

STORY:

God told Mary, "You will have a baby.
A very special baby.
His name will be Jesus."
Mary was happy.
Mary was happy about the special baby. Jesus.

Show Mary (picture 8a).

Big smile.

Mary cleaned the house. Mary ate supper. Mary went to sleep.

Mary would wait for the baby.
Mary would wait many days.

When will baby Jesus come? God knows! It will be a happy day!

Mary will wait more days. No baby Jesus. Mary will clean the house. Mary will eat supper. Mary will go to sleep.

When will baby Jesus come?

God knows!
It will be a happy day!

Pantomime these actions.

Show Mary sleeping (picture 8b).

Place your palms face-up in a questioning gesture.

Point up.

Smile and clap.

Shake head "no."

You may want to pantomime these actions.

Show Mary sleeping (picture 8b).

Place your palms face-up in a questioning gesture.

Point up.

Smile and clap.

STORY CONTINUED:

Some men were watching their sheep. They saw a big light.
Don't be afraid!
There is good news!
Jesus is here!
This is a happy day!
Jesus is here!
Jesus is here!

The men were happy. Mary was happy. Jesus is a special baby. Show men and sheep (picture 8c). You may want to shine a light.

Show baby Jesus (picture 8d). Smile and clap. Clap or jump up and down.

Point to shepherds, Mary, and Jesus pictures; smile.

REVIEW:

Who is the special baby? (Jesus) What a happy day! Can you clap?

SING:

Praise the Lord Together

Praise the Lord together singing, "Alleluia, alleluia, a

(Note: You may want to explain that *Alleluia* is a happy word. It tells God that we are happy that He sent Jesus. It tells God we are happy that He is a big God.)

PRAY:

Thank God for sending Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE:

Work on the scripture memory verses and/or Foundation Verses.