

Christmas Schools' Week Assemblies 2020

Day 3

Good News for Mary and Joseph

Read

Luke chapter 1, verses 26-27 & 35	Matthew chapter 1, verses 21 & 23
<p>²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. ²⁷ He had a message for a girl promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. The girl's name was Mary.</p> <p>³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God".</p>	<p>²¹ She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus - because he will save his people from their sins.</p> <p>²³ "A young girl will become pregnant and have a son, and he will be called Immanuel" (which means "God is with us").</p>

Watch

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<https://youtu.be/ZjrHPfOgr5A>

Understand

Suitable for all

Did you notice any extra names from today's clip which you can add to your lists of names for Jesus on your bauble or word cloud?

Discuss the importance of names. How do you feel if someone forgets your name or gets it wrong? Do any of you know what your names mean? The names of Jesus had important meanings, as well as other characters in the Bible. Micah means 'Who is like the Lord' and Isaiah means 'Yahweh (God) saves'.

Pray

Our prayer today is the Magnificat, a special prayer of praise sung by Mary when she visited her cousin Elizabeth and knew that all the angel had told her was true. Use this link:

<https://youtu.be/xcVrOIWLzMc>

to listen to this special prayer which is still sung today in many churches as part of their service. You can read the words in Luke chapter 1, verses 46-55.

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Explore

What's in a name?

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In Isaiah chapter 49, verse 16, it says "I can never forget you! I have written your name on the palms of my hands." Draw around your hand on a piece of paper or card, cut it out and decorate it with your name. See if you can make space to display your hands in the classroom so you can be reminded how important you all are.

What would it be like to meet an angel?

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Stop and think how you would feel if you were visited by an angel! Can you put yourself in the place of Mary and Joseph? Pair up and have a go at acting out the scenes where the angel visits Mary and then Joseph. How do you think they would have reacted?

How did Mary feel?

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Can you work together or in pairs to create a chart to show how you think Mary felt at different points of the story?

Before the angel came	Meeting the angel	After the angel had gone