

## **Sparklers @ Home Week 30.**

### **Good news for Joseph Matthew 1:18-25**

Hi Sparklers,

I'm sure you have already started writing your Christmas lists and maybe thinking about Christmas at school or nursery. Over the coming weeks we are going to learn about the true Christmas story. This week we hear about Joseph he appears to be a minor player in the Christmas story, and yet his incredible faith is vital. Mary hasn't much choice but to be Jesus mother. But Joseph has to decide whether to stay with Mary or not. He chooses to follow what the angel tells him to do – incredible as that must seem to him.

#### **Activity - Puppets**

Print out the sheets of puppets at the back of this pack either onto card or onto paper and stick onto card.

Colour in all the puppets and cut them out

Add sticks (e.g. lollypop sticks) to the back of the puppets.

We will need these puppets for our story today.

#### **Bible Story.**

Joseph is fast asleep (Lay your Joseph puppet down)

But he is having a strange dream. He is dreaming that an angel has come to visit him (Bring in the angel puppet and wake Joseph up).

"Mary is going to have a very special baby", the angel says. "You must call him Jesus. He will be God's Son." Then the angel leaves. (Move the angel away).

Joseph loves Mary. Joseph is happy to marry her and look after the special baby.

(Bring in both Mary and Joseph.) The Romans want to know how many people live in the country where Mary and Joseph live. Mary and Joseph are travelling to Bethlehem to be counted. It's a long way. Mary is very tired. It's nearly time for her baby to be born. Lots of other people are travelling to Bethlehem too. (Move Mary and Joseph around)

Now there is a problem. All the hotels in Bethlehem are full and there's nowhere for Mary and Joseph to stay. What are they going to do? A kind hotel keeper tells Joseph that he has a stable they can use. (Add the empty Manger)

Joseph and Mary are happy. They have found somewhere to stay. And there, in the stable, Jesus, God's Son is born (Add the baby to the manger).

### **Activity sheet**

Print out the Bubbles sheet at the back of the pack.

On the first sheet can you colour in the shapes with a "." to fill in the picture and reveal who spoke to Joseph

### **Action Song**

Sing this song together to the tune of "The wheels on the bus", why don't you make up some actions to go to the song.

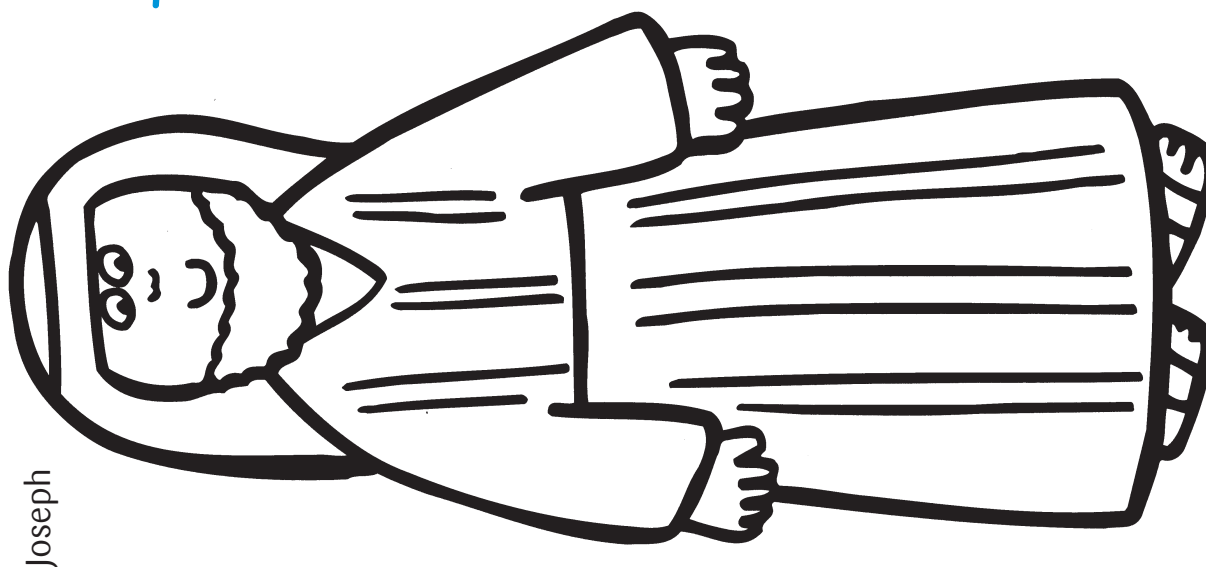
Joseph is a carpenter, carpenter, carpenter;  
Joseph is a carpenter all day long.

He can chop and saw the wood, saw the wood, saw the wood;  
He can chop and saw the wood, all day long.

