

## **“Miscommunication”**

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**What** This Advent skit focuses on Mary and Joseph, as they share the story of Jesus' miraculous conception. This can stand alone or be used after “Communication Failure” in the Advent weeks preceding Christmas.

**Themes:** Christmas, Advent, Hope, Jesus' birth, Mary, Joseph, Newlyweds, Marriage, God's Calling

**Who** Mary  
Joseph

**When** Biblical Times

**Wear  
(Props)** Advent Wreath with candles (optional)  
Biblical Clothing for Male and Female

**Why** Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

**How** The advent wreath can be lit before or after the skit and the accompanying scripture at the lighting can be Matthew 1:18-25.

**Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*As the skit begins, Joseph and Mary are center stage.*

**Mary:** *(to the audience)* Have you ever felt like you had everything figured out and then discovered that God had something totally different in mind for you? You know what I mean, right? You had a specific plan for your life and you're standing right on the edge of making it happen. Then, out of nowhere, Bam! God says "No, my child. We're not doing that. Instead, we're going to take a left turn here and march right through the middle of the Red Sea?" Well, I... *(smiles at Joseph and clasps his hand)* I mean WE certainly know how it feels. Downright scary, that's how it feels! But just like I'm sure Moses could tell you, God's vision is bigger and better than our own. In fact, a lot of the time, His plan is downright miraculous.

**Joseph:** *(laughs in acknowledgement)* Yeah. Actually, it didn't seem much like a miracle at first.

**Mary:** *(nods)* That's true. There was a lot of miscommunication between us at the beginning.

**Joseph:** More accurately, there was some missing communication...the kind that's important for any couple about to marry! *(Looks at Mary with raised brow, teasingly).*

**Mary:** *(laughs at Joseph's play on words)* Joseph, you know that wasn't my fault. You see, Joseph and I lead very simple lives. Like many of our Jewish friends, we were engaged and planned to marry and live a quiet life together. Have a few kids. Work, play, worship. Nothing out of the ordinary.

**Joseph:** But, all of that changed when Mary told me she was pregnant. Now THAT was out of the ordinary for a young, Jewish girl. I was crushed. I knew I wasn't the father. This wasn't the plan! *(Looking lovingly at Mary)* I thought Mary wanted to marry me.

**Mary:** *(flustered at his attention)* I did. I do!

**Joseph:** *(smiling widely)* Now those are the words I love hearing you say.

**Mary:** Joseph! *(Lightly punches him at his teasing and then looks back at the audience)* What I'm trying to say is that nothing about our engagement had changed for me. I did plan to marry Joseph. But the simple life we planned is now starting with an unexpected baby!

**Joseph:** A baby?! When she told me, I didn't know what to think. Seriously...What would you do if you thought your fiancé committed adultery?

**Mary:** *(sighs as if addressing an old argument)* You know that I didn't, Joseph. *(Back to the audience)* As you can see, even now the idea upset him. Understandably, it was hard to convince Joseph that his virgin bride was going to have a baby. But I had been visited by an angel who told me that I had been chosen by God to carry His Son. This child I'm carrying *(rubs stomach affectionately)* will be the Son of the Most High. I can still barely believe it myself, so I couldn't imagine how Joseph must have felt when I told him.

**Joseph:** I can tell you how I felt! Blindsided. All of the plans we had made for our life were gone and, on top of it, I was convinced that Mary had been unfaithful. I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to publicly embarrass her, but I didn't see us making a life together. I decided I was going to divorce her privately.

**Mary:** I was really freaking out. Joseph is a really good guy. *(Smiles at him and squeezes his hand)* I didn't want to lose my future with him. What happened to our well-laid plans? I was terrified. Luckily, though, God already had it covered.

**Joseph:** Did He ever! God sent an angel to me in a dream and explained it all. It's still sinking in! Instead of a quiet Jewish life, God plans for us to raise the Savior of the entire world. How about that? God's plan for us is so much more than we could ever have imagined.

**Mary:** And now, we're in this together. We're going to have a Son and His name is going to be Jesus. He's going to change the world!

**Joseph:** He certainly is! *(Looking at Mary concernedly)* Okay, Mary. Enough talk for now. You just got back from Elizabeth's and you need to rest for the journey coming up.

**Mary:** *(links arms with Joseph and looks at him happily)* That's right. *(Looks back at audience)* We're heading to Bethlehem for a census. It's a long trip and Joseph is already worried about traveling in my condition.

**Joseph:** It's true. But I know God makes all things possible, *(smiling at Mary)* even sorting out some miscommunication.

*Mary and Joseph start walking out together, with Joseph assisting Mary.*

**Mary:** Do you think it will be crowded in Bethlehem? Will we find a place to stay?

**Joseph:** We'll sort it out when we get there. I'm sure God already has something amazing planned.

*Lights down.*

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