



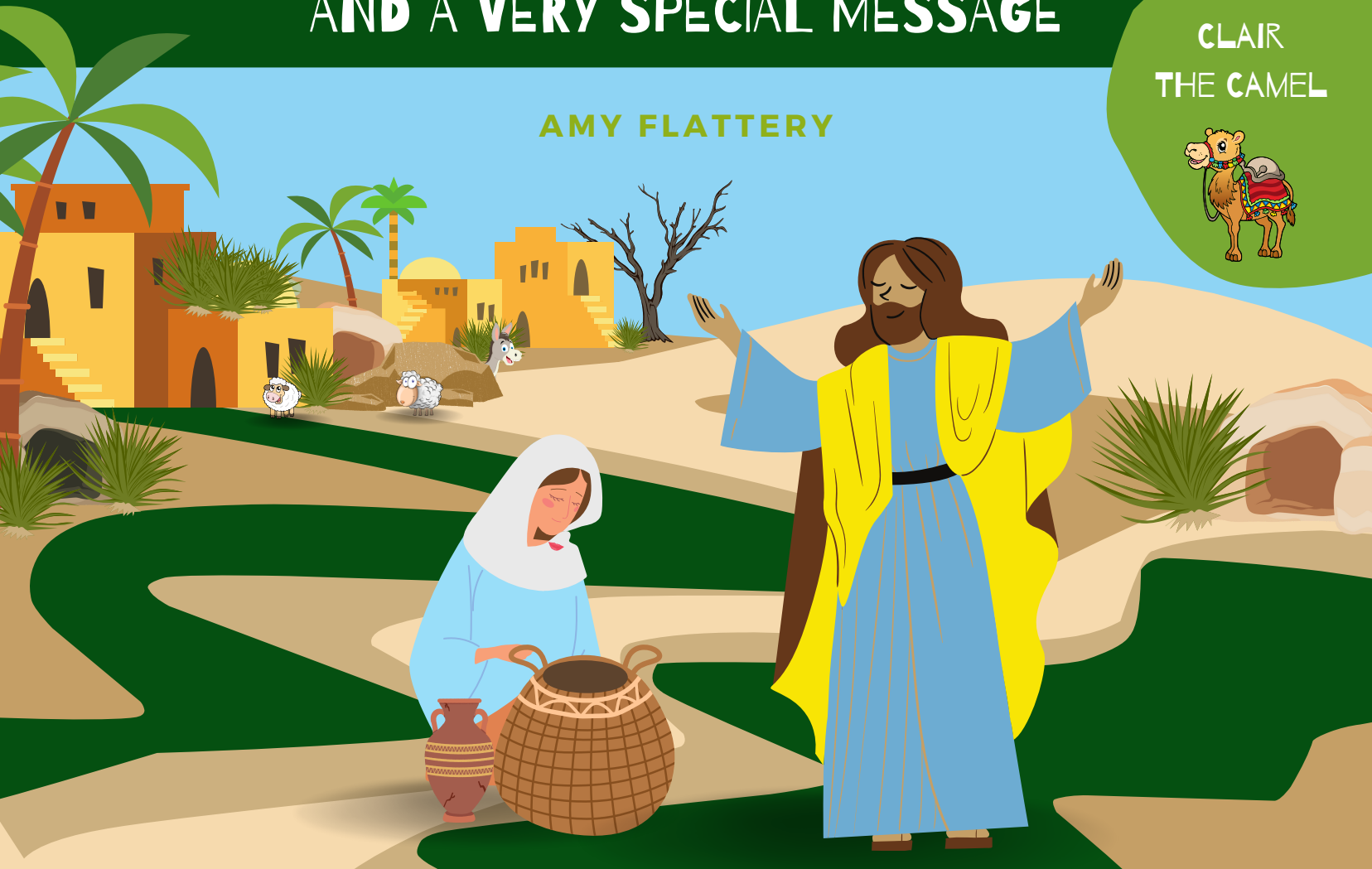
SERIES 3
BOOK 1

GABRIEL THE ANGEL

AND A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE

AMY FLATTERY

WITH
CLAIR
THE CAMEL

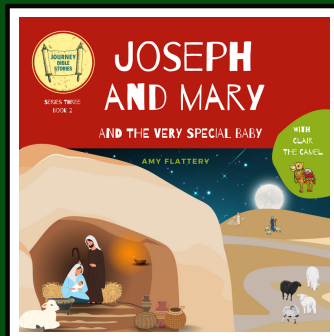
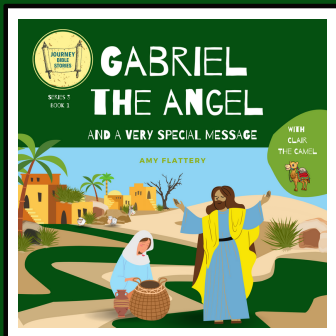


GABRIEL THE ANGEL

AND A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE

AMY FLATTERY

THE BIRTH OF JESUS
SERIES THREE
BOOK 1



Gabriel the Angel and a Very Special Message
Journey Bible Stories

Copyright 2023 by Amy Flattery. All rights reserved.

Scriptures marked NIV are taken from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV® Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

Scriptures marked ESV are taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version. ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

© 2023 by Amy Flattery. All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means—electronic, mechanical, photocopy, recording, or otherwise—without prior written permission of the copyright owner, except brief quotations used in connection with reviews in magazines or newspapers.

Interior template designed and artwork layout by Amy Flattery

Cover design by Amy Flattery

ISBN: 979-8-9882791-6-7

Published by Network211 in partnership with Three Clicks Publishing

