

The Annunciation

Mary listens, asks, and freely says yes

Ages about 7-11 | Video 2:21 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Gabriel announces God's plan to Mary, who asks how it will happen and freely agrees to become Jesus' mother.

Learning goals Name Gabriel and his message; recall Mary's question and response; and distinguish trust from unsafe compliance.

Gather Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

Watch online [Open this video on Servus Dei](#)

Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask how a respectful question can help us understand. Watch how Mary listens and asks before her willing response.

Watch and notice

Notice Gabriel's greeting, the name Jesus, Mary's question, the Holy Spirit's work, the sign of Elizabeth, and Mary's answer.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. Who brought the message to Mary?

Gabriel, sent by God to Nazareth. He greeted her and announced the birth of Jesus.

2. What did Mary ask?

She asked how this would happen. Her question belongs to a trusting conversation, not a refusal to listen.

3. What answer did Gabriel give?

The Holy Spirit would come upon her, and the child would be holy, the Son of God. Elizabeth's pregnancy was also a sign.

4. What does Mary's willing yes teach us?

We can listen, ask honest questions, and respond to God's love. Children still need safe guidance and may refuse harmful requests.

Then respond and pray Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

Lead the response

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Short family lesson Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

Choose a handout

Draw & Tell Draw Gabriel bringing God's message to Mary. Then draw yourself asking a helpful question before a kind action. Accept an oral explanation.

Read & Write Recall the story, explain its central teaching, then apply it through a specific choice.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: draw or dictate answers; revisit the named story moment together.

Ages 9-11: explain the connection between the story detail and the planned response.

Listen, ask, respond | Optional 4 minutes

Create three speech bubbles: Gabriel's message, Mary's question, and Mary's yes. Summarize each in your own words. Under them add a harmless school task and practice listening, asking a clarifying question, and choosing a helpful response. Explain that unsafe requests require trusted adult help.

Look for understanding Look for the named story details in the answers and a practical response connected to grace, the incarnation, and willing trust.

Closing prayer God, help us listen with faith and respond freely to your love. Mary, pray that our yes may be thoughtful and kind. Amen.

At home Read Luke 1:26-38 with an adult and talk about why questions can be part of faith.

Handout answer notes Jesus. Mary asked how and willingly accepted God's plan. Safe questions and actions vary; trust never requires accepting harm.

Teach with care

Provide paper and pencils. Preview the video and invite children to ask questions or pass. The narration adds room, light, and emotion details not specified in Luke. The eternal Son did not begin to exist here; his human life began in Mary's womb. Mary's trusting response is not a rule that children must obey every adult request.

Words to explain Annunciation: Gabriel's announcement to Mary. Fiat: Mary's willing yes. Incarnation: the eternal Son becoming truly human.

Sources for the leader

Story source: [Servus Dei video and English transcript](#)

Background: [Luke 1:26-38: Gabriel and Mary](#)

