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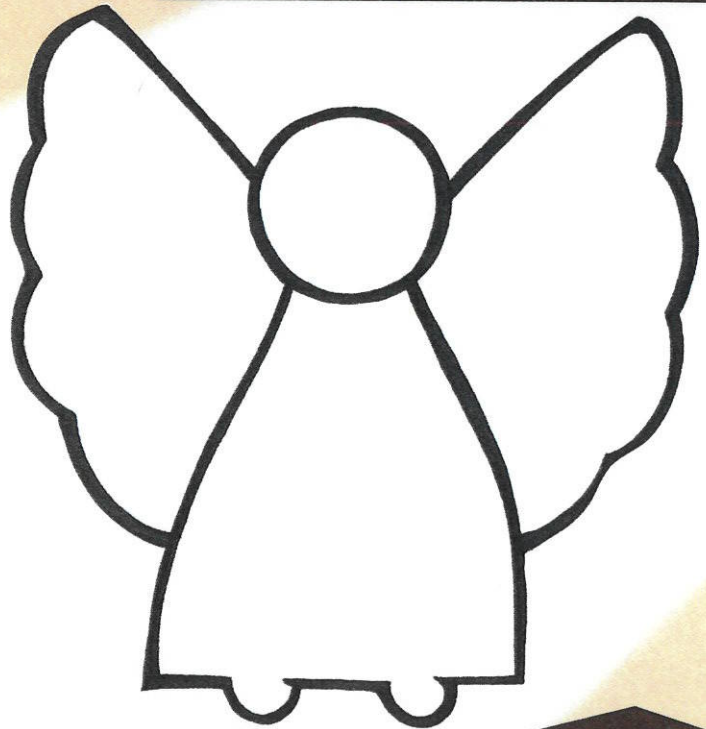
Will be learning about

Angels Visit

# Angels Visit

Luke 1:26-38

I can get ready for Jesus.



## A Special Visit

An angel visited Mary with a special message: she would give birth to baby Jesus.



## READ IT

This week's Bible story is  
**Angels Visit**  
from Luke 1:26-38

### Jesus is God's Son and one of us!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Angel
- Mary
- Joseph
- Fear
- Holy Spirit
- God

Jesus is both human and divine. This story tells us how Jesus' mom was a woman and Jesus' father was God. That makes Jesus human and divine at the same time!

## Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 196-201

Spark Bible pages 1127-1128

## Family Prayer

**Thank you, God, for baby Jesus. All things are possible through you. Help us to remember that during this season. In Jesus' name...AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 What do you think angels look like?
- 2 If God sent you a personal message, what do you think it would be?
- 3 The word "angel" means "messenger." Do you have any angels in your life?
- 4 Make some plans for becoming angels or messengers for God. What kinds of messages about God's love do you think people need to hear? How could your family deliver those messages?



### Eye Spark

Each time you see a nativity set, remember that the story began with an angel visiting Mary.



### Ear Spark

When you hear Christmas carols this season, listen for what the angels do/say/sing and remember this angel story.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Make angels to decorate your Christmas tree. Use paper or clay or cookie dough or whatever materials you have around. Have the angels carry small signs or banners that tell part of this story: God is with you! Name him Jesus! With God, all things are possible! Don't be afraid!

### For younger kids

Do some caroling to brighten someone's day. Sing angel carols!

### For older kids

Find a program online that will let you do some music composing. Try writing your own Christmas carol!



# Angels Visit



Mary told Joseph about the angel and about giving birth to God's Son.

# Angels Visit



“Don’t be afraid.”

# Angels Visit



Luke 1:26-38

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**God says, "Don't be afraid."**



## Don't Be Afraid

God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph about Jesus. Here's what the angel said, 'Don't be afraid. God is with you.'

Mary was cleaning when an angel appeared.  
Don't be afraid, Mary. Don't be afraid!

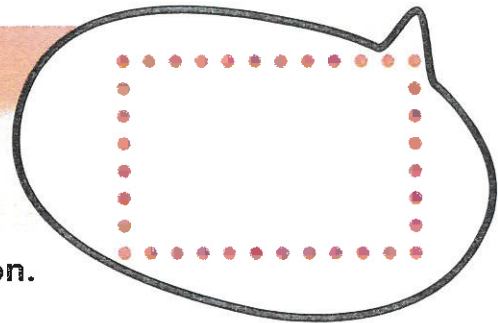
The angel told Mary she would have a son.  
Don't be afraid, Mary. Don't be afraid!

