

# THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS



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Here is Mary, doing her chores,  
Washing the plates and sweeping the floors.  
This is when things begin to go strange.  
Her whole life is about to change.





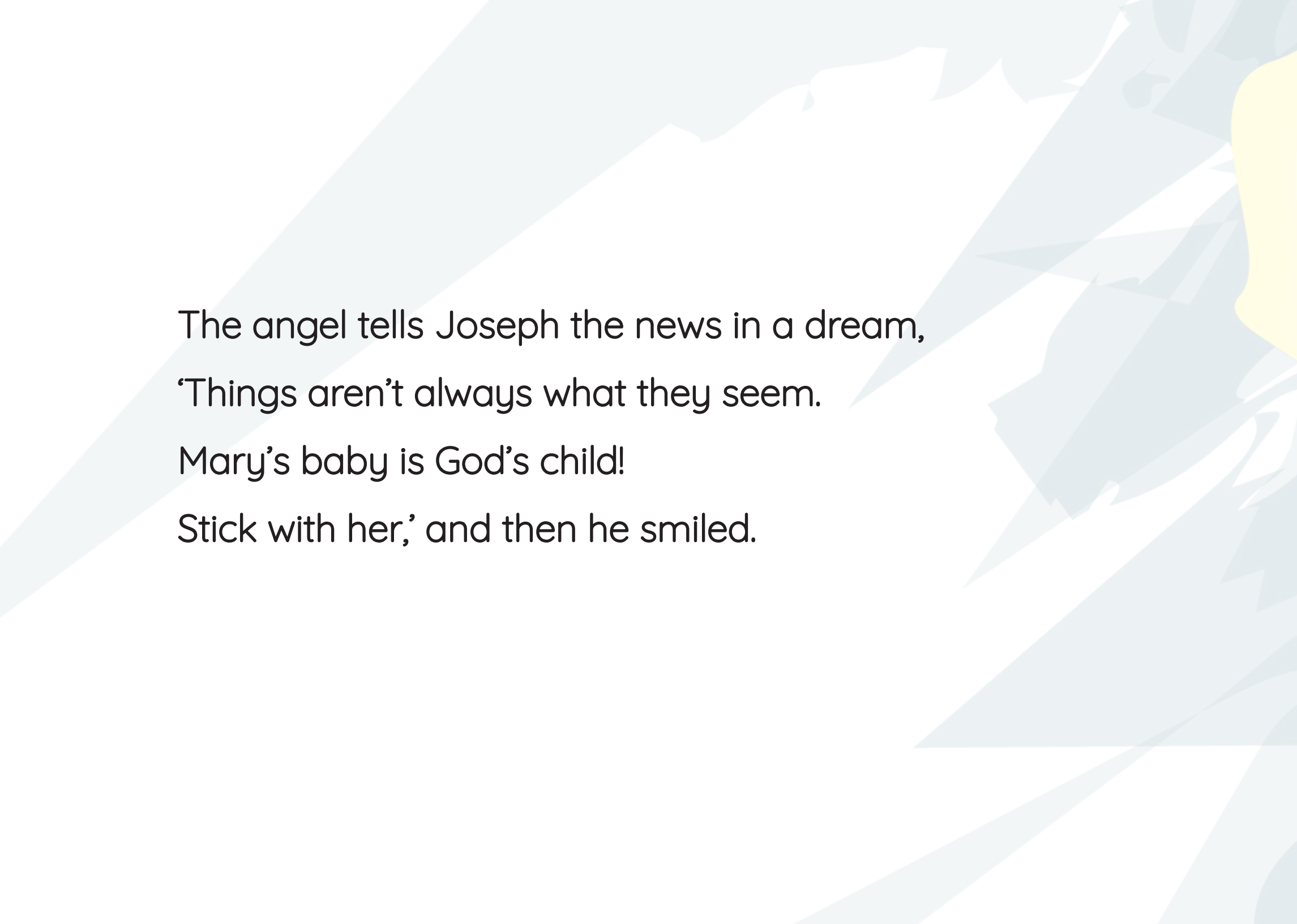
An angel arrives, 'You're the chosen one!

You're going to have a baby, a son!

Mary's confused 'But how can this be?'

The angel replies 'It's God's plan. You'll see.'






The angel tells Joseph the news in a dream,  
‘Things aren’t always what they seem.  
Mary’s baby is God’s child!  
Stick with her,’ and then he smiled.











Mary and Joseph have a long way to go  
And Mary is pregnant so they're moving quite slow.  
A census is on so they need to go down.  
They have to register in Bethlehem Town.

But there's no room to stay, no cosy bed.

Nowhere for Mary to rest her head.

'Don't worry Mary, you'll be alright.'

But the back of an inn is all they have for the night.







There in the straw in that dark stable,  
An animal's trough instead of a cradle,  
Mary gives birth to a baby boy.  
Jesus, his name, bringing them joy.







Meanwhile shepherds in a field that night  
Are given such an awful fright.  
Angels tell them 'Come and see,  
A baby's been born for you and for me.'



The shepherds go as fast as they're able  
And find the baby in the stable.

They worship him and when they're done  
Run into the streets to tell everyone.





A while later from afar

Some wise men see a shining star.

They find the boy, now a few years old

And give gifts of Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold.



So who is this child, sent from above,  
Bringing us hope and peace and love?  
He's the King of Kings, the Promised One,  
Light of the World - God's own Son.





“The Light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 1 v 5



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