006152023 2 1
Printed in the United States of America

**THIS BOOK
BELONGS TO:**

**DEDICATED TO CHILDREN SO THEY KNOW THAT GOD LOVES
THEM SO MUCH THAT HE SENT HIS ONE AND ONLY SON.**



GABRIEL THE ANGEL

AND A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE

AMY FLATTERY

THE BIRTH OF JESUS
SERIES THREE
BOOK 1



Hi! It's me, Clair! I'm sure you can already see that I am a camel! I am a happy camel.

I can see that you are a person! What is your name?

Even though I have always been a camel, I still know a lot of people!

Do you know any camels?

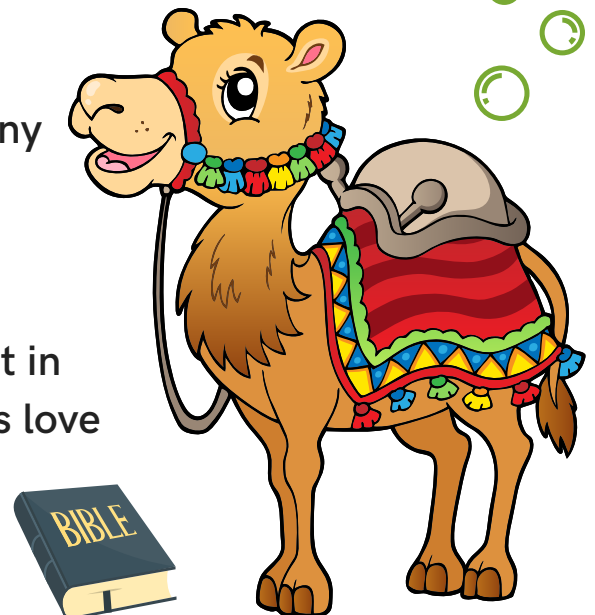
I live in a land called Israel. Where do you live?

My land is beautiful! Sometimes it is hot, sometimes it is cold. Sometimes it is dry, sometimes it is rainy.

God chose my land to be a place where many Bible stories happened. Do you know any Bible stories?

Most of the people I know are written about in the Bible. The Bible tells about God and His love for us.

I HAVE A FRIEND
NAMED GAD. GAD IS A GOAT.
MAYBE YOU WILL
SEE HIM!



I have an amazing Bible story to tell you! It is a true story!

Before I tell you, I want to show you a map of Israel!

If you look on the map, you will see a place called Nazareth. The Bible story I want to tell you about happened in Nazareth.