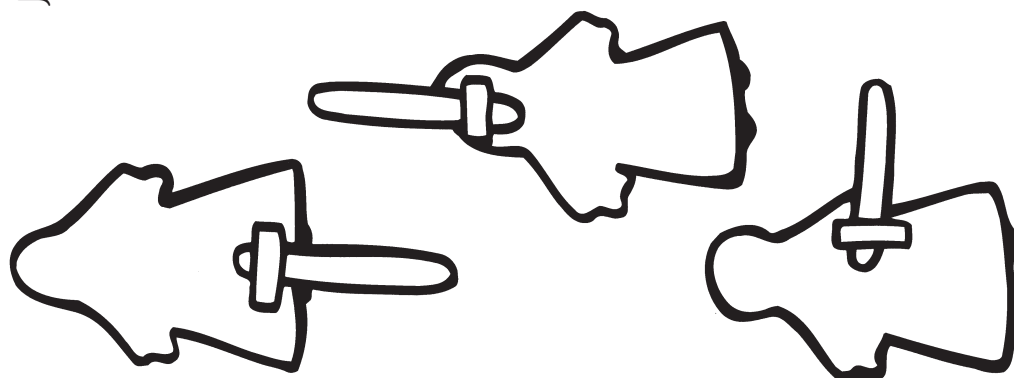
Now Joseph is very tired, very tired, very tired;  
Joseph is very tired let's go to sleep.

Now Joseph is fast asleep, fast asleep, fast asleep;  
Joseph is fast asleep, all night long.

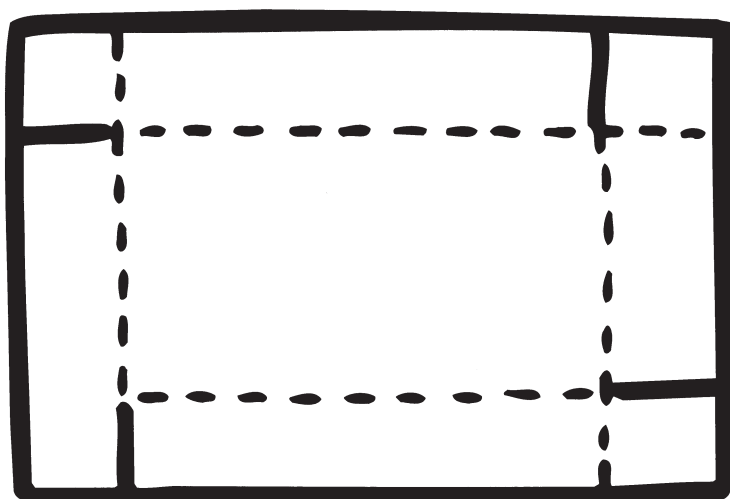
Joseph has an amazing dream, amazing dream, amazing dream;  
Joseph has an amazing dream, all night long.



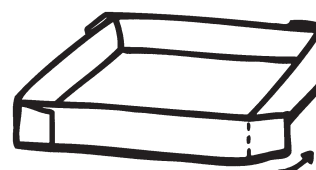
Joseph



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Jesus



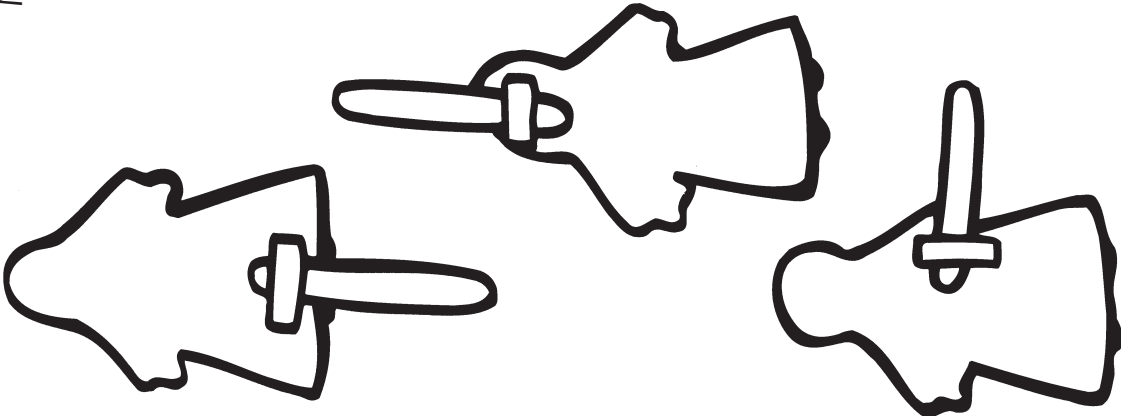
- 1 Cut along the solid lines.
- 2 Fold along the dotted lines.

- 3 Tape the corners as shown to make a box.

