

## Matthew 1:18-25

Hear the Angel Voices III Jesus

*Soon thereafter ...*

### I. A Disturbing Discovery

A. Joseph Ben David

B. Distraught but Gracious

### II. A Divine Dream

A. Restless Sleep

B. Put to Rest

### III. With a Promise

A. The Son

B. The Savior

C. Immanuel

*...they went to Bethlehem*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. What did the angel come to tell Joseph?
2. Joseph would raise Jesus as his son, but whose son was Jesus really?
3. The name Jesus has special meaning. Why does the angel say the baby's name will be Jesus?
4. What does Immanuel mean?

## A Dream Come True

It is not hard to imagine that Joseph had numerous conflicting thoughts swirling around in his mind upon hearing the news of Mary's pregnancy. We do know that he came to a very gracious conclusion that would preserve her dignity as much as possible. Fitful as it must have been, he did manage to get some sleep and dream. But this was no ordinary dream, it was a vision involving an angel of the Lord. Not only does the angel assure Joseph that it is all good and that he should stay with Mary, He explains that it is all of God! This child was to be named Jesus for a purpose and He would be referred to as Immanuel for good reason – together, God the Savior with us. The adoptive father of Jesus could not truly understand how all this worked, but he trusted and obeyed the word God sent through his angel. This dream had real substance and it came true with the birth of our Lord.