

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 God of Wonders: The Wonder of Advent Unit 10, Lesson 49

Advent 2: Angel Visits— Gabriel and Mary

Lesson Aim: To know the Lord is with us.

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 GABRIEL CAME TO MARY

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.)

Point to Jesus on Earth (Circa 1 A.D.). Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 1:28-33. Pray. Read.

THE WAY THE LORD IS WITH YOU

What did the angel Gabriel tell Mary? (The Lord was with her, she would have God's Son, and she would name Him Jesus.) Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God." That means God was pleased with Mary. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear God is pleased with you? Did you know God is pleased with you?

The Bible shows us what pleases God. He loves to hear us pray and sing songs to Him. He is glad we are learning Bible Stories and remembering His words. He is glad when we do what is right. What do you think makes God happiest of all? (When we believe in Jesus, love our friends, love our enemies, show others about Jesus, etc.)

Just as you have, Mary had probably heard stories about angels. I am going to list some people from Bible times who saw angels. Raise your hand if you remember when he or she saw an angel. Let's see how many we can remember together. Pause for a response after each of the following names: Hagar, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Balaam and his donkey, Daniel, Zechariah, shepherds.

Even though Mary would have heard of angels, she was surprised and afraid when one actually came to see her. How would you feel if an angel appeared to you? What would you say? Seeing an angel is a special miracle. Mary must have felt very special. She heard the angel say, "The Lord is with you." Do you think Mary would ever forget the Lord was with her?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Thousands of years before Gabriel told Mary, "The Lord is with you," the Lord gave that same message to Jacob in a dream. He dreamed of angels going up and down the stairway. Reveal Genesis 28:15. Read.

In his dream, Jacob learned someone was with him. Who was with Jacob? (The Lord.) Many years later, the angel said someone was with Mary. Who was with Mary? (The Lord.) If an angel came here to visit us right now, who do you think he would say was with us? (The Lord!) Let's say the angel Gabriel's words to each other now. Turn to the person next to you and say, "The Lord is with you."

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Happy face button or sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW