



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
God of Wonders: The Wonder of Advent  
Unit 10, Lesson 49

## Advent 2: Angel Visits— Mary and Joseph

**Lesson Aim:** To know the Lord is with us and is pleased with those who believe in His Son.

### 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.)

Point to Jesus on Earth (Circa 1 A.D.). Reveal Bible Story Scripture

Reference: Luke 1:28-33; Matthew 1:20-21. Find Luke 1:28-33 First.

Highlight Key Verse: Luke 1:28. 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." What does finding favor with God mean?** (God is pleased.) **Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear God is pleased with you? Did you know God is pleased with you? He is pleased with everyone who believes in Jesus. What do you think makes God the happiest of all?**

**The Bible shows us many actions that please God. In this game we have 60 seconds to see how many actions we can think of that**

**might be highly favored by God. Ready? Set? Go!** Keep time (60 seconds) as the children list ideas.

**Just like you, both Joseph and Mary had probably grown up hearing stories about angels. What other stories about angels have we heard in the Bible? As I name people from Bible times, raise your hand if you remember when he or she saw an angel.** (Pause for response after each of the following names: Hagar, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Balaam and his donkey, Daniel, Zechariah, shepherds, etc.)

**Even though Mary had 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 to the angel?**

**Who did Gabriel say Jesus' father was?** (The Most High God.) **Gabriel said Jesus would rule over the "House of Jacob" which was another name for God's people. How long did Gabriel say Jesus would reign over them?** (Forever.) **What did the angel tell Joseph that Jesus would do?** (He would save His people from their sins.)

### **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. 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 this week?**

**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**