

**Kids Notes** 



## **JOSEPH'S STORY: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

Write about a time when you felt afraid to do the right thing.

Why do you think you felt afraid?

A good question to ask myself is:

Will I do what is ?

## **FEAR NOT: Cultivate Christ-Like Character**

**Matthew 1:18** Circle the word that means Mary and Joseph had been promised to each other in marriage.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit."



Mary and Joseph were not yet married. Her news that she was going to have a baby was a shock! Hearing that Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit was confusing.



**Matthew 1:19** Underline the three words that tell us what Joseph decided to do.

"And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly."

## **FEAR NOT: Reframe Your Fear with God's Story**

**Matthew 1:20-23** Match the phrases on the left to their correct ending on the right.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying "Joseph, son of David..."

Do not fear
She will bear
you shall call his name
he will save his people
they shall call his name
which means

Jesus God with us to take Mary as your wife Immanuel from their sins a son

What did Jesus come to do?
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What does the name Immanuel mean?

God didn't promise Joseph that his life would be easy.

He promised that He would be him!



Joseph still had a choice to make!



To be faithful to God, Joseph had to be willing to look like a fool to others.

Write about a time you didn't do the right thing just because you were afraid of what people would think of you.

Is there anyone you try really hard to please even if it means doing the wrong thing?

Whose opinion of you should matter the most?

Write it in BIG letters!

## **FEAR NOT: Choose Costly Obedience**

**Matthew 1:24** Underline the words that tell us what choice Joseph made.

"When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him."

Extraordinary acts of God often start with ordinary acts of .