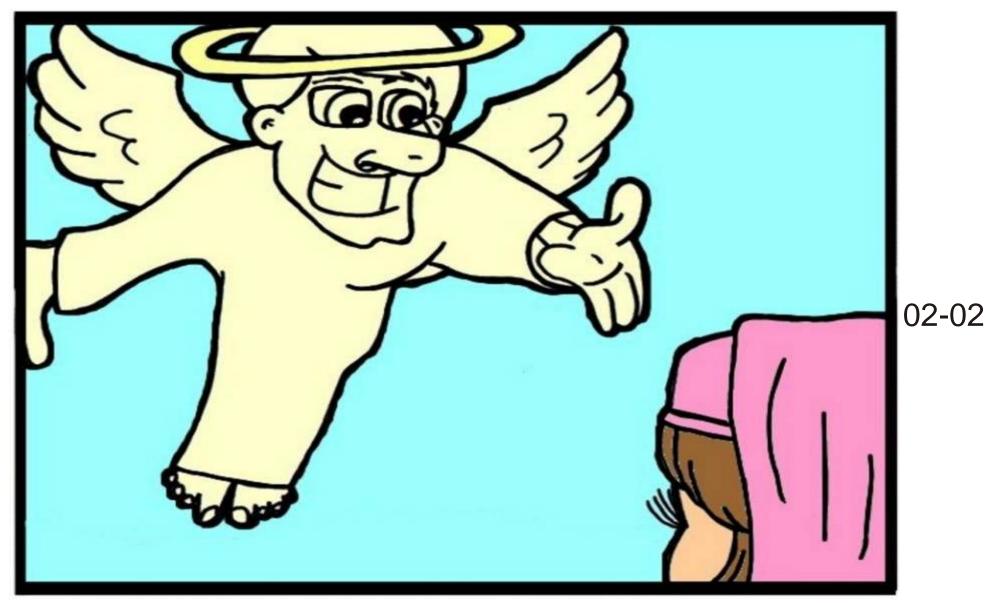
Mary Says "Yes"

(Based on Luke 1:26-35, 2:1-20, Matthew 1:18-25, 2, John 1:14)

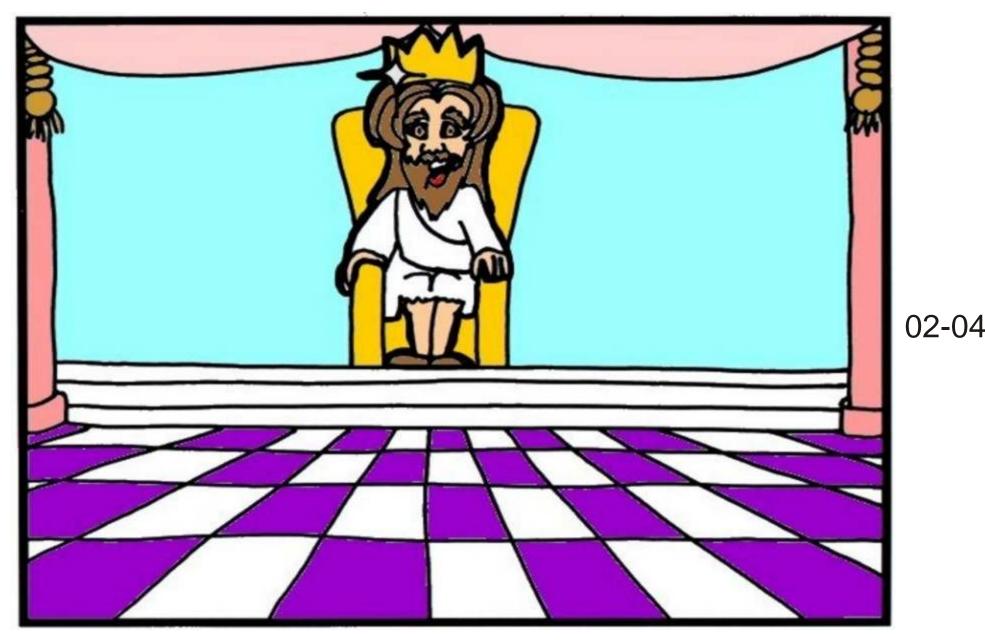
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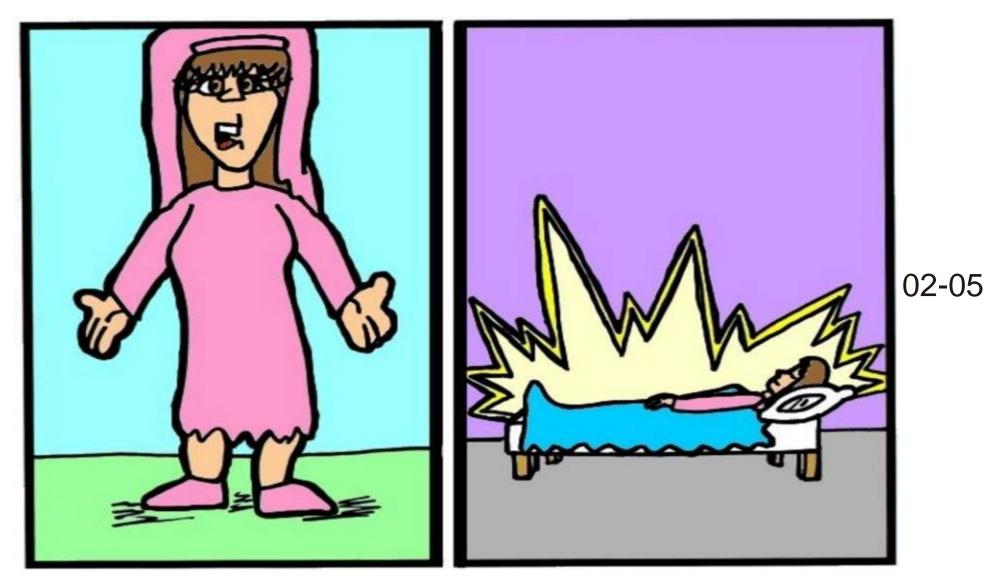
Angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town called Nazareth, to a young lady named Mary. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. "Hello there! The Lord has picked you and you are a very blessed young lady."