Mary didn't know if Joseph would understand.  
Don't be afraid, Mary. Don't be afraid!

Joseph didn't know if he should marry Mary.  
Don't be afraid, Mary. Don't be afraid!

Joseph was dreaming when an angel appeared.  
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Mary and Joseph agreed to raise God's son.  
Don't be afraid, Mary. Don't be afraid!



Today's Bible story, **Angels Visit**, is from the book of **Luke**.

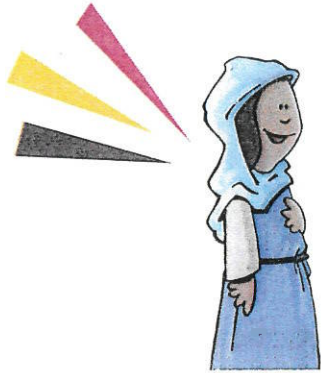
Luke was a great **writer**. When Luke wrote his story of Jesus' life, he knew that many people were afraid. They could not find food and work. Luke wrote a

# God Is with You

Mary knew that her visitor must be an angel. The angel told Mary "God is with you." I can draw a picture of an angel who tells me, "God is with you."



# News to Share



Mary had big news to share with Joseph. She hurried to find Joseph and tell him the news. But Mary was afraid. What if Joseph did not understand? The angel helped Mary find Joseph and know what to say.

Follow the path of letters that spell A N G E L to help Mary get to Joseph. Start with the letter A.

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O	A	E	P	Q	P	R	A	B	D
J	M	L	A	N	G	E	L	A	R
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**Faith  
on the Go!**

Today's Bible story,  Visit, is from the book

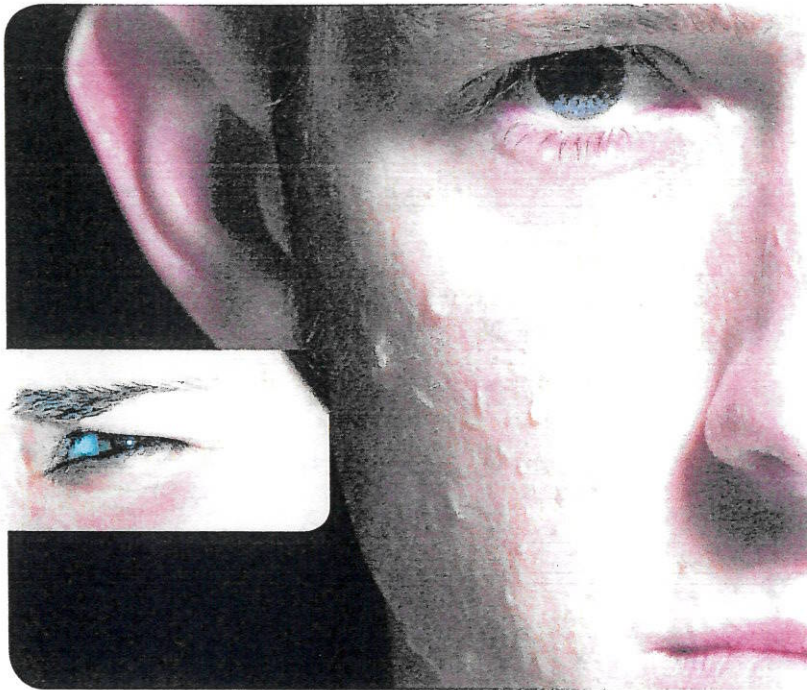
of **Luke**. Luke was a great . When Luke wrote his

story of Jesus' life, he knew that many people were afraid. They could not find

food and work. Luke wrote a good news book to tell them about .

# What Does Afraid Look Like?

Mary and Joseph were both afraid. When we are afraid, our bodies show it.



## Here's what happens:

- The pupils of our eyes get bigger.
- Our upper lip goes up.
- Our eyebrows scrunch together.
- Sometimes we sweat and our muscles get tight.
- Our heart beats faster.



