

Ancient Christmas Videos!

Twenty centuries ago, a man named Joseph received four childcare telecasts!

Here is the background: Joseph was betrothed or engaged to Mary.

Even though the marriage was yet to be consummated, Jewish law regarded them as already married – then Joseph found that Mary was pregnant!

At this point God sent the first telecast. An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “*Joseph, son of David, don’t hesitate to take Mary as your wife! For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit.*” Matthew 1.20 (Living Bible).

Notice, first, that history’s most stupendous event – the virgin birth of the Saviour of the world – was made known to Joseph in a dream simply as a reason for going on with his marriage plans! Such is the nature of God’s compassion towards ordinary individuals like Joseph. Second, God’s subsequent videos instructed Joseph how to protect the child in his care (see Matthew 2:13, 20, 22). Wouldn’t it be great if the main concern of today’s TV was child welfare!

And, third, the phrase “the young child and his mother” occurs five times in Matthew chapter 2 – the young child always mentioned first! Such is the priority God gives to His Son, Jesus. Is it our priority too?

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