

Luke 1: 26-35

The Annunciation (March 25)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

He went in and said to her,

Angel: Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you.'

She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her,

Angel: 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'

Mary said to the angel,

Mary: 'But how can this come about, since I have no knowledge of man?'

Angel: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. And I tell you this too: your cousin Elizabeth also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.'

Mary: 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.'

And the angel left her.

Luke 1:39-58

The Visitation

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could into the hill country to a town in Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

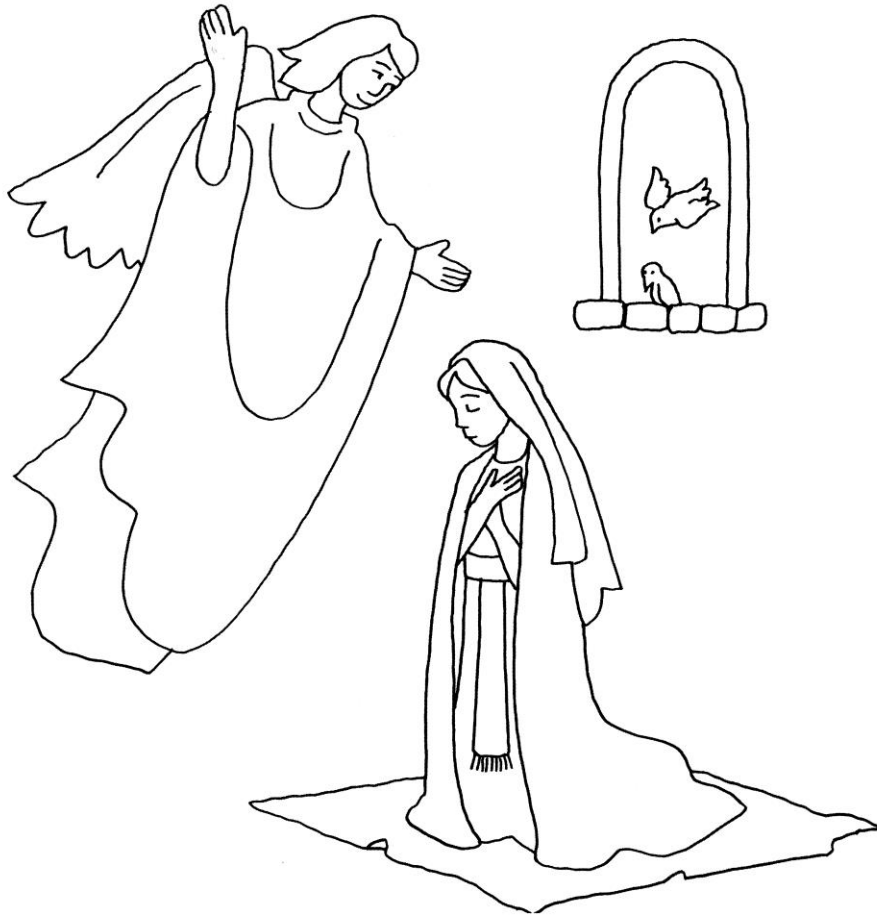
Now it happened that as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ² She gave a loud cry and said,

Elizabeth: 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honored with a visit from the mother of my Lord? Look, the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Mary: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant. Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his faithful love extends age after age to those who fear him. He has used the power of his arm, he has routed the arrogant of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly. He has filled the starving with good things, sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his faithful love--according to the promise he made to our ancestors -- of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

Mary stayed with her some three months and then went home. The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbors and relations heard that the Lord had lavished on her his faithful love, they shared her joy.

One day, God sent an angel to Mary.
Mary became the Mother of God's only Son.



Cierto día, Dios envió un ángel para visitar a María.
María se convirtió en la Madre del Hijo Único de Dios.

Advent Messengers

Name _____

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then enter those words in their corresponding spots in the puzzle.

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| <p>In Luke 1:42, Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, says to her, "Most blessed are you among _____, and _____ 6 blessed is the _____ 8 of your womb."</p> | <p>In Luke 1:26-33, the angel _____ 4 says, " _____ 9 Mary and tells her that her son _____ 10 will rule over the _____ 11 of _____ 2."</p> |
| <p>In Matthew 3:2, John the Baptist says, " Repent, for the _____ 1 of heaven is at _____ 3."</p> | <p>In Matthew 1:21, an angel speaks to _____ 5 in a dream and tells him that Jesus will save his people from their _____ 7."</p> |

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In Matthew 1:23, we are told that Jesus will be called "Emmanuel," a word that has a special meaning. To learn what that meaning is, read the column of letters underneath the arrow.