Scientists believe that our brain tells us to either fight or run when we feel afraid. But Mary listened to the angel. Mary was not afraid. Mary said she was God's servant.

God says, "Don't be afraid."

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### I want to:

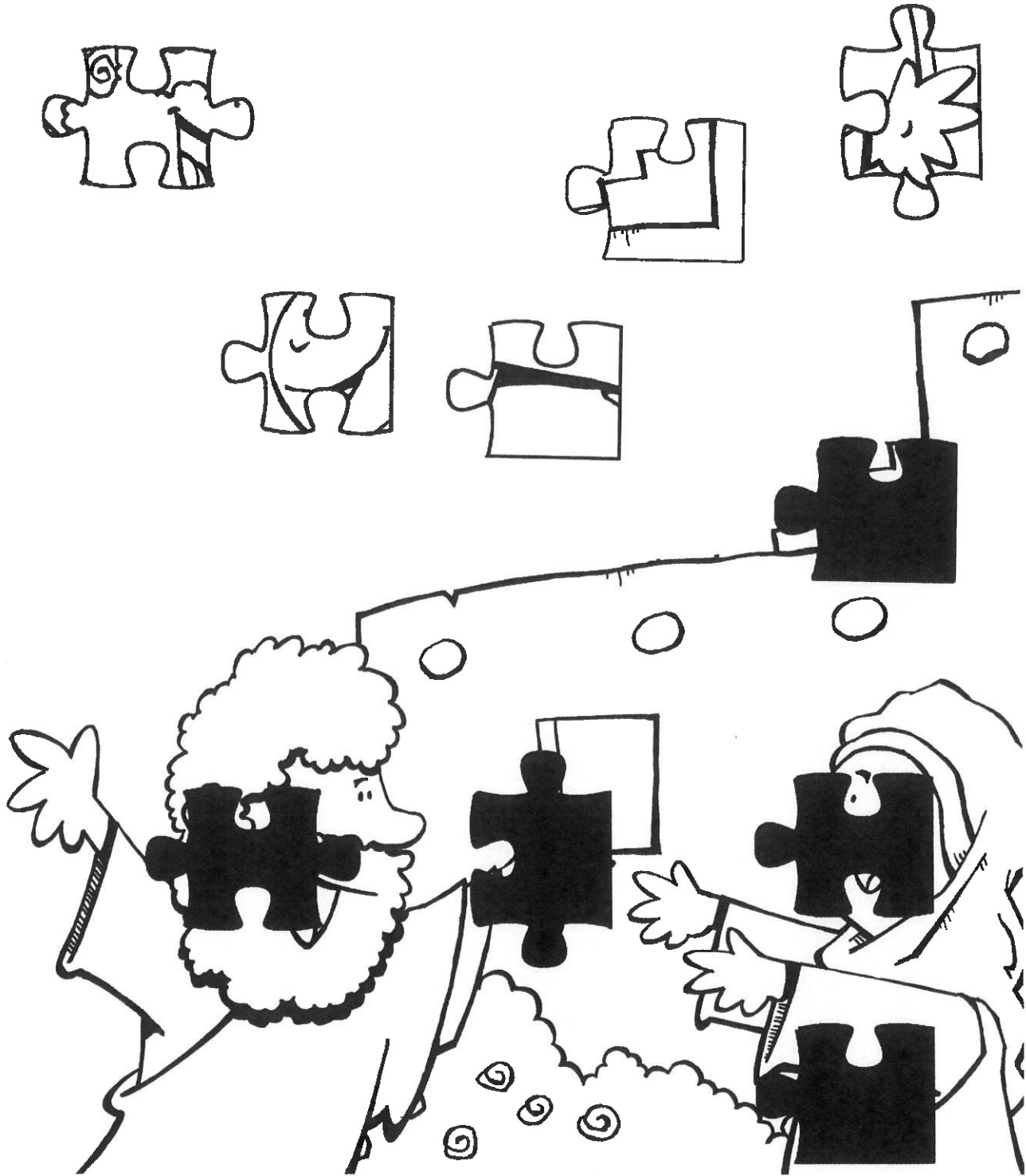
- \_\_\_ Tell you about Mary, Joseph, and the angel
- \_\_\_ Tell you not to be afraid
- \_\_\_ Draw you an angel
- \_\_\_ Ask you what God says we should do
- \_\_\_ Smile a big smile like Mary

