BIRTH OF JESUS

Listen to this podcast story of the miracle of Jesus as seen through Mary's eyes.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Worshiping God- God Sends a Savior

1. Luke 1:46-55 records Mary's song of praise from when she visited her cousin Elizabeth and felt the full excitement of what God is doing in the world by sending the Messiah. Have you ever been so excited you felt like singing?
2. "Humble" means to not think too highly of yourself; to know the limits of your power. It is a word that describes many of the characters in the story leading up to Jesus' birth. As you listen, think about the ways different people in the Bible put their trust in God, not in their own power or understanding.

Memory Verse

And Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. "

Luke 1:46-48

After You Listen

In the Christmas story, God works through humble people. Mary humbly accepted God's announcement that she would have a baby, even though people wouldn't believe that Jesus was God's son. Elizabeth humbly trusted that God would give her a baby and take care of her health even though she was old. Joseph prayed and humbly asked God for wisdom, instead of listening to others about breaking off the engagement with Mary. Today, we can be humble and obedient to God in big decisions or small ones.

You can read the Bible story of Jesus' birth in Luke 1:26-56 and Luke 2:1-7. Want to dig deeper and learn more about the humble people around Jesus' birth? Check out Luke 1:5-25, 57-80, Luke 2:8-20, and Matthew 2.

Challenge

No matter what time of the year it is, God calls us to be humble and trust him. Find a way this week to follow God's call to serve. What can you do around your own house that would serve others? Help with more chores? Read to a younger sibling? Collect some clothes or toys to donate? Check out the Kids Corner Christmas Coupon book for more ideas. Remember that being humble includes doing what is right even if it is inconvenient for us at the time.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Why didn't Mary think she could have a baby?

Answer: She wasn't married.

Question 2: Which angel appeared to both Mary and Joseph?

Answer: Gabriel

Question 3: Whose house did Mary visit?

Answer: Her cousin, Elizabeth

Question 4: Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem?

Answer: To register for the census.

Question 5: Why was Jesus born in a stable?

Answer: There was no room anywhere else in town.

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