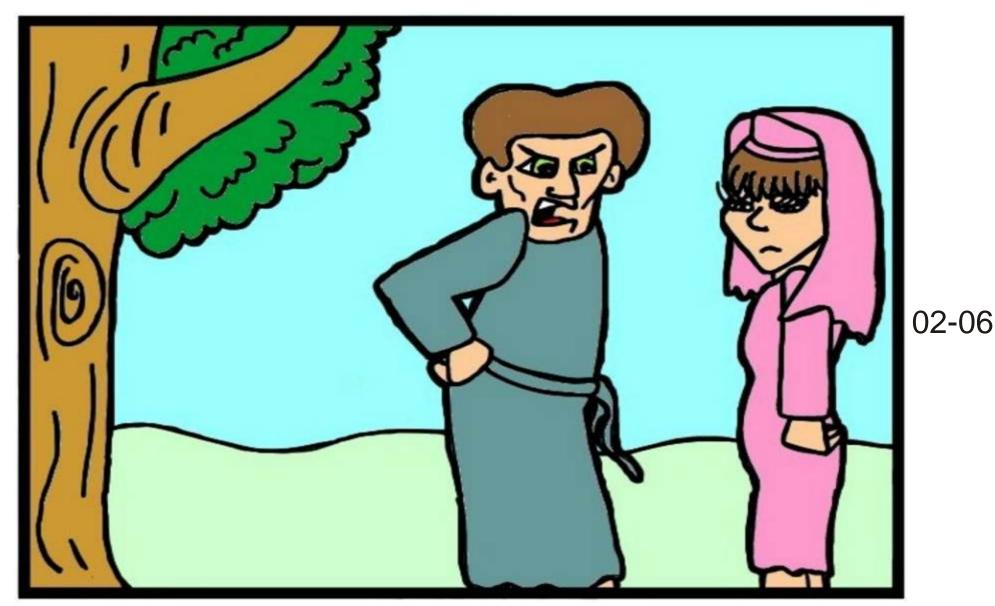
"What is this all about?" Mary thought. "Don't be afraid Mary," said Gabriel. "God has chosen you and you shall conceive in your womb a baby boy and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest."



