

The Unexpected Christmas

Week 1: The Unexpected Job

Story Time

Watch the story video from this week's smAll Nations.



Memory Verse

Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favour with God.



Luke 1:30

Chat Time

Chat about the story. Use these questions to help you get started:



Who told us the first part of the Christmas story?

Who visited Mary to tell her about Jesus?

Who did Mary marry?

Where did Mary and Joseph have to travel to?

How did they get there?

Bible Time

Today we have been looking at the first part of the Christmas story and you can find it in the gospel of Luke and chapter 1.



During the story a young girl called Mary is told that she will have a baby and that baby will be God's son. I don't think she was expecting that job, do you? Then there is Joseph, he was engaged to Mary, but I don't think he was expecting to become a daddy quite so soon or for the baby to be God's son. And finally, the donkey in our story - he wasn't expecting a long ride to Bethlehem either. It was all rather unexpected but that is how God works.

You see sometimes God will give us unexpected jobs - maybe he will choose you to help someone at school who you don't really know or ask you to help a neighbour when you were just going for a bike ride or ask you to share those delicious cup cakes with someone else. These unexpected jobs can bring us lots of joy and show us that God really does want to use us.

So this week look out for the ways God uses you and be prepared for the unexpected.

Song Of The Week

Glorious Night by
The Sidewalk Prophets



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Prayer For The Week

Dear God.

Thank you for your unexpected jobs. Thank you that Mary and Joseph were willing to do what you asked of them. Help us to be looking out for unexpected ways to help others.

Amen



Ideas For The Week

Talk to your family about ways you can help others and be an unexpected helper. What about planning your own unexpected surprise for someone else? Don't forget to make the craft and share with someone else.



Show Us

don't forget to send us pictures of you and your family watching small Nations and getting ready for Christmas. We want to see those Christmas jumpers! Ask a grown-up to email them to:
smallnations@allnationselim.org

