



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders: The Wonder of Advent
Unit 10, Lesson 49

Advent 2: Angel Visits— Mary and Joseph

Lesson Aim: To remember that nothing
is impossible with God.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the first thing you would say to an angel?

GAME: Highly Favored

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

Read Worship Scripture: Luke 1:28-31, 35.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: Mary's candle

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD AN ANGEL CAME TO MARY AND JOSEPH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent His angel Gabriel to tell Zechariah the good news.

Today, we will see that God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary she would have a baby. Who knows the name of Mary's baby? (Jesus.)
Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 1:28-37; Matthew 1:20-21. Find Luke 1:28-37 First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 1:28. Pray. **Listen carefully to the story of the angel Gabriel and Mary.** Read Luke 1:28-37. **Then, an angel came to Joseph. Let's read what the angel told him.** Read Matthew 1:20-21.

THE WAY NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

When an angel appears with a message, it's a miracle. When a Bible prophecy is fulfilled, it's a miracle. At the time of Jesus' birth, there were many miracles occurring. Let's look at Matthew 1:20-21 and Luke 1:28-37 and list how many miracles Mary and Joseph saw or heard about from Gabriel. (Mary becoming the mother of God, Elizabeth becoming pregnant, God sending His Son to earth, Jesus saving people from their sins, etc.)

What kind of questions would you have asked the angel if you were Mary or Joseph? What were the angel's final words to Mary? ("Nothing is impossible with God.")

Mary may have wondered why God chose her. God chooses each of us to do important things in His kingdom. Just as Mary and Joseph faced challenges in doing what God had chosen for them to do, we will also face challenges. Why will it be important for you to always remember Gabriel's final words? (To encourage you when you need a miracle!)

A miracle is an amazing event or action that appears to be impossible or contrary to the laws of nature. Have you ever seen a miracle? Do you believe in miracles? Do you need a miracle today? Discuss prayer requests and lead the children in prayer. Ask for miracles and for faith to believe that nothing is impossible with God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Gabriel told Mary, "The Lord is with you." Almost two thousand years before Gabriel spoke to Mary, the Lord gave a message to Jacob when he dreamed of angels going up and down a stairway that led to heaven. Let's find out what that message was. Reveal Genesis 28:15. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

In his dream, Jacob learned someone was with him. Who was with Jacob? (The Lord.) **Who was with Mary?** (The Lord.) **Imagine an angel appearing to us right now. Who do you think he would say is with us?** (The Lord!) **How might those words give you courage today?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Happy face button or sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #49
- OFFERING OF ART: Gabriel telling Mary the good news
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Disappearing Angel Face Cupcakes

GAME: The Lord Is with You

CRAFT: "The Lord Is with You" Angel Ornament

DISCUSSION: Believe and Ask

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Appearing Angel, Memory Verse Circle

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