



# **Advent 2: God's Promise to Mary**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Setting:** The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel device. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; the stage left porthole squirts water and the stage right porthole contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Woodstock P. Havens is an inventor, explorer, and submarine pilot from the hippie era of the late 1960's. He is very "cool" and relaxed and loves to study the prophets. Shiloh is Woodstock's nephew. He is very easygoing and easily amused. "Handsome" is a human hand (Actor's body is hidden except for his hand.) Handsome assists everyone by handing them props.

**Plot:** Dr. Woodstock tells Shiloh about the angel who appeared to Mary and told her that she would give birth to the Savior. We learn that nothing is impossible with God.

**Costumes:** Woodstock wears a tie-dyed shirt, wig, furry vest, glasses, and brightly colored pants and shoes. Shiloh wears 1960's clothes, sandals, a blonde wig, and sunglasses.

**Props:** Bible, remote control, angel ornament

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro music suggestion: 1960's Surfer music
2. Outro music suggestion: "For Unto Us" (Unit 10 Bible Memory Verse Song) or traditional Christmas hymn such as "Angels We Have Heard on High"
3. Porthole music suggestion: Song about God's power such as "Power in the Blood"
4. Promise fanfare
5. 3 dings: Microwave timer dings or bells
6. Submarine alarm sounds, bells
7. Voiceover: Time Travel Alert
8. Remote control beeps

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro featuring animated submarine is available at ResourceWell.org.
2. Stage right porthole holds the Bible. When it opens, a light shines out and music plays.
3. Red beacons
4. Promise lights (flashing lights)
5. Promise Slide: ***For nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37***
6. Fallback Slide: **No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!**

**Adaptations:**

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

**The Love Sub**  
**Unit 10, Lesson 49**  
**Advent 2: God's Promise to Mary**  
**Luke 1:26-38**

**Video Intro:** (available at ResourceWell.org)  
(VFX: Scientific images, SFX: Newsreel music) **Since the dawn of man, scientists have longed to travel through time! In the late 1960's a crack team of geniuses combined their talents to attempt to break the time barrier. In the Florida Keys, Dr. Woodstock P. Havens was given the task of building a special space shuttle— (SFX: Record scratch) Woodstock: Yeah, but I decided to make a submarine instead, man! (SFX: Intro music, VFX: Animated sub) So, come on and join me as we float through time. Climb aboard the Love Sub!**

**Woodstock** (enters on upper level)  
**Yo, what's up, dudes! I'll be right down!** (slides down) **Welcome back to the Love Sub! Handsome, Shiloh, and I have been busy this week getting the Love Sub dressed up for Christmas. (SFX: 3 dings, Handsome hands him an ornament.) Thanks Handsome! Man, I love Christmas ... the music, the decorations, all the visitors— (SFX: Remote beeps, VFX: Red beacons)**

**Shiloh** (enters on upper level)  
**Hey, dudes and dudettes, long time no see! Man, I have been learning so much about the prophets. Those dudes were awesome. God trusted them with such important messages. (SFX: 3 dings) (Handsome pops up.) Oh, hey Handsome! Give me five! (they slap hands) Hey dude, you haven't seen Uncle Woody, have you? (Handsome holds up remote.) Oh that's right! He traveled back in time with Isaiah! And he's due back right now? Awesome! Well, bring him back! (SFX: Remote control beeps)**

**Voiceover**  
**Time Travel Alert! Time Travel Alert! We have a time travel visitor in 3-2-1! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)**

**Woodstock**  
**Whoa! Dudes, I'm back on board "the Love Sub!" No matter how far back I travel, it always feels good to come home.**

**Shiloh**  
**Uncle Woody!**

**Woodstock** (they hug)  
**What's up, Shiloh!**

**Shiloh**  
**How was your trip? Did Isaiah get home safely?**

**Woodstock**  
**Oh yeah, I got him back to his time but...I felt bad leaving him there.**

**Shiloh**  
**You did? How come?**

**Woodstock**  
**Well, he lived in a time before Jesus had even been born - a time when God's people were still hoping and praying and waiting for God to send a Savior.**

**Shiloh**  
**Far out, man. I can't even imagine my life without Jesus. I wonder what people put their hope in.**

**Woodstock**  
**They put their hope in God. I know Mary did. She learned nothing was impossible with God. I can show you in the Power Source. Here, let me get it! (Opens stage right porthole and removes Bible, SFX: Porthole music, VFX: Beam of light shines from porthole)**

**Shiloh**  
**Wasn't Mary Jesus' mother?**

**Woodstock**  
**She was about to be His mother and she found out about it from an angel!**

**Shiloh**  
**An angel? I've never seen an angel. (SFX: 3 dings) (Handsome holds angel ornament) Oh, thanks Handsome, but what I meant was I've never seen a real live angel.**

**Woodstock**

Neither did Mary until one appeared to her! His name was Gabriel.

**Shiloh**

Whoa! What did Gabriel say?

**Woodstock**

He said she'd found favor with God.

**Shiloh**

What does that mean?

**Woodstock**

It means that God was really pleased with her. He had chosen her. Then Gabriel told her that she was going to give birth to a son named Jesus who would be the Son of the Most High.

**Shiloh**

He told a young girl with no husband that she was going to give birth to the Son of God? How can that even happen?

**Woodstock**

That's what Mary asked.

**Shiloh**

What did the angel Gabriel say to that?

**Woodstock**

He said not to worry; the Holy Spirit would take care of all the details.

**Shiloh**

But ... but ... that seems impossible!

**Woodstock**

It is impossible for us, but not for God. Let's search for His promise. "For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37 (SFX: Promise signal, VFX: Promise lights and slide)

**Shiloh**

Dig it! Is that what Gabriel said?

**Woodstock**

He sure did. It was God's promise to Mary.

**Shiloh**

Now that's a promise no one can argue with. God has done so many impossible things like...when He made the earth in seven days!

**Woodstock**

Yes! And when He created man and breathed life into us!

**Shiloh**

And remember that time God breathed life into those bones right in front of Ezekiel's eyes?

**Woodstock**

God is quite an expert at creating life where there was none before.

**Shiloh**

Out of sight! So what did Mary say when Gabriel told her the good news?

**Woodstock**

Let's read it and find out!

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her."*

**Shiloh**

Whoa, Dude! That Mary was one smart Dudette.

**Woodstock**

It's a wise servant who trusts in God. After all, He has proven to us again and again that nothing is impossible with God!

**Shiloh**

Amen! Now I see why they call it the miracle of Christmas.

**Woodstock**

Christmas is a great time to celebrate the most awesome miracle of all, Jesus, our Lord and Savior! After all, "No matter where you are in Time." Say it with us, "God is Good all the Time!" (SFX: Outro music, VFX: Fallback Slide) **Merry Christmas!**

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