

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

- 18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.
- 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.
- 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’
- 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
- 23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”
- 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.
- 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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Introduction:

The Story:

Lessons for us:

1. I need a willing _____ to _____ in God’s purposes. (24)

2. I need to be _____ to be _____ . (20)

3. The _____ of the _____ sustains me in all I do for God. (21)