I have been to Nazareth a lot. They make my favorite dessert there. It is yummy! It is made with cheese and honey. Would you eat a dessert made of cheese and honey?! The dessert is called kanafe'. (Ka-na-fee).

Maybe you can try it someday!

The Bible story I want to tell you is about a young woman named Mary, a man named Joseph, an angel named Gabriel, and a baby named Jesus!





Do you know who Jesus is?

The Bible tells us that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus, God, and the Spirit of God are all together.

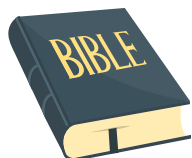
God made the whole world and everything in the world, including you! God also made the sun, moon, and stars as far as you can see!

When God made the earth, God also made people. God made me, too, but I am a camel.

The earth was peaceful and beautiful.

After a while, the people God made decided to make a wrong choice. They disobeyed God. God was sad.

Their bad choice was called sin. Sin keeps us from being close to God, even though God wants to be close to us.



Genesis 1





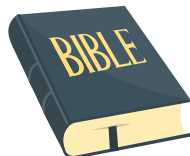
The Bible tells us that God sent Jesus to earth so we could be close to God again.

Did you know Jesus helps us be close to God?

How do you think Jesus got to earth? Did he get here on a plane? No! Did he get here on a boat? No! Did he get here on a spaceship? Nope!

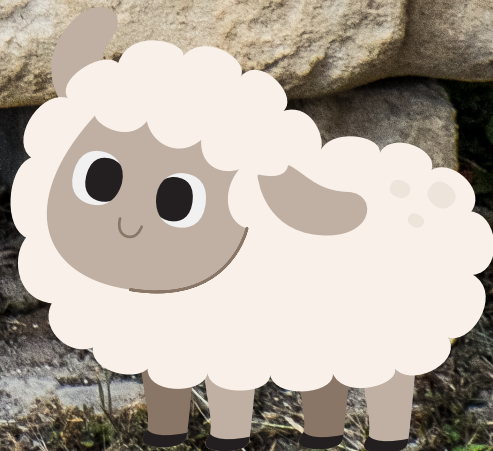
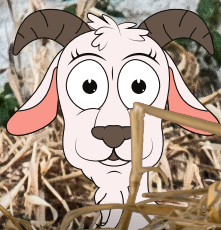
God sent Jesus to earth as a baby!

This is where the Bible story of the special message begins. And it starts with an angel named Gabriel (Gabe-re-el).



Genesis 3





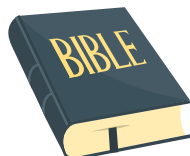
God has helpers called angels! Angels are with God in heaven.

Angels praise and worship God. They also obey God when God asks them to do something.

One angel's name was Gabriel. Gabriel is talked about in the Bible three times!

In the Bible, Gabriel was an angel who brought special messages from God to people.

One of the people Gabriel gave a special message to was named Mary.



Luke 1





Mary lived in a small village in Israel called Nazareth.

Nazareth had almost 400 people living in it. Do you live in a village, a town, or a city?

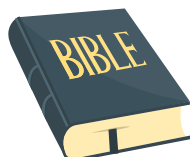
Mary was a young woman, around thirteen or fourteen years old.

A long time ago, women in Israel married when they were as young as Mary. Mary had already promised to marry a good man whose name was Joseph.

God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary a very special message.

Do you already know what the message was?

Let's find out!



Luke 1





Gabriel went to Mary. Mary was surprised and a little afraid when she saw the angel Gabriel! I would have been, too!

The angel Gabriel told Mary not to be afraid. Gabriel told Mary that God loved her and had a special message for her from God!

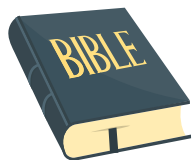
The special message was that she would give birth to a baby and name him Jesus. Jesus will be the Son of God, and His kingdom will never end!

God did a miracle in Mary's body! The Spirit of God put baby Jesus in Mary's body. A miracle is something that only God can do.

God knew that Mary would do her best to be a good mom to Jesus.

Joseph is the name of the man Mary promised to marry.

I wonder what he was thinking!?



Luke 1





Guess what?! The Bible tells us that an angel visited Joseph, too!

