

# 1, 2, 3 STORY TIME!

## WHO WILL BE THE MOTHER OF THE PROMISED SAVIOR?

*Keeping your promises, you agree, it's important! In any case, God DOES hold them. He made a lot of promises, but there is one that particularly interests us. He had promised to send a savior to deliver us from our disobedience. We know that savior ... is Jesus, his Son. But ... Jesus, he was in heaven, so how was he going to come to earth?*

*God had given an important indication. He said he would come as a little child.*

*A little child! But then, we have to find a mother. Yes! It takes a mother and it is God Himself who chose her and we are going to know who He is going to choose.*

*At the end of the story, you will have the answer to this question: Who was chosen to be the mother of Jesus and who is his father?*

## WHO HAS GOD CHOSEN?

In the small town of Nazareth lives a young girl named Mary. She loves God with all her heart. She has a fiancé, it's Joseph. He is a carpenter. He too loves God.

One day, Marie is alone in her house.



Suddenly, someone she doesn't know appears to her.

He's an angel, the angel Gabriel!

-Hail, Mary, he said to her, you can really rejoice, God is with you and he will bless you in a very special way!

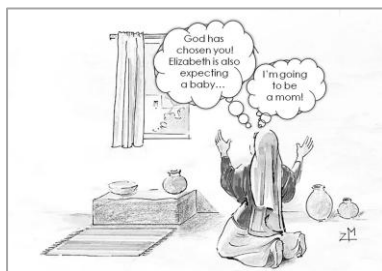
Marie is moved, what does that mean?

- Do not worry! He said to her. I have come to share good news with you, you are pleasing to God and He has chosen you.



You're going to have a baby; this baby is the savior he promised for a long time. It is he who will be the father of this child, that is why he will be called the Son of God. Your cousin, Elizabeth who couldn't have a child. Well! She's expecting a baby. You see, Mary, everything is possible for God and everything that He promises, He does.

- I am a servant in the service of God, replies Mary let everything happen for me as you have just said.



The angel Gabriel leaves Mary who is moved and very happy. She repeats in her heart all the words of the angel:

"God has chosen you to be the mother of Jesus, his Son ... Elizabeth is also expecting a baby".

It's a big upheaval in her life, she's going to be a mom, she's going to carry this baby that God has promised.



She decides to go see her cousin. When they say hello to each other, Elizabeth, who is filled with the Holy Spirit, exclaims happily:  
 - You, Mary, you come to my place! You come to see me but I do not deserve such a visit! You are blessed and the child you are carrying is blessed! The moment you spoke, my baby jumped for joy. You are happy, Mary, because God chose you and you believed what the angel told you.

Mary and Elizabeth praised God who works such wonders and who always keeps His promises, this great God who comes to the aid of men. Mary stayed with Elisabeth for three months, then returned to her house. Looking forward to the birth of her baby, the Son of God.

### 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!



*Can you imagine, Mary, receiving a visit from an angel who came especially from heaven to tell her this extraordinary news: "God has chosen you to be the mother of the promised savior!"*

*What could have been going on in Mary's head at this time? I do not know...*

*She certainly didn't understand everything, but she trusted God. She believed with all her heart that anything is possible for Him and she accepted what the*

*angel told her. She is going to have a child but this child will not be quite like the others because he is the son of God.*

*Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He is the promised savior?*

*I believe it and I encourage you to believe it too.*

*In our next story, we will see how God is going to arrange everything so that the birth of this baby goes as He had announced.*

*And now the answer to the question we asked: Mary is the mother of Jesus and God is his father.*

### 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!



*The coming of Jesus to earth is a miracle. What differentiates him from all humans is precisely his divinity.*

*He is the Son of man and He is also the Son of God. This is a foundation of the faith of Christians, of parents and children.*

*When we parents believe in God and in Jesus, we can accompany our children on their journey of faith. It's a great adventure.*