God looked down and decided His people needed to be taught how to treat each other properly. So, He would send His own son to show them how to do this.

Narrator 2

At that time, a young woman named Mary lived in the town of Nazareth. Loved by all, she was honest and pure. One day, she was visited at home by an angel called Gabriel, who brought her an important message.

Narrator 3

God had chosen Mary to give birth to His son, whom she should name Jesus. She was confused and worried by this news, but the angel told her that God trusted her and that He would watch over her. She need not be afraid.

Narrator 4

Now, Mary was to be married to a kind carpenter named Joseph. When she told him she was expecting a baby, Joseph wasn't sure whether he should stay with Mary. However, an angel came to him in a dream and calmed his worries.

Narrator 5

The angel told Joseph that he should trust Mary. The baby would grow to be a great man, showing people how to live better lives. This was God's will and when Joseph woke from his dream, he knew his job was to love and protect Mary and the child she would bear.

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Narrations for EYFS / KS1 (4-7yrs)

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A long, long time ago, God looked down on the world and saw that things must change. He would send His son to show people how to be kind to each other.

Narrator 2

At that time, a young woman named Mary lived in Nazareth. Everybody loved her because she was kind. One day, an angel named Gabriel visited her with an important message.

Narrator 3

Gabriel told Mary that God wanted her to have a baby, who would be His son. She should call the baby Jesus. This worried Mary, but God said He would look after her.

Narrator 4

Mary was soon to be married to a carpenter called Joseph. Her news shocked him, but that night an angel spoke to him in a dream and made him feel better.

Narrator 5

The angel said that Jesus would change the world. God wanted this to happen, and Joseph's part would be to love and take care of Mary and the child.

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Part 2: The Journey To Bethlehem

Narrator 1

It was not long before the baby was due and Mary was busily preparing for His arrival. She was still unsure why she had been chosen by God to have His son and such an enormous responsibility weighed heavily on her mind. To unsettle her further, she and Joseph heard news that Caesar Augustus, the Roman emperor, had ordered there to be a census in the land. All men had to return to the place of their birth, to register their names to be taxed.

Narrator 2

Joseph would have to travel with Mary to Bethlehem, the town where his family came from, to sign the register. The journey from Nazareth would be especially difficult for Mary in her condition. She couldn't possibly walk. Fortunately, Joseph owned a donkey which carried his carpentry tools and materials on his working days. Mary would ride to Bethlehem on the donkey, while Joseph walked beside her.

Narrator 3

The couple set off early in the morning. Joseph saddled the donkey and loaded it with blankets and provisions. Mary then climbed onto its back and tried to get comfortable for the journey ahead. She knew they would not arrive in Bethlehem for three or four days, even if they travelled all the hours of daylight. The roads were dusty, rough and dangerous, so Joseph led the way slowly and carefully, protecting all that was most precious to him.

Narrator 4

Knowing they were doing God's work, Mary and Joseph pushed onward. When night came, they were forced to sleep out in the open. For shelter, Joseph stretched blankets between branches, trying to make Mary as safe and as comfortable as possible, but the baby was moving inside her and she found sleeping difficult. When the sun came up, both she and Joseph were still weary, but they carried on without complaint.

Narrator 5

They wore thick, warm coats due to the time of year, but these were heavy and made travelling very tiring. There was also the worry that they might encounter thieves or wild animals in the countryside, so it was an enormous relief when they finally caught sight of Bethlehem in the distance. They would soon find a room in the town and be able to rest themselves, and the tired donkey, after their gruelling journey.

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Fetch The Donkey

Tracks 7 (*with vocals*) & 8 (*backing*). Lyrics p31.

Clip Cloppin' Along The Road

Tracks 9 (*with vocals*) & 10 (*backing*). Lyrics p32.

Dozy Donkey

Tracks 11 (*with vocals*) & 12 (*backing*). Lyrics p33.

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Narrator 2

Joseph would have to travel with Mary to Bethlehem, the town where he was from. Mary couldn't possibly make the journey on foot, so she would ride from Nazareth on Joseph's donkey while he walked beside her.

Narrator 3

The couple set off early in the morning. They would not arrive in Bethlehem for three or four days, as the roads were dusty, rough and dangerous. Joseph led the way, protecting Mary and the precious load she carried.

Narrator 4

Knowing they were doing God's work, they pushed onward. At night, they had to sleep out in the open, under blankets, which Mary found uncomfortable. When the sun came up, although still weary, they carried on without complaint.

Narrator 5

Worried that they might face thieves or wild animals in the countryside, it was a relief when they finally saw Bethlehem in the distance. They would soon find a room in the town and be able to rest themselves and the tired donkey.

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Caesar Augustus wanted to know how many people lived in the land he ruled over, so he could tax them. He ordered all men to go to the town where they were born, to sign a register.

Narrator 2

This meant that Joseph must go to Bethlehem, which was far away from Nazareth. He set off walking, with Mary riding on a donkey by his side. They had to go quickly, as it would not be long until the baby was born.

Narrator 3

Their journey to Bethlehem still took them many days. They had to travel along dusty, rocky roads through dangerous countryside.

Narrator 4

At night, they had to sleep outside and when morning came they were still very tired. It was not easy, but they knew that they were doing what God wanted.

Narrator 5

At last, they reached Bethlehem. Here they hoped to find a room for the night, with a soft bed and somewhere for their tired donkey to rest.

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