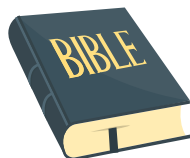
When Joseph was asleep and dreaming, an angel told Joseph the same special message that Mary was told. The angel told Joseph that the Spirit of God put a special baby in Mary's body.

The angel told Joseph that he should name the baby Jesus.

The angel told Joseph that Jesus would be born to save people from their sins. What do you think that means?

Remember when I told you that when people make bad choices, it is called sin, and sin keeps us far from God.

God sent Jesus to be born on earth to teach us to make good choices, learn to say sorry, and help us know how to love God and be close to God.



Matthew 1





Joseph and Mary knew that Jesus was the Son of God. They also knew they would need to be good parents to Jesus.

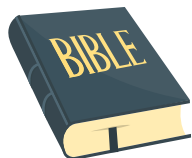
From Bible stories they already learned, Mary and Joseph remembered that God promised He would send a helper. And God did! He sent Jesus because God loves us all.

God loves you and wants you to love him, too.

Do you know that you can choose to love God?

You can ask God to be your best friend.

You can talk to him as much as you want! God will always listen. That is a special message for you!



Matthew 1 and Luke 1

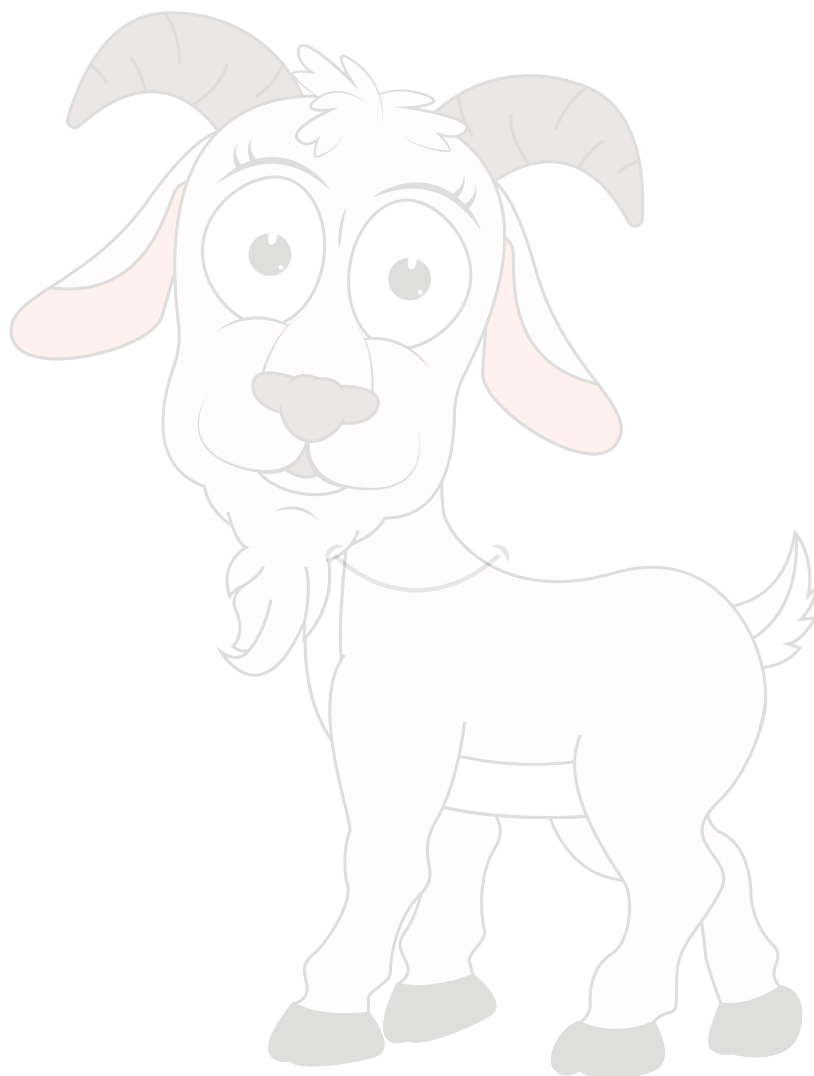




GAD THE GOAT



COLOR GAD



CLAIR



COLOR CLAIR!



