

# The Christmas Story

This is Mary (Maryam).

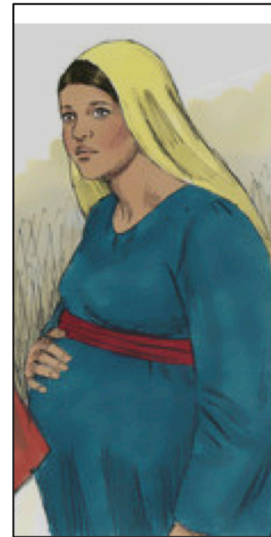
Mary is **single**.

She is **pregnant**.

Mary is a good girl.

She has not been with a man.

**How is she pregnant?**



An **angel** comes to Mary.

The angel says, “The baby is from God.”

The angel says, “Name the baby ‘Jesus’ (Ciise).”

Jesus means “saves” (badbaadiya).

This baby is a **miracle** (**Mucjiso**).





This is Joseph.

He plans to **marry** Mary.

He has a problem.

She is pregnant!

It is not his baby.

**What does he do?**



**angel**

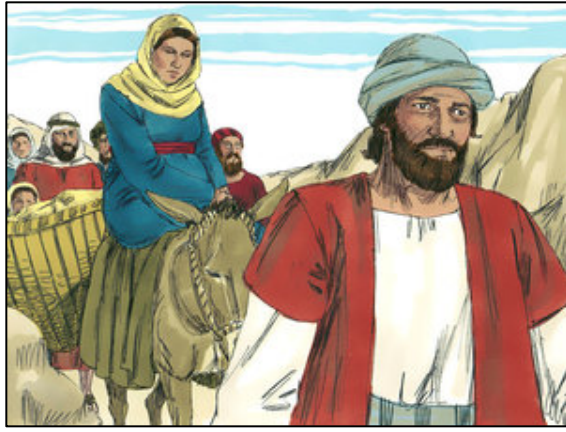
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“Name the baby ‘Jesus’ (Cisse).”



Joseph marries Mary.

Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem.



So many people!

They look and look for a room.

There is no place to stay!

**What do they do?**



There is no room.

They stay in a **barn**.

The baby is born!



Jesus has no **sin**.

Jesus takes away sin.

Jesus **saves** (baadbaadiya).

Jesus is a **gift** from God to all people!

## Tutor Instructions:

Tell the story out loud with pictures first.

You can go to [www.freebibleimages.org](http://www.freebibleimages.org) to access a storyboard. These can be used individually, for educational purposes only.

After you've told the story out loud, have the student read the story.

There is a Somali word for sin, “dembí”, that you can use, but it isn't an exact definition for the concept of sin as we know it. Use some personal examples in simple English: bad things I have thought about other people and the Lord corrected my thinking, becoming easily angered with someone, bad things happening in the news, something I did to someone and had to apologize, etc.

To understand the vocabulary in bold, have the student point to the corresponding picture.