

Interactive Christmas 2013 – Mary and Joseph

Mary

Who am I? No one special.

Just a girl from a small town that you've never heard of.

From a family that you've never heard of.

Just an ordinary girl

engaged to an ordinary guy.

OK, he's not ordinary to me!

But he's no one special.

Just descended from King David,

but so is half of the country!

Like I said, Joseph and I aren't anyone special.

Just a happy couple.

Well, we were...

(pause)

So why did this happen?

I'm minding my own business,

just trying to prepare for our wedding,

excited about our future life together.

And then, on this one night

just like any other night

a light appears

dazzling me

a voice speaks in my mind

"You are favoured by God."

"Don't be afraid!"

Afraid? I was terrified!

Just scared out of my mind.

Then this voice, this messenger from God says

"You will have a child, a son."

And I go, "Just wait a minute, we're not even married yet."

But the voice just keeps going.

"And you will name him Jesus.

He will be the Son of God,

and he will rule over the house of Jacob

forever."

I was speechless, just speechless.

and then I got angry.

What are you talking about?
I'm barely a teenager
and I'm not even married yet!
And this messenger, this angel, said
"God's Spirit will make this happen"
I felt confused, scared
I just cried till I couldn't any more.
(pause)
Then I was still for a long time.
(pause)
I thought of Joseph and my love for him.
I knew the problems this would cause.
I thought of the God who I have known all my life.
And then I wept again
this time, not with fear,
crying and laughing at the same time.
A child, THIS child, is a gift
A gift from God himself
Look at me. Why would God choose me?
Look at me. Why would God bless me?
Who am I?
No-one special. No-one special at all.
Just the mother of God's Son.
The one who will change everything for good.
So I said "Yes. Here I am.
Let it be so.

Joseph

Who am I? No one special.

Just a guy from a small town that you've never heard of.

From a family that you've never heard of.

Well, OK, I'm a descendant of King David

But so is half the country.

Just an ordinary guy

engaged to pretty special girl.

So happy...

Well we were...

(pause)

So, what happened?

We're just trying to prepare for our wedding,

excited about our future life together,

When she comes to me to tell me that she's with child!

Expecting a baby!

Told me some crazy story about an angel

and a promise from God.

I didn't know what to say.

I felt angry, embarrassed, confused.

I didn't know what to think

What would people say about her? About us?

(pause)

So I decided that it was best for both of us

if we just quietly broke off the engagement

and didn't see each other ever again.

I felt terrible, but it was the best thing for her sake.

I was going to tell her the next day.

But that night I had a dream

and I saw an angel,

just like Mary did.

The angel said "Don't be afraid to marry Mary.

Her child is from the Holy Spirit.

You will have a son and name him Jesus,

Emmanuel – "God with us"

And he will be the one who saves the world"

(pause)

I woke up speechless.
It felt as if a huge weight had lifted off me.
And I just started laughing out loud
at the sheer wonder of this gift.
A gift from God himself.
Look at me. Why would God choose me?
Look at me, why would God bless me?
Who am I?
No-one special. No-one special at all.
Just the one who will be known as the father of God's Son.
The one who will change everything for good.
So I said "Yes. Here I am.