Mary's willing yes

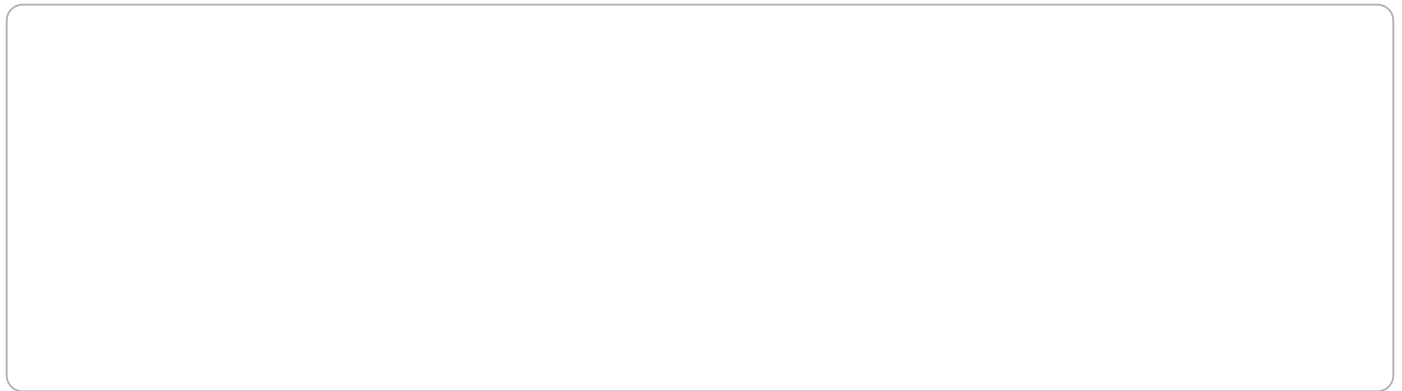
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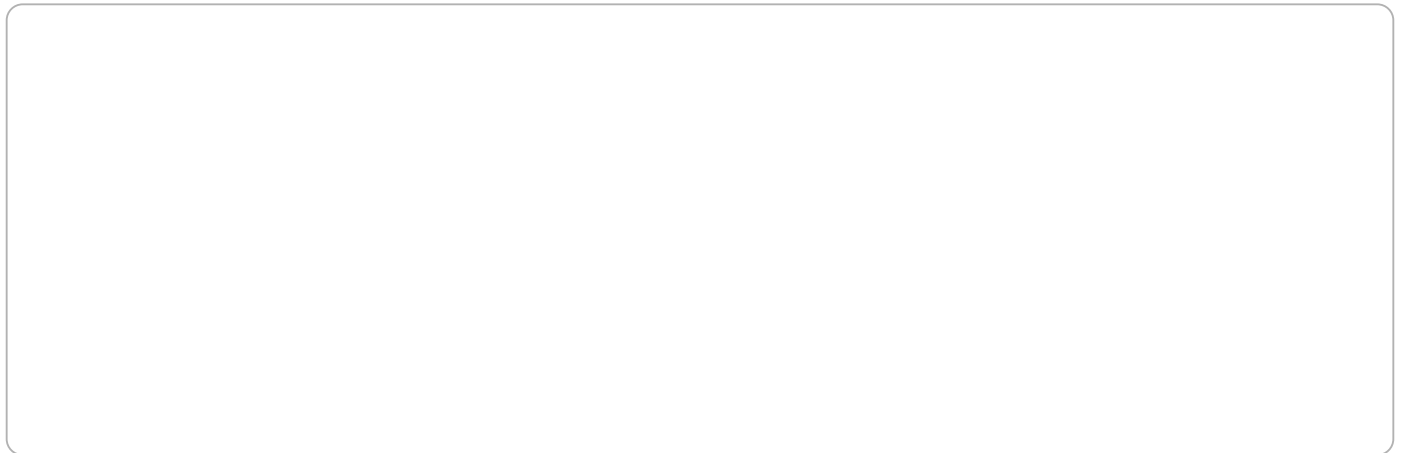
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Adult helper Read aloud. Invite drawing, pointing, or spoken answers. Writing is optional.

1 Draw Gabriel bringing God's message to Mary.



2 Draw yourself asking a helpful question before a kind action.



Tell What did Mary ask? How does your second picture show thoughtful willingness?

Pray God, help us listen with faith and respond freely to your love. Mary, pray that our yes may be thoughtful and kind. Amen.

At home Share your picture and one thing you learned about God or following Jesus.

A yes with trust

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Mary listens, asks, and freely says yes. Remember, explain, and respond.

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1 Remember

What name would Mary's child receive?

The child would be called ...

2 Explain

How did Mary respond to God's plan?

Mary listened and ...

3 Respond

Write a respectful question for a helpful task.

I could ask ...

Pray God, help us listen with faith and respond freely to your love. Mary, pray that our yes may be thoughtful and kind. Amen.

Go deeper How can an honest question and a willing response belong together?