



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
God of Wonders: The Wonder of Advent
Unit 10, Lesson 49

Advent 1: Gabriel and Mary

Lesson Aim: To know the Lord is with us
as He was with Mary.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "The Lord is with you."

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. He came near when He sent His Son Jesus to live with us. Let's spend time with God today by giving our offering, singing, and praying to Him. These are great ways to thank God for all He has done for us. Let's start by giving our offering. Play: "Give Thanks to the Lord" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

The Lighting of the Christmas Candles: Mary's Candle

We light the Christmas candles to get our hearts ready to celebrate. Last time, we lit the Angel's candle. Today, we light the second candle. Mary's candle reminds us that God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary. Choose a child to assist in lighting the second candle.

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

In the Bible, God came near to Mary by sending an angel. That's our **Whisper Verse for today**. Review the Whisper Verse together: "The Lord is with you." Include sign language. **Later, God sent an angel to the shepherds. Listen to what that angel said to them.** 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.**

The angel Gabriel promised Mary she would be the mother of baby Jesus. When did that promise come true? (On the first Christmas Day.) Jesus was born in a manger. That is a food box for stable animals.

Let's get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas by singing about baby Jesus. Sing: "Away in a Manger" and "His One and Only Son."

THE WORD THE LORD WAS WITH MARY CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God sent the angel Gabriel to Zechariah. Today, we will hear about a different miracle when God sent the angel Gabriel to visit Mary. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 1:31.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 1:28-33

Read poem. Display visual.

- Mary was a teenager, good and kind.
- One day she saw an angel bright.
- Gabriel, the angel said, "The Lord is with you."
- Mary was surprised. She wondered what to do.
- But Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid.
- The Lord sent me to you this day.
- The Lord is very pleased with you.
- He is giving you His Son; here is what to do.
- Name Him Jesus when He is born.
- He will be King forever more."

What was the first thing the angel told Mary? ("The Lord is with you.") Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "The Lord is with you." Include sign language or hand motions.

What did the angel tell Mary to name her Son? (Jesus.) Let's check our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 1:31 from the teacher's Bible.

THE WAY THE LORD IS WITH YOU

CRAFT: Mary Ornament

GAMES: Highly Favored!, The Lord Is with You

SNACK: Surprise!

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

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

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 1:28-33

CRAFT: Advent Wreath

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Memory Verse Echo
STORY TIME