

## **New Testament angel stories:**

### **Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup> One month later God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee <sup>27</sup> with a message for a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph from the family of King David. <sup>28</sup> The angel greeted Mary and said, *“You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you.”*

<sup>29</sup> Mary was confused by the angel’s words and wondered what they meant. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel told Mary, *“Don’t be afraid! God is pleased with you, <sup>31</sup> and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. The Lord God will make him king, as his ancestor David was. <sup>33</sup> He will rule the people of Israel forever, and his kingdom will never end.”*

<sup>34</sup> Mary asked the angel, *“How can this happen? I am not married!”*

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, *“The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God’s power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Your relative Elizabeth is also going to have a son, even though she is old. No one thought she could ever have a baby, but in three months she will have a son. <sup>37</sup> Nothing is impossible for God!”*

<sup>38</sup> Mary said, *“I am the Lord’s servant! Let it happen as you have said.”* And the angel left her.

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### **Matthew 1:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

<sup>20</sup> While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "*Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her.*" <sup>21</sup> Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

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### **Luke 2:9-15**

<sup>9</sup> All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said, *"Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. <sup>11</sup> This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."*

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:

<sup>14</sup> *"Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."*

<sup>15</sup> After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, *"Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about."*

## Olly Murr Sketch

***The three kings, three wise men, are standing on stage, getting ready to go shopping.***

1. OK guys, so we each know what we're buying, right? (Other two kings agree enthusiastically.) Stan, you're buying...
2. Frankincense!
1. Very good. And Jim, you're getting...
3. Myrrh...
1. Excellent! Awesome! And I'll buy the gold! Right then, let's hit those shops, get those bargains, and then meet back here in an hour!

***All three kings dash off in different directions, for a few moments, while some frantic music is playing in the background. When they come back, each is carrying a shopping bag.***

2. Phew! That was hard work!
3. Tell me about it! The shops were heaving! I've lost count of how many times my toes have been trodden on!
1. Never mind all that! Did you get the gifts?
2. Yeah, got the Frankincense... Mind you, the shop keeper also tried to sell me a Thurible – whatever that is?
1. No idea mate! Still, well done on getting the Frankincense! And Jim, did you get the Myrrh?
3. Oh yes Fred, it's in the bag! Get it – in the bag?
1. Shut up, you twit! Alright then, (ticks off gifts on his fingers) Frankincense, Myrrh, and I managed to get the gold. So, we're sorted. Three awesome gifts, for an awesome Saviour! Well done lads. ***(Other two kings look pleased, perhaps 'high fiving' each other).*** Right then, we've got a star to follow, so we'd better be off!

***The three kings leave the stage. Someone briefly comes on stage carrying a large sign, that says, “Many months later, on the way back from Bethlehem...” The three kings trudge on to the stage, one after the other, with 3 following last.***

3. Would it make any difference, if I said I’m sorry?

1. Oooh, I don’t know... Why don’t you say it and see what happens?

3. I’m really, very, very sorry...

1 Shuddap!

2 You got to admit, it was just a little bit funny...

1 Funny! Funny, he says! Here we are at the most amazing event in the whole of history, and you think that was a bit funny?

3 Honestly, I’m really sorr –

1 Shaddup! It was a beautiful moment... There he was, the baby Jesus, looking all beautiful and special, lying asleep in the manger, his mum Mary sat next him, and Joseph standing proud and tall. We bow down, coz after all, he is the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. And then we get out the gifts. I get out the gold – pure, expensive, fit for a King; Stan, you give Jesus the Frankincense, coz he’s worthy of our worship, and then – Jim, just remind me again, what gift did you give King Jesus?

3 ***Mumbles incoherently)***

Speak up; the nice ladies and gentlemen can’t hear you! What did you give Jesus, after we gave him gold and frankincense?

3 ***Speaking very apologetically)*** An Olly Murr CD

1 Yes, that’s right. You gave the Saviour of the world – the Saviour of the world - an Olly Murr CD!! You twit! You were meant to buy Myrrh, what you anoint with, not Murr that you listen to! I tell you what, I have never been so embarrassed in all my life!

3 I am so sorr –

- 1 Shaddup!
- 2 Still, look on the bright side...
- 1 And what's that then?
- 2 At least we've got something to listen to on the way back home! (**Freeze and cue Olly Murs song**)

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