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THE FOREST OF THE CHOSEN



Hello Explorers! My name is Zach and I am your faithful guide for your adventure today. Now that you have completed your training, you are a true explorer! Let's get ready to start collecting your Hope Gems and Faith Gems by completing your Adventure Pages and memorizing your prayers.

Today we will be exploring the Forest of the Chosen on our Adventure Map. We will see how God has chosen Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Then we will see how God chooses us to be a part of the story too! A good explorer pays close attention, there is always something new to discover. Let's explore!

PRACTICE YOUR PRAYERS

Let's get our Prayer Guide and practice our prayers! Let's start with the Sign of the Cross. Then we can pick one or two prayers to practice.

The Sign of the Cross (Use Your Right Hand)

In the name of the Father (Touch your head)

And of the Son (Touch your Heart)

And of the Holy (Touch your left shoulder) Spirit. (Touch your right shoulder) Amen.

Remember, the more we pray, the more we will get to know God!

As you enter the Forest of the Chosen, you are amazed at the beauty of the trees and life all around you. But as you get deeper into the forest it is easy to become worried that you might be lost or that there are dangerous bugs or animals. It is a good thing that you have guide. Zach is confident because he follows the rules of the Forest and he knows that God is with him. God is with you too. The next time you feel nervous, be confident and trust in God.

As we will see in our Bible Story today, Mary was afraid when she saw the angel before her. The angel told her not to be afraid because she has been chosen by God. Today we will learn that we too have been chosen by God. God has a special plan for us too!

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The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town called Nazareth, to a virgin named Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and thought what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."

The angel continued, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS

God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Who did God send to tell you that you were chosen to be God's son or daughter? God didn't send anyone. On the day of your Baptism, God Himself came down in the Holy Spirit and He will stay with you to share in all of your adventures. God loves you as much as He loves Mary and he has a special mission for you too.



1. Why do you think Mary was afraid when the angel came to her?
2. What are some things that you are afraid of?
3. Does God want us to be afraid? What did the angel say about fear?
4. God gave Mary a very special job, to be the mother of our Lord Jesus. God gave us a special job too, to love God and to love to each other. What are some ways that you can show your love for your family and friends?

SPECIAL PROJECT

It is time to complete our special project for the day and then we can collect our Hope Gem by checking it off on our Adventure Map. Find the special project with the number 1 label and follow the instructions inside! Great job Explorer!