- \_\_\_ Help you be brave
- \_\_\_ Invite you to church
- \_\_\_ Give you a big hug
- \_\_\_ Say "I'm sorry"
- \_\_\_ Pray for you
- \_\_\_ My own idea: \_\_\_\_\_



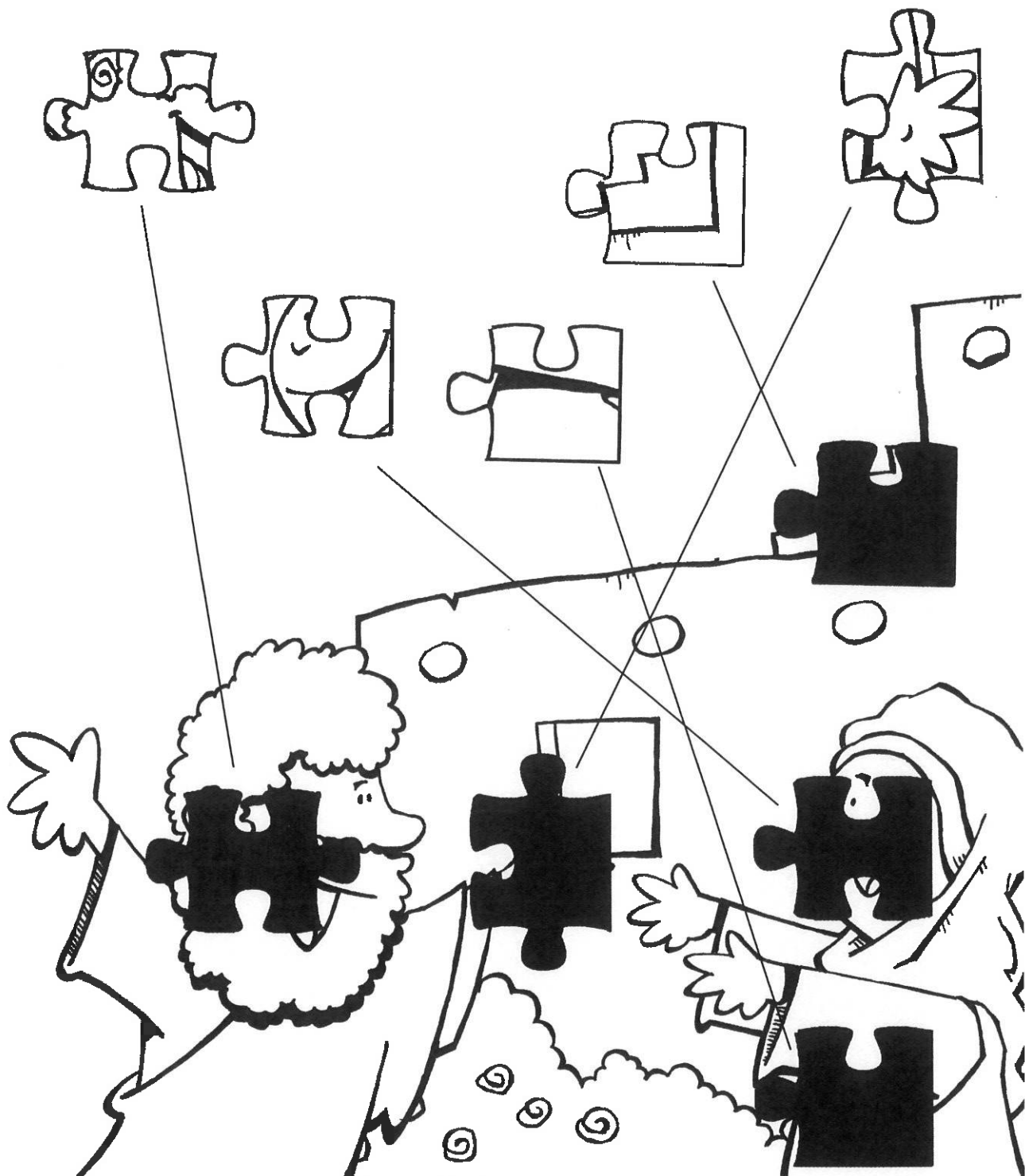
# Puzzling Visit

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Luke 1:26-38

Jesus comes to **be** with us.



