

What Child is This?






Matthew
1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit."



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²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:


²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.



A Father's Heart

A photograph of a nativity scene set in a rustic stone stable. In the center, a wooden manger is filled with straw and contains a baby Jesus wrapped in white swaddling clothes, lying on a bed of straw. To the left, a small arched window looks out onto a dark night sky with a bright, glowing star. The walls of the stable are made of rough-hewn stone blocks, and the floor is covered in straw.

Forgiveness is an act of selfless love

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A photograph of a nativity scene set in a rustic stone stable. In the center, a wooden manger is filled with straw and contains baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, surrounded by several baby animals like sheep and a calf. To the left, a small arched window looks out onto a dark night sky with a bright, glowing star. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the window and a soft glow around the manger.

Trusting God fully is often risky

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A photograph of a nativity scene. In the center, a wooden manger filled with straw and hay holds a baby wrapped in white swaddling clothes, lying on its back. The manger is supported by four wooden legs. The background is a dark, stone-walled stable. On the left, a small, arched window looks out onto a night sky with a bright star and some clouds. The floor is covered in straw.

Faith and courage go hand in hand

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