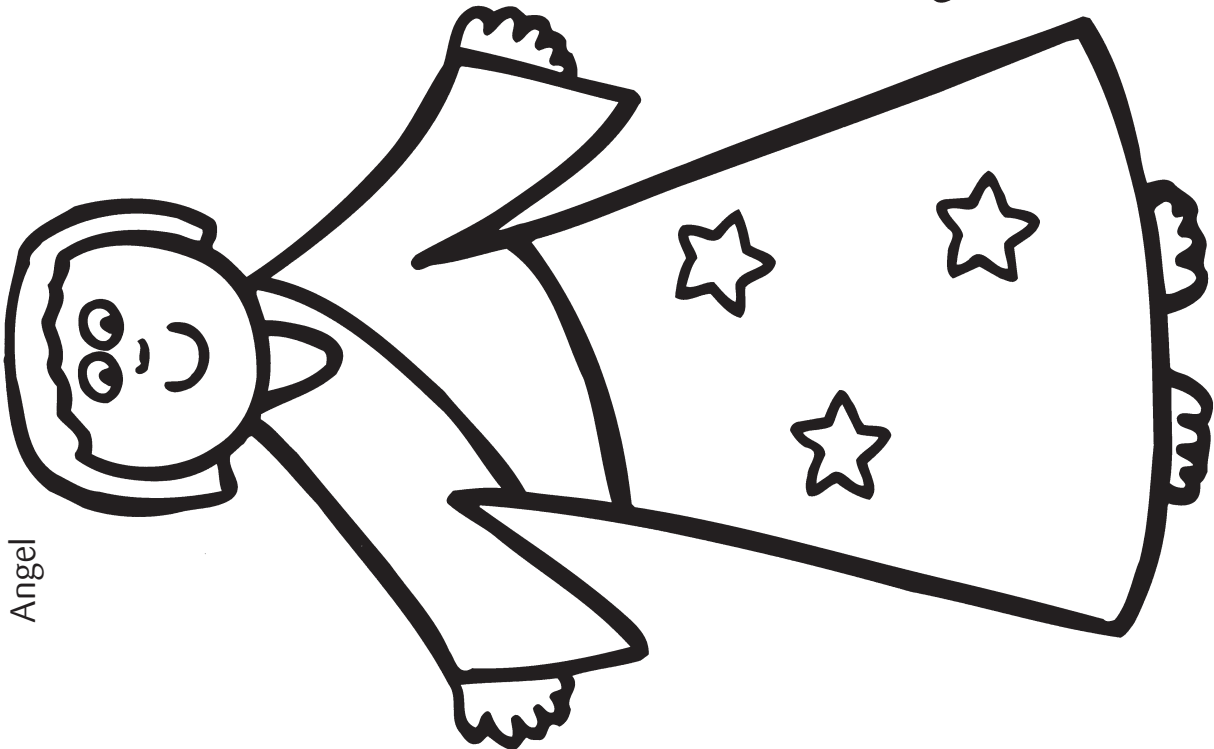
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Mary



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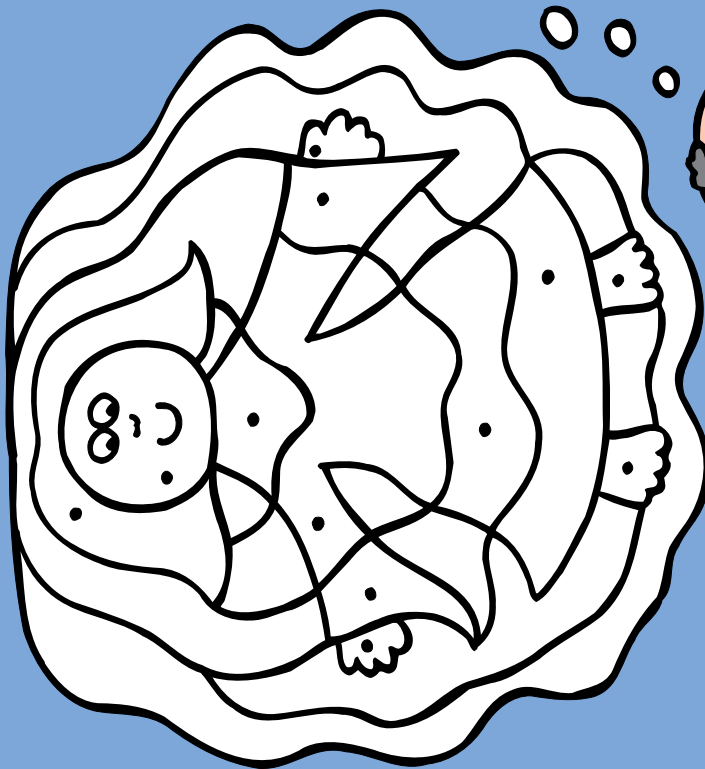


Angel

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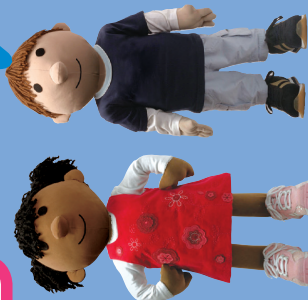
# 43 Bubbles

## Joseph's dream



Who spoke to Joseph? Colour the shapes marked • to find out.

The baby's name means "God with us".



Today's aim is to be assured that God is always with us.

Matthew 1:18-25

Picture books and stories are ways of helping your child to gain a sense of predictability in life.

As you take time to read the stories on the **Bubbles Bonus Sheet** and your child hears the familiar words and can anticipate what will come next, it increases the sense of safety and order in the world.

By moving your finger along under each word as you read stories, such as "A message for Joseph", your child will be beginning to realise that we read from top to bottom, and from left to right.

This eye movement is an important pre-reading skill and one that your child will absorb as you demonstrate it.

The Bible story is on **Bonus Sheet L**.