

## The Annunciation to Mary- Luke 1:26-46

### THE POINT

Focus:

- Jesus is God's Son.
- God sent Salvation through Jesus.

Application:

We know that Jesus is the Son of God- a miracle!

Last Week:

2 Weeks Ago:

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### HEART CONNECTION (5-7 MINUTES)

MATERIALS (optional):

- ornament outlines
- string of lights, small tree, or tree outline to hang ornaments on

### Content:

For the month of Advent, spend the first 5 minutes of your time together hearing about how families in your congregation are anticipating advent on their own. You can also talk about ways that you've seen signs of Advent in local stores or at school (Christmas decorations, school parties, etc). This encourages children to look for signs of Advent and celebrations of Christ throughout the week.

Here are a few questions to get started:

- **Have you heard or read any stories this week to prepare for Christmas?**
- **Do you have a manger/nativity scene/crèche set up at home?**
- **Have you listened to any Christmas songs that tell about Jesus this week?**
- **Did you see anything in stores or your school this week that celebrated Christmas?**

If you'd like to keep a record of these, you can write a word or phrase on a cut- out like an ornament or a Christmas light and hang on a tree, glue to a poster board, or display in the classroom. You might also send cutouts home for children to fill out with their families and bring back for your classroom display!

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## STORY CONNECTION (MINUTES)

### MATERIALS:

- Pictures of the Annunciation from around the world (available on Pinterest in the board "Worship with Children: Global Art" or Here: <https://www.pinterest.com/RobinFloch/worship-with-children-global-art/>)
- Plain Paper
- Drawing Supplies

Optional: Illustrations from children's storybooks

*Have the children sit in a circle for the story This helps include children who might feel shy, and it helps each child feel equally engaged. It reassures children that they are seen and welcome in the community.*

**Today in our story, we're going to hear about how the Lord told Mary that she was going to be Jesus' mother. This is a very special story- it means Jesus is almost here!**

**There are people all around the world who have drawn pictures of our story. They use lots of different colors to show the story in their own culture. That's because Jesus came for everyone! After we look at some pictures from around the world, we'll draw our own picture while we listen quietly to the story.**

Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. 27 He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you."

29 Mary was very upset because of his words. She wondered what kind of greeting this could be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. 31 You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. 33 The Son of the Most High God will rule forever over his people. They are from the family line of Jacob. That kingdom will never end."

**God gave Abraham's son Jacob a new name, Israel. The Israelites worshipped and followed God. Then, the Lord gave them an earthly king- David. Now he was giving them a forever-King- Jesus!**

34 "How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin."

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God. 36 Your relative Elizabeth will have a child even though she is old. People thought she could not have children. But she has been pregnant for six months now. 37 That's because what God says will always come true."

**This baby, Jesus, was the Son of God. That means Jesus is both God and a human-being. Both! 100%! All the time!**

38 "I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her.

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## WONDER CONNECTION (3-5 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: None.

I wonder what it was like for Mary to hear that she was going to be the mother of God's son?

I wonder how God felt when he sent the angel to tell Mary the good news.

I wonder how ti felt for Mary to hear that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a special child.

What do you wonder?

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## SPIRIT CONNECTION (7-10 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: Coloring supplies: paper, crayons, pencils, hard drawing surfaces (floor, clipboard, or a table).

**Take a few minutes to talk quietly with the Lord while you draw, write, or just think inside your heard. Talk with God about the story today. This is a quiet time for you to spend with the Lord, not with your neighbor or anyone else.**