

SOME DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MATTHEW 1:18-25

(Do the easier ones first)

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Retell in past present and future. Imagine that Jesus is now a baby. Use the words in the list below:

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| angel | David | Jesus | marry | promised | son | us |
| became | God | learned | named | prophet | stop | want |
| born | husband | man | pregnant | save | the Holy Spirit | with |

Matthew 1:18-25 (Jesus' birth)		Retell Jesus' Birth
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	PRESENT	<p>19 Joseph is a descendant of King _____.</p> <p>20 Jesus is the _____ descendant of David.</p> <p>21 Jesus has come into the world from _____.</p> <p>22 God is with _____.</p>
	FUTURE	<p>23 The man who is named Jesus will _____ his people from their sins.</p>