
Mary's Story

In a book of the Bible called Luke, in chapter 1, a teenage girl called Mary is told by a messenger from God that she will unexpectedly become pregnant and give birth to a baby boy called Jesus who will become very great and will be called the Son of God.

Mary is fearful and confused at first but then comes to accept and be joyful about what is happening to her.

QUESTIONS:

- What do you think brings Mary hope in this situation?
- Have you ever faced a difficult situation and what helped you to get through it?
- How might you be able to offer help to someone else in a similar situation?



Shepherd's story

In a book of the Bible called Luke, in chapter 2, some shepherds in a field are told by a messenger from God that there is a new born baby in their town who is God's Son and has come to save them and bring them great joy.

The shepherds were poor, afraid and disregarded by their society.

QUESTIONS:

- How do think this news gave them hope for their future?
- What worries do you have about the future?
- What kind of things might give you hope for the future?



Wise men's story

In a book of the Bible called Matthew, in chapter 2, some wise men from Asia travelled to a town in the Middle East called Bethlehem where they found a child called Jesus who they heard would become the most important ruler ever.

They gave special gifts to Jesus but the tyrant King at the time called Herod wanted to kill Jesus. So the wise men kept the location of the child a secret so that he could flee with his family and become refugees in Egypt until Herod died.

QUESTIONS:

- How did the wise men bring hope in this situation?
- Do you know anyone who is feeling threatened?
- What could you do or say to help them and give them hope?

