



# Advent 2: The Angel Visits Gabriel & Mary

Luke 1:26-38

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Set:** The set for God of Wonders Units 7-10 is designed as a seventeenth century pirate ship viewed from the port (left) side. The Caribbean Queen's bow is stage right. On stage left, there is a raised wheelhouse with a door to the Captain's quarters. Characters and puppets may pop up from several trap doors in the deck and from the crow's nest near the top of the center stage mast. There is a pulley system to raise the treasure chest from below deck where the Bible is kept. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Captain Billy Ocean is a rough and tough former pirate who has given his heart to Jesus and uses his ship to serve God's kingdom. Cody is one of Captain Billy Ocean's "skater" nephews. He is fairly simple, speaks in surfer terms, and is excited by most things, especially God's Word.

**Plot:** Captain Billy teaches Cody the story of how the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she was about to give birth to our Savior Jesus. We learn God loves to come near to His people.

**Costumes:** Captain: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf, and an eye patch; Cody: Skater caps, skater shorts, knee socks, sandals

**Props:** Bibles, treasure chest, Advent wreath and candles, Christmas decorations

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro music suggestion: "Pirate Theme" from productiontrax.com tracks #19253 or #40794
2. Treasure chest music suggestion: **"Joy to the World!"**
3. Outro music suggestion: **"Joy to the World!"**

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Treasure chest contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and music with voiceover plays.
3. Scripture slide: ***Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. Joshua 6:2***
4. Scripture slide: ***The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus." Luke 1:30-31***
5. Closing Slide: **"May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!"**

**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 at ResourceWell.org

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**Voice over** (VFX: Video bump)

**Ahoy lads and lassies! There be a legend centuries old of a lost treasure, more valuable than gold! Though the Pirates searched both land and sea, they could not find where it might be! Until Captain Billy sailed the ocean blue and brought that treasure home to you. So grab yer treasure map, climb aboard the Caribbean Queen and join us as Captain Billy Ocean and his crew unveil the greatest wonders God has ever shown!**

**Cody** (enter to "Deck the Halls")

**Ahoy dudes! I'm helping Uncle Captain Billy celebrate the Advent season. Last week we lit the first candle and we learned about how this angel appeared to this Zechariah dude and made him not say a word for like nine months until his son John was born. I'm wondering what this week's Advent story will be.**

**Captain**

**Well, why wonder? All you have to do is open the Bible and find out. I'll get out the traysure map right now! (SFX: "Joy to the World," VFX: Light shines from Treasure Chest)  
Today's Bible Story is about how the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary!**

**Cody**

**Another angel story! That is such a miracle! Angels were popping up all over the place back then!**

**Captain**

**That's because angels are God's special messengers and God had a very special message to deliver to the world!**

**Cody** (raises hand)

**I know what it was! I know what it was!**

**Captain**

**Go ahead.**

**Cody**

**It was the "good news" that Jesus was coming!**

**Captain**

**Aye, very good! The Bible says: The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."**

**Cody**

**Whoa! What did Mary say?**

**Captain**

**Well, she were probably a little frightened and a little confused.**

**Cody**

**I can't even imagine what I'd do if an angel popped up on the Caribbean Queen.**

**Captain**

**Well, Mary was a good Jewish girl. She had learned many stories of angels appearing to people like Abraham, Jacob and Moses. Although, she probably never thought the angel Gabriel would appear to a simple girl like her.**

**Cody** (to children)

**That must have been awesome!**

**Can you dudes imagine? Raise your hand if you think an angel might visit you some day?**

**Captain**

**That certainly could happen. Mary was a teenager when God sent an angel to come near to her.**

**Cody**

**Yeah, and God could send angels to anyone He wants to, even us.**

**Captain**

**Aye, I'm sure Joseph never expected to meet one, either.**

**Cody**

**Woah! Joseph met an angel, too?**

**Captain**

**Aye, he told Joseph what to name the baby!**

**Cody**

**Radical! So, what did the angel Gabriel say to Mary?**

**Captain**

**He told her not to be afraid. He said: You will be with child and give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus.**

**Cody**

**Wow! It seems God's angel messengers were everywhere!!**

**Captain**

**Aye, well God is everywhere.**

**Cody**

**Yeah, God totally came near to Joseph and Mary...**

**Captain**

**And God came near to all of mankind when He sent His Son Jesus to live among us.**

**Cody**

**God totally rocks the house. We should do something special to remember the awesome miracle when God came near to us through His angels!**

**Captain**

**We could light the Advent candle.**

**Cody**

**That's an awesome idea!**

**Captain**

**Why don't you pick a volunteer to help us?**

**Cody** (Choose volunteer.)

**Coolness! How about you? All right, come on over here and I'll help you light the candle.**

**Captain**

**Remember Advent means "coming" because Advent is the season when we look forward to the coming of Jesus. God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary about God's plan to send His Son Jesus to save the world.**

**Cody**

**Go ahead and light the candle. (Volunteer lights candle) Thanks Dude, you can go ahead and have a seat.**

**Captain** (VFX: Scripture slide)

**Now, as you watch the flame, listen once again to what the angel Gabriel said to Mary: *The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."* Luke 1:30-31**

**Cody**

**Wow, it's such a miracle that God comes near to us at Christmas time.**

**Captain**

**Oh, God is near us all the time. Christmas is just a special time when we remember the Savior who came nearer than ever before.**

**Cody**

**I can't wait to hear more about God's coming to earth.**

**Captain** (SFX: "Joy to the World")

**Next time, son, until the, may the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path! (VFX: Closing slide)**

**Cody**

**Vaya con Jesus!**

(they exit)