## I wonder...



- How Mary felt when the angel started talking to her.
- What it would be like to be an angel.
- How God wants me to serve others.

## Jesus Is One of Us

Sammi ran over to Katya on the jungle gym and leaped up beside her. "I am so excited," she said. "Remember what we talked about last week?" "Slow down," Katya said. "What are you talking about?"

"The drama club? At church? Remember I said I'd talk to the director?"

"Of course. Did you talk to her?"

"She said YES! You can come tonight."

"Oh no," Katya said.

"What?"

"Well...what if I mess up? It's not like a school thing. It's a church thing. I'm scared."

"You'll be fine. Ms. Davis always says it's like Jesus is on stage with us, making sure we do our best. So don't worry. You're in!" The two girls screeched and cheered from the top of the jungle gym.

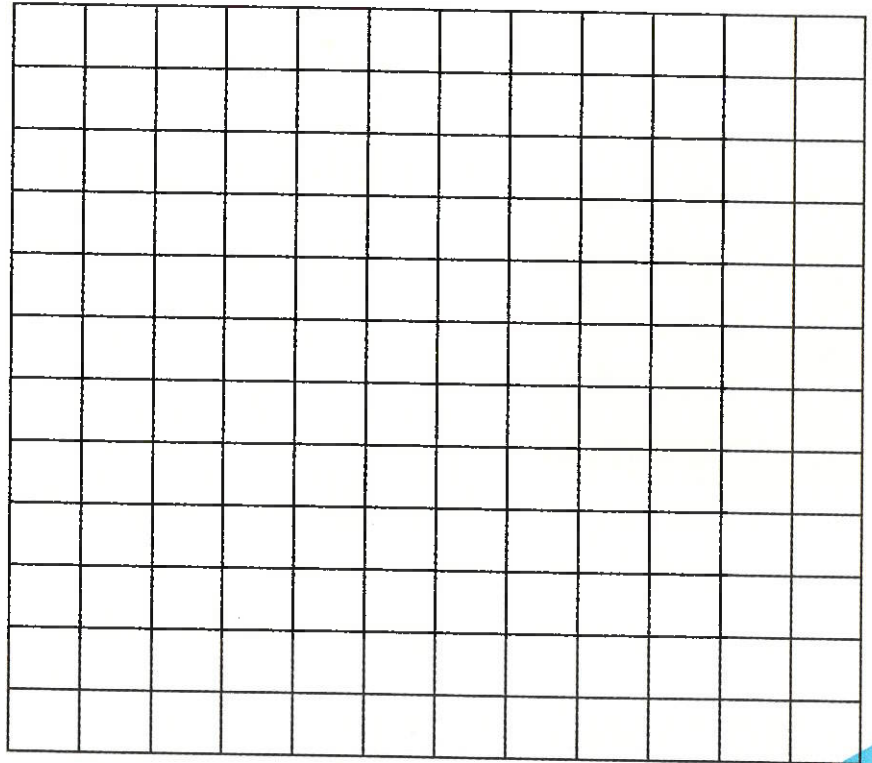
"Let's go tell our parents. We have to eat and change clothes and finish our chores and . . ." They made their plans all the way home.



# Angels Visit Crossword

Using the words from the story shown here, create your own crossword. In the grid, arrange as many of the words as possible to make a crossword puzzle. Color in the unused spaces. Write some clues, and then use your crossword to tell a friend the Bible story.

Nazareth  
Greetings  
Angel  
Afraid  
Jesus  
Mary  
Kingdom  
Impossible  
Servant  
Pondered



## Look it up!

The angel Gabriel made an appearance earlier in the Gospel of Luke. Read about it in **Luke 1:19**.



## Memory Verse

Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.  
**Luke 1:35b**

## Fun Facts

**One** of an angel's jobs is to deliver God's messages.

In the **Old Testament**, angels punished God's enemies.

**Galilee** was a large region to the north of Judea and Samaria.

**Nazareth** is located about 16 miles/25 kilometers from the Sea of Galilee.

Some of **Jesus' ancestors** were Boaz, Ruth, Jesse, and David.

A church was built in **Nazareth** where Gabriel's visit is believed to have happened.

