



Sunday 5th December – The Second Sunday in Advent – The Angel visits Mary

Read: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel came to visit Mary in her house. Mary was engaged to Joseph – ready to get married and start her married life with him – but God had an important job for Mary to do first. Mary was going to have a baby. Not just any baby – a special baby. This baby would be God's son. God had a plan to rescue his people and Mary was the start of that plan. She could have said no – God gave her a choice, but she did what God wanted her to do.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GT6V3PDS3s8> (Brusntad Church)

Who visited Mary? What did he tell her? What did Mary do? How would you have reacted if an angel visited you?

Do:

Nativity Scene – Together at Home

https://af51dd98-adab-4c43-ba03-c87e019551a5.filesusr.com/ugd/ebdd71_432c59803df544ac896ad2b9e152f2a5.pdf

Code Breakers -

https://freesundayschoolcurriculum.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/5/0/12503916/lesson_2_an_angel_visits_mary.pdf

Read Matthew 1:18-25 – An angel also visited Joseph – how did he react at first to hearing Mary's news? Why did he want to divorce Mary quietly? What did the angel tell Joseph? What did Joseph do next? Write a list of questions you would have asked the angel or Joseph if you had been there.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, through this season of Advent, we prepare for our Christmas celebrations of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ.

In all the busy times help us to see the importance of your love for us. Show us new ways to share the message of your love for all people. We pray this in the name of Jesus, whose coming we eagerly await. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

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Sunday 12th December – The Third Sunday in Advent – Jesus is Born

Read: Luke 2:1-6

Mary and Joseph had to go register in the census which for Mary and Joseph meant a trip to Bethlehem. This would have been a very hard and long journey, especially as Mary was nearly ready to have her baby. When they got to Bethlehem there was no room for them to stay, so they had to stay where the animals slept. Mary gave birth to a baby boy, just as the angel had said and they laid him in the manger to keep him safe and warm. The birth of a special baby had just happened – he was such a special baby we still celebrate thousands of years later.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lQ7xa2nIRWQ> (Brusntad Church)

Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem? Where did they stay when they got there? Why was there no room? Where did they put the baby? Why do we celebrate Christmas each year?

Do:

Hidden Pictures Colouring Page - https://www.biblewise.com/kids/images/fun/hidden_pictures.pdf

Wordsearch - <https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-birth-word-search/>

Decoder - https://sermons4kids.com/birth_of_jesus_decoder.htm

Infinity Folder - <https://paththroughthenarrowgate.com/category/activities/holiday-crafts/christmas-holiday-crafts/>

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Sunday 19th December – The Third Sunday in Advent – The Shepherds Visit

Read: Luke 2:8-20

A very special baby had been born and it was time to start sharing the good news! God sent an angel to the fields to some shepherds who were watching their sheep. The angel told them not to be afraid but that they had news of great joy – a baby had been born, a special baby, a saviour! Then more angels joined, and they all sang God's praises. The shepherds were no longer scared but wanted to meet this special baby for themselves, so they left their sheep and hurried to the manger. When they got there everything was just as the angels had said. When it was time to go the shepherds could not keep the news to themselves so told everyone they met what they had saw!

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJIC57EvYFo> (Saddleback Kids)

Where were the shepherds when the angel appeared? Why did the angel tell them not to be afraid? What good news did the angel tell the shepherds? What did the shepherds do next? How do you think the shepherds would have felt after meeting the baby Jesus?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McaM1YMXOyE&t=78s> - He chose the Shepherds

Do:

Colouring Page - <https://i1.wp.com/ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Angels-and-Shepherds-2.jpg?ssl=1>

Sheep Craft - <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2014/01/14/the-lord-is-my-shepherd/>

Maze - <http://www.getcoloringpages.com/coloring/49380>

Discussion Questions - <https://www.creativeyouthideas.com/resources/discussion-questions/the-christmas-story-shepherds/>

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