



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King  
Unit 10, Lesson 48

## Advent 1: Announcing the King

Lesson Aim: To know we can bring  
the message to others.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is the best message you have ever received?

**GAME:** Baby Announcement Puzzle

### THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO CAME TO US

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: Mary's Candle

Read Worship Scripture: Luke 1:31-33

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

### THE WORD GABRIEL APPEARS TO MARY

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

Review: God used a young woman named Esther in saving His people.

On a Bible Timeline, point out Jesus on Earth (Circa 1-33 A.D.). A.D. stands for Anno Domini which means "the Year of our Lord." A.D. begins with Jesus' birth and continues until the end of time. **Throughout the time when judges and kings ruled over Israel, God's people hoped for a perfect king. When the time was right, God sent an angel named Gabriel with a message about this king for a young teenage girl in the small town of Nazareth.** Point out Nazareth in Israel. **God would use her in saving the whole world.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 1:28-33, 37-38. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 1:32-33. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY WE CAN BRING THE MESSAGE

**What was the first thing the angel Gabriel said to Mary?** ("Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you.") **How do you think Mary felt? How would you feel if an angel said you found favor with God?**

**Mary was a Jewish teenager who loved God. Gabriel told Mary her baby would be God's Son, Jesus. He described Jesus in words the Jewish people knew well. He said Jesus would reign over the**

**"House of Jacob," another name for God's people. Gabriel said the Lord would give King David's throne to Jesus. It's a way of saying King Jesus will rule over God's people, just as King David did. What does it mean to reign?** (To rule over as a king rules over his kingdom or nation.) **How long did Gabriel say King Jesus would reign?** (Forever.) **What did Gabriel say about Jesus' kingdom?** (It would never end.)

We can bring the message to friends in words they will understand. How would you explain the true meaning of Christmas in your own words to a friend who has not read the Bible? The Christmas story includes angels, miracles, and God's Son coming to earth as a baby. Is there a part of the story that might seem impossible to you or your friends? Gabriel said, "Nothing is impossible with God." How can those words help you and your friends trust the Bible is true?

Does something in your life seem impossible right now? Remember that nothing is impossible with God. If you have a friend who is facing a situation that seems impossible, you can encourage him or her with Gabriel's message: "Nothing is impossible with God."

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

Throughout the time when judges and kings ruled Israel, God's people hoped for a perfect king. Gabriel announced the coming of the King to Mary. Check out what Isaiah said about this King 700 years earlier. Reveal Isaiah 9:6-7. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**The prophet Isaiah told everyone the good news. So did Gabriel. Now, you can share that same message by telling others about King Jesus. Tell them God sent His Son to us. Tell them baby Jesus was the King that all of God's people had been hoping for!**

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

### FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Advent Calendar
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Gabriel telling Mary the good news
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Tasty Trumpets

**GAME:** Pass the Message

**CRAFT:** Angel Ornament

**DISCUSSION:** Anno Domini (A.D.)

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Crown Toss, Royal Musical Chairs

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**