

STAR SONG

Book 1

THEY MET JESUS

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A CHILD'S LIFE OF
CHRIST

1 ~ MARY

Mary was a teenager who loved little children just like you, and grownups just like those who live in your home. She also loved God.

People didn't have refrigerators back then. So, every morning Mary walked to the market to buy groceries so she could help her mother fix meals for the family.

But sometimes when she did, she saw people walking with canes because

their legs hurt, or people coughing because they had a cold.

Sometimes she saw children fighting each other or grownups arguing.

Sometimes she saw foreign soldiers who controlled her country. They wore weapons at their side. Sometimes they took people to jail and made them very sad.

It bothered Mary that bad things sometimes happened to people. But she knew she couldn't do anything about it because she was too young.

So Mary prayed that God would do something about it. God made the world and all little children and grownups. He loved everyone, so he could help.

One day when Mary was alone, an angel suddenly appeared to her. His name was Gabriel. Can you say Gabriel? He was smiling.

Gabriel had wonderful news for her. She was going to have a baby ~ God's own Son whom he was sending to live with us. Then God's Son could help us.

Mary was to name this baby JESUS. He would start a new kingdom of peace that everyone who wanted to could live in.

This kingdom would start on earth. But some day everyone in his kingdom would be taken to heaven to live forever with God himself. Then there would be no more suffering and sadness.

Mary had always thought she was too young to help people. She found out she could help after all through her baby by taking good care of him.

THINK & DO

1. Every boy and girl can help others, no matter how young they are.

2. Is there something you can do today to help someone who is hurting in their mind or their body?

You will make them smile. You will make God smile.

You, too, will smile.

