

A script from



## **“Mary and Joe”**

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- What** Joe and Mary are two average teenage kids with a big responsibility ahead of them. **Themes:** Christmas, Purpose, Father, Jesus
- Who** Mary  
Joe
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Even though this is a conversation between Mary and Joseph, we recommend you wear modern clothes.  
No other props are necessary, although you could have them carrying backpacks to imply they are at school.
- Why** Matthew 1:18-25
- How** Keep the dialogue conversational and be careful not to overact.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

**Mary** sitting, **Joe** standing off to the side, somewhat irritated.

**Joe:** (Deep breath) Have you told your parents yet?

**Mary:** No.

**Joe:** How long have you known?

**Mary:** Not long. I wanted to talk to you first.

**Joe:** What do you think they'll do?

**Mary:** What do you think they'll do?

**Joe:** And you're sure?

**Mary:** Yes.

**Joe:** You're positive – there's no mistake.

**Mary:** I'm positive.

**Joe:** (Pause) I just can't believe this is happening.

**Mary:** I know.

**Joe:** Not...us.

**Mary:** What do you mean?

**Joe:** I mean, things like this don't happen to couples like us. We're supposed to be one of the "good" ones. (Pause) No one would ever think we'd find ourselves in a situation like this.

**Mary:** Is that what you call this? A "situation"?

**Joe:** Come on. You know what I mean. I just don't think I'm ready for this.

**Mary:** And you think I am?

**Joe:** Well, you sure don't seem very upset about it.

**Mary:** I was. But that's why I came to you. So that we could figure out how to deal with this together -- the two of us

**Joe:** Us. Do you have any idea what this does -- to us?

**Mary:** *(Slightly irritated)* Yes – I do.

**Joe:** I mean, this changes – everything.

**Mary:** I would hope it changes – nothing!

**Joe:** How can you say that?

**Mary:** Look. I know that having a baby is not the kind of thing we were planning on. At least not now. But we are. And it scares me to death. I have no idea what other people will say, or think, or do. But there is no doubt in my heart that this is the right thing to do – no matter what happens next.

**Joe:** I don't know. We had a plan, you and I. I was going to work for my dad, develop skills, build a bank account, get a home and then we would get married. And later – kids would come.

**Mary:** That's still a wonderful plan. We just change the order a little. As long as we're together, we can handle anything, right?

**Joe:** Maybe.

**Mary:** Maybe? Just...maybe?

**Joe:** Look. If this baby were mine. It might be different. But the simple truth is, it's not. And I just don't know if I can do this.

**Mary:** That's right. It's not your child. *(Pause)* And no one said something like this would be easy. But let me tell you something. I know you, Joe. And I know that you're a good man. This responsibility wouldn't have been given to us if we couldn't handle it.

**Joe:** Mary, I can understand why God chose you to bear His son. You are a wonderful person. You have a caring heart, and will be a great mother to this child. But...me? A father?

**Mary:** Yes, Joe. You. There's nothing really special about me. And the only thing about my heart is that it's a willing one. This child needs an earthly father. And no matter what happens tomorrow, or next week, or nine months from now or thirty years from now, you are the man that has been chosen to help raise this child.

**Joe:** I just have so many questions, Mary.

**Mary:** I do too, Joe.

**Joe:** So, let's start at the beginning, ok? You say an angel appeared to you?  
*They start to exit. The following lines are said as they exit.*

**Mary:** Yes. That's right.

**Joe:** And what did he say?

**Mary:** He said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you wonderful news!"

*Exit.*

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