MEMORY VERSE

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH HE
SENT JESUS. AND WHOEVER BELIEVES
IN JESUS WILL LIVE FOREVER WITH HIM.

(TAKEN FROM JOHN 3:16)

PRAY WITH CLAIR

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME SO
MUCH THAT YOU SENT JESUS TO EARTH.
AMEN.





DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHO MADE THE WHOLE EARTH?

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE ANGEL WHO
SPOKE TO MARY?

WHERE DID MARY LIVE?

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE DADDY OF
JESUS WHEN HE WAS ON THE EARTH?

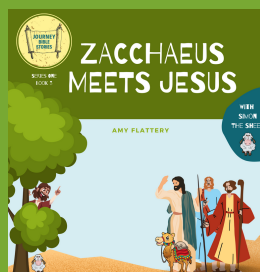
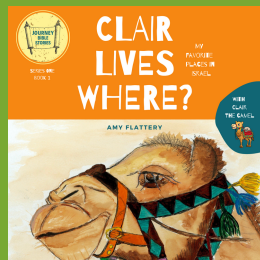
WHAT SPECIAL MESSAGE DID THE ANGEL
GIVE MARY?

DID YOU SEE MY FRIEND GAD? HE IS
A GOAT! HE WAS HIDING ON EVERY
PICTURE PAGE. SILLY GAD.

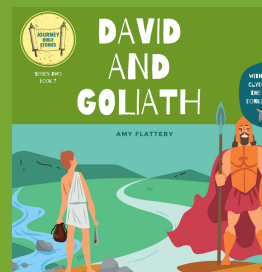
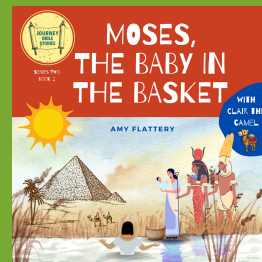
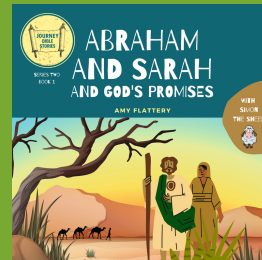




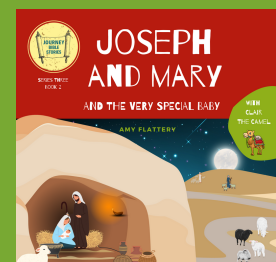
SERIES ONE



SERIES TWO



SERIES THREE



Visit journeybiblestories.com
for these and frequently added books.



Journey Bible Stories partners with
Journey Children to help families join
together in learning their Bible.

Visit journeychildren.com for more
resources for children and families.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Amy Flattery grew up in Lynden, Washington. She earned a B.A. in Biblical Studies and Theology at Calvin College. In 1997, she moved to Jerusalem, Israel, to pursue an M.A. at Jerusalem University College. Amy is the director of the Center for Holy Lands Studies. As an author and public speaker, she presents at events around the world and teaches on several programs to the lands of the Bible each year. Amy is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. She is married to Dr. Mark Flattery, President of Network211. Together they also serve as Assemblies of God World Missionaries. Most importantly, they have six amazing kids.

FOR THE READER

The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Author Note

It is important to note that Mary was not shunned nor looked down upon due to this special pregnancy. There were two stages to marriage in Judaism: betrothal and when the marriage is consummated. Betrothed means you are committed but not consummated. Joseph immediately took Mary as his wife but still only consummated the marriage after the birth of Jesus.



JOURNEY BIBLE STORIES brings the land of the Bible to life for children. JOURNEY BIBLE STORIES combines authentic visuals and cartoon characters like Clair and her friends to introduce the truth of the Bible to children in a creative and clear way.

In the Birth of Jesus Book One, "Gabriel the Angel," you will meet Clair, the camel, as she introduces the story of the birth of Jesus. Children will learn how important the birth of Jesus was and why he came to earth as a baby.

Look for more JOURNEY BIBLE STORIES at
journeybiblestories.com.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS
SERIES THREE
BOOK 1