



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B - IV Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7, 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16; Psalm 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Romans 16, 25-27; Luke 1, 26-38

The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered 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. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "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. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for 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.

Reflection

The archangel Gabriel referred to Mary as "full of grace". The angel's greeting troubled her because she did not understand. **What did the angel mean?** (The Virgin Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin; so we call her the *Immaculate (clean) Conception*. And she never sinned after because she loved God so much and didn't want to displease Him. God loved her very much and filled her heart with His Love and spiritual gifts; she was full of His grace: His life.) **The angel told her that she would conceive and give birth to the Most High. What else did he say about her Son?** (God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end. The prophets said the Savior would descend from King David. Mary and Joseph descended from King David.) **Who is Jacob?** (Jacob was the son of Isaac, and the grandson of Abraham, the patriarch of God's people. God changed his name to Israel because he would head God's people; he had 12 sons from whom descended the 12 tribes of Israel.) **The angel was announcing that Mary would be the mother of the awaited Savior. But Mary was not yet married to Joseph so she did not understand. What did the Angel say when she questioned him?** ("The power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." In other words, the Holy Spirit planted the seed of Jesus in her womb, thus God is His Father.) **What proof did the angel give that he was telling the truth?** (Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, who could never have children, was now pregnant, even though she was old. God had done this miracle for her.) **What response did Mary give to God?** (She said YES! "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.")



Activity

On the following page, fill in the blanks of the Gospel story. On the last page, compare the 2 pictures and find the 10 differences between them. Color.

Prayer

Virgin Mary, my mother in Heaven, help me to be humble like you and help me to trust God completely like you did. Thank you for always saying yes to God. Help me to always say yes to Him. I love you very much. Amen.

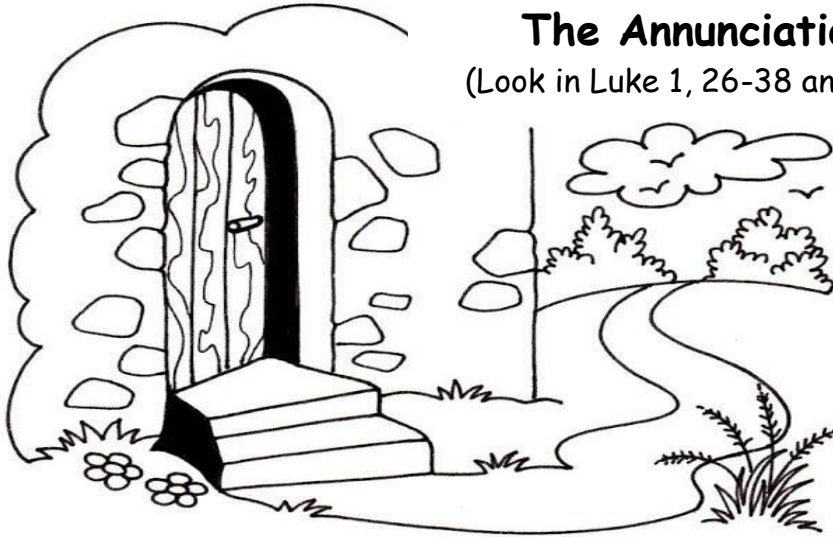
Song: Mary Did You Know? Clay Aiken, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/-Uki0dkthzl>

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The Annunciation of Mary

(Look in Luke 1, 26-38 and fill in the blanks)



The angel _____ was sent from God to a town of Galilee called _____, to a virgin betrothed to a man named _____, of the house of David, and the virgin's name

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will _____ in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him _____. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of _____ his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his _____ there will be no end."



Mary then told the angel:



"How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

He answered:

"The _____ will overshadow you..."



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Compare the 2 pictures and find the 10 differences between the two. Color.



Solution: hung basket, angel's belt, clouds, angel's collar, barrel/basket floor, angel's tunic hem line, wall stones, dog's nose, bread-window, Mary's sleeve.

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