



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5  
God of Wonders: The Wonder of Advent  
Unit 10, Lesson 48

## Advent 1: Gabriel Visits Zechariah

Lesson Aim: To know God gets believers  
ready for Christmas.

### THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "God sent the angel."

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who comes near. Let's spend time being near to God today by giving our offering, singing, and praying to Him. Let's start by giving our offering now. Play: "Give Thanks" as background music while collecting the offering.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

#### The Lighting of the Christmas Candles: The Angel's Candle

We light the Christmas Candles to get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas. Today, we light the first candle. It is called the Angel's Candle to remind us that God sent the angel to a man named Zechariah. Choose a child to assist in lighting the first candle.

**WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION:** *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook. If you read the storybook, light the first candle now.

God came near to a man named Zechariah by sending an angel to give him good news. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse: "God sent the angel." Let's whisper it together. Include sign language.

Later, God sent an angel to the shepherds with more good news. Sing: "I Bring You Good News." Children listen to the verses and sing along on the chorus: "Glory to God in the highest." **Glory to God in the highest means we give our biggest and highest praise and thanks to God.**

Zechariah was quiet for a long time. The first thing he did when he was allowed to talk was to sing a song of praise. Let's be very quiet and listen to the verse of this song and then we will sing out, "O come, let us adore Him," three times, getting louder each time. To adore Him means to love Him. Sing: "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

### THE WORD GOD PREPARES ZECHARIAH CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned how God brought down the wall around Jericho. Today, we will hear about a different kind of miracle when God sent an angel to visit a man named Zechariah. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 1:19.

#### **WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 1:11-22, 62-64**

Read poem. Display visual.

- God sent the angel to Zechariah one day,
- "Your prayer has been answered. Do not be afraid.
- Your wife is old, but will soon have a baby boy.
- You will name him John and he will bring you great joy.
  
- He will make hearts ready to meet God's Son.
- He will prepare the way when Jesus comes."
- But Zechariah did not believe this news at first.
- So the angel Gabriel said, "You will speak no more words."
  
- So Zechariah spoke not, not a word could he say.
- Until the baby was born and given John as a name.
- Then his mouth was opened and his words came out,
- And his very first words praised God out loud!

What was the angel's name? (Gabriel.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 1:19 from the teacher's Bible.

Who sent the angel to Zechariah? (God.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say our Whisper Verse together, "God sent the angel." Include sign language or hand motions.

### THE WAY GOD PREPARES US FOR CHRISTMAS

**CRAFT:** The Advent Angel

**GAMES:** Miracle Charades, Break the Silence

**SNACK:** Sent from Above

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

### GOT TIME?

**SAY & DO:** Luke 1:11-22, 62-64

**CRAFT:** Advent Crown Wreath

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Quiet Time, Memory Verse Echo  
**STORY TIME**