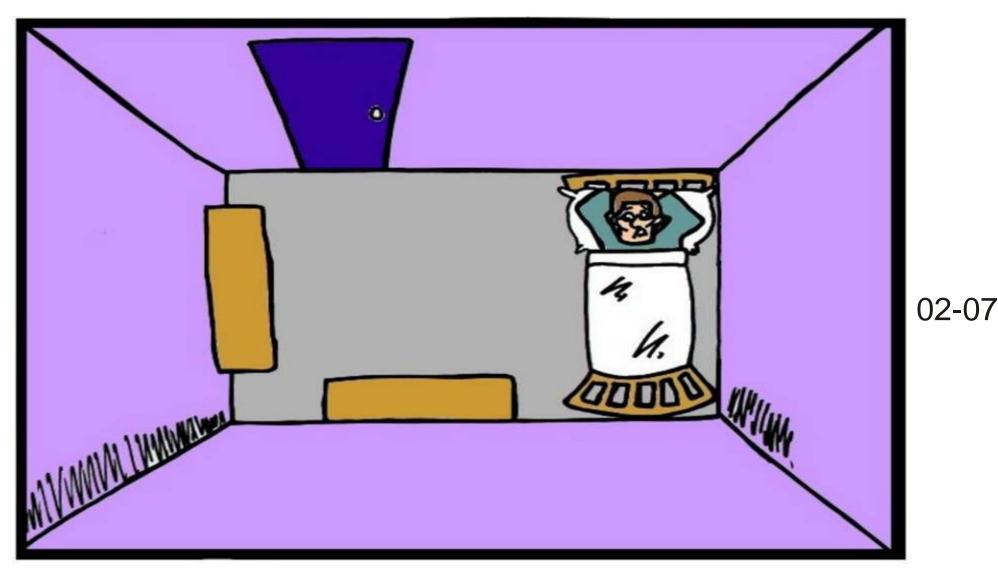
"The Lord shall give unto him the throne of his ancestor David and he will be the King over the people of Israel forever. His kingdom will never end."



Mary asked, "How will this happen, as I'm a virgin?""The Holy Spirit will come upon you," answered Gabriel. "And the power of the Highest will overshadow you. This is why the holy child that will be born from you shall be called the Son of God. For with God nothing shall be impossible."



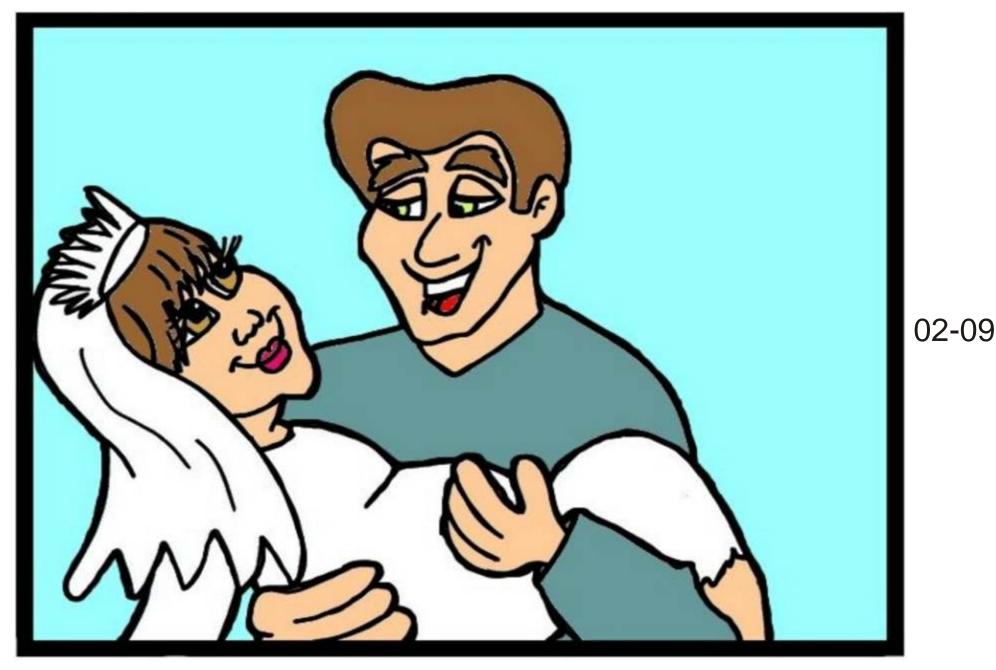
"Let it happen to me just like you said," answered Mary. Mary became pregnant, but Joseph thought she had been unfaithful to him. He thought she was having another man's baby.



One night he lay in bed thinking, "How can I secretly end the marriage plans to Mary, without making her a public spectacle?" Even though he didn't think he still wanted to marry her, he didn't want her to be punished or stoned with stones. Then he fell asleep.



"Joseph," said the angel in a dream. "Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby in her is really from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son. You will give him the name Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins."



When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. He married Mary as soon as he could.



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Lord help me to do your will for my life, just like Mary said "Yes" to your plan, even when it isn't easy and not everyone believes.