

GOOD NEWS

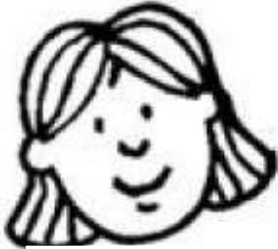
One day Mary, a young girl from the Jewish people, received a visit from an angel. He told her that she was going to give birth to a baby. Mary was scared at first, and she couldn't understand how she was going to have a baby without having a husband. But the angel comforted her by saying that what was happening to her was from God. God put within her the world's Savior, The Promised One, Jesus Christ. He was to come to earth through her.



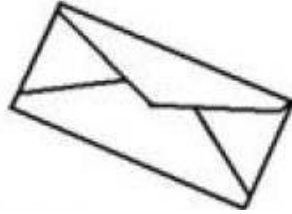
**“For nothing is impossible with God”
Luke 1:37**

How did God tell Mary that she was going to give birth to the Messiah?

Choose the right answer!



through a friend



by sending her a letter



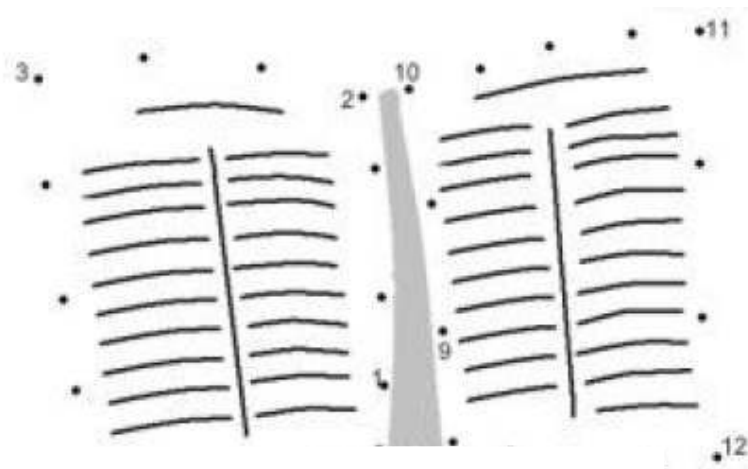
through an angel



by calling her

How does God communicate his will for us today?

Connect the numbers and you will find the answer!



How did
Mary receive
the angel's
visit?

How do you
receive God's
will?



Lesson 2 **Good News**

Biblical text: Luke 1:26-38

Key verse: Luke 1:37

Purpose: Children will understand the story about how Mary received Good News and will obey God's word with joy just as Mary did.

Please note!

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

LESSON AND ACTIVITIES

I. Lesson

After the children finish the coloring page, the teacher will tell the Bible story that is found in Luke 1:26-38.

As you tell the story hold the Bible in your hand or have it nearby, open to the passage being talked about. The Bible represents the authority of God.

In the Bible we are told about an unusual event. About two thousand years ago, in the sixth month of the year, an angel named Gabriel was sent by God to the region of Galilee. He came to a town called Nazareth to a young Hebrew girl named Mary. This girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. But before they married, the angel of God visited Mary and greeted her saying, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28) Mary did not understand what these words might mean and was afraid. But the angel calmed her saying, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God." Then the angel told Mary a shocking piece of news for a young, unmarried girl. "You will be with child and give birth to a son." This news should have made Mary happy. Having a child is a great joy. But, if she did not have a husband, Mary would not have been allowed to have a child. This was a sin worthy of death. So Mary was very troubled. "How will this be?" she asked. "I am not married." The angel assured her that this was a miracle of God. "You will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name of Jesus." "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Hearing these things and knowing what the prophets had said, Mary understood her mission: to bring into the world the Son of God, the Savior. So she accepted this mission and responded. "I am the Lord's servant." "May it be to me as you have said."

Suggestions:

For younger groups, the teacher can use the colored image of the story, pointing to each person during the dialog. Thus the children will better visualize and understand the story.

For older groups, those over eight years old, the teacher can ask for one or two volunteers to tell the story together.

II. Activities

1. Key Verse

- Read aloud the key verse. "For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37
- Help the children memorize the key verse using different methods, games, contests, etc.

2. Key questions for review:

- Why did the angel come to Mary?
- What was the angel's name?
- What did the angel say to Mary?
- Why was Mary troubled by the angel's news?
- Who is the child to be born?
- What is a Savior?
- Why did a Savior have to come to earth?
- Did Mary accept her mission?

III. Conclusion

Mary submitted to God's will whatever the cost. It was dangerous for an unmarried woman to have a child. Her fiancé might forsake her. The people might kill her with stones as that was the custom then. But Mary trusted God. She accepted her mission and even sang a song of praise to God (Luke 1:46-55). God also asks you to obey him and to do his will whatever the cost: embarrassment, being made fun of, being alone, etc. Sing to God a song of praise no matter what situation you find yourself in and trust in him. Mary was a blessed woman and a blessing for all people. You too can be blessed and a blessing for others.