



An Angel Visits Mary

The Annunciation



Introduction:

A long time ago, God knew that His people on Earth needed help. He wanted them to be kind, respectful, and fair. He also wanted people to follow His good ways. He decided that the people needed a teacher to help them. This teacher was going to be God's Son.

God needed a special woman to be the mother of His Son. The story, "An Angel Visits Mary", tells us how God asked a young lady to be the special mother of His Son.

Before you read, THINK!

1. What would it be like if you got a special message from God?
2. What do you think God might ask you to do?
3. How do you think He would send you his message?
4. How would you feel if God chose you to do a special job for Him?
5. If God asked you to help Him, what would you say?



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The Story in the Holy Bible



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In the Bible as Luke 1:26-38

God sent an angel named Gabriel to visit a young woman named Mary.

Mary believed in God, but she was a bit frightened to see God's messenger!

But the angel Gabriel said to Mary,



"Do not be afraid, Mary. God loves you very much, and he wants to give you a special son. You will soon be pregnant and will give birth to a baby boy. You will name him Jesus. He will be called the Son of God."

Mary was confused at first because she was not married. She asked Gabriel,

"How can I have a baby if I am not married? How can this happen?"

Gabriel answered, "With God, everything is possible! The power of the Holy Spirit will help you."

Mary knew that she loved God and always wanted to follow him. Even though she was a little bit afraid, Mary said, "**Yes!**"

She told the angel Gabriel, "I love God and I want to help God. I will do what He has asked me to do."

God was very happy with Mary. A short time later, she was pregnant with a baby boy.





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Think!

1. What do you think God is trying to tell us through this story?
2. What would you have done if you were a character in this story?
3. Why do you think God was happy with Mary in this story?
4. Do you think Mary learned something from this experience?
5. Can you think of three things that God might want you to do to help others?



Write!

Mary was very brave in this story.

Think about a time when you were scared but brave, like Mary.

Write complete sentences that tell a story about that time. Your story should tell who was with you, what happened, when it happened, where you were, how you acted bravely, and why.



Act!

Act out this story of Mary and the angel Gabriel with a partner. Take turns pretending to be each character in the story. Try your best to imagine how each character felt. You can use the words from the story to help you remember what the characters said to each other. If your teacher says it is okay, you can act out the story for your classmates.