## Jesus with Us Pyramids

Look at what is happening in each picture. How is Jesus with us in each situation? Write your response on the back of each triangle on the next page. Then cut out the shape and tape the pyramid together.





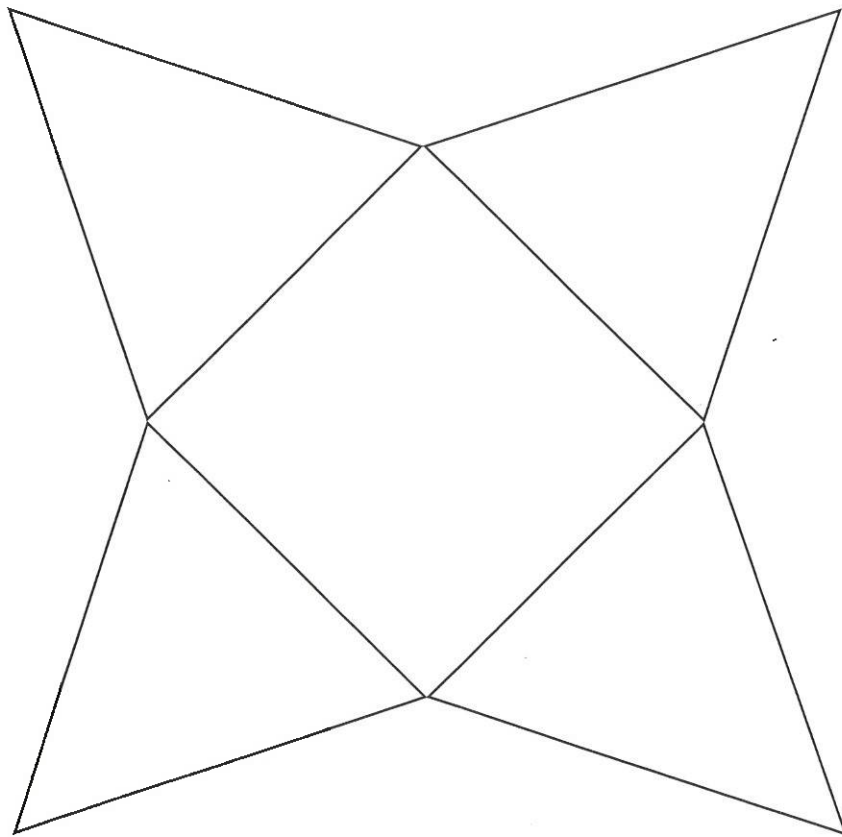
**Write** a message to someone in your family and hide it where it will be found.

**Create** and share a code about God sending Jesus to us.

**Do** a web search for famous artwork of angels.

**Collect** non-perishable food and donate it to a food pantry.

**Pray** this prayer during the next week: Dear Jesus, help me to see you in action every day and to serve you every day. Amen.



# Who Is Jesus?

Luke 1:26-38 describes Jesus for us. Cross out every other letter, starting with the first letter. Write the remaining letters in the blanks below to know more about Jesus. Each clue is already started for you.

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~~X~~ S U O A N T O J F W T G H J E S M R O U S Q T G H Y I X G Z H  
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# Angels Visit

Luke 1:26-38

God sends messengers  
to bring good news.



What would you do  
if you saw an angel?

# Trust Is a Must

It can be difficult to put your trust in another person.  
Write the story of a time it was hard to trust someone.

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## Did You Know?

In one survey, 50% of Americans reported that they believed they are protected by guardian angels.





## Look It Up!

This story took place in Nazareth. Find the town of Nazareth on the map. Do you recognize the names of any nearby cities or regions?

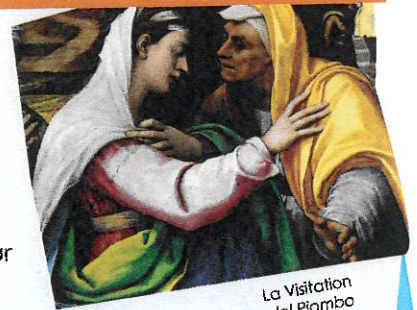


## A Graphic of Gabriel

Draw a picture of what you think the angel Gabriel looks like. Did he have wings? A halo? White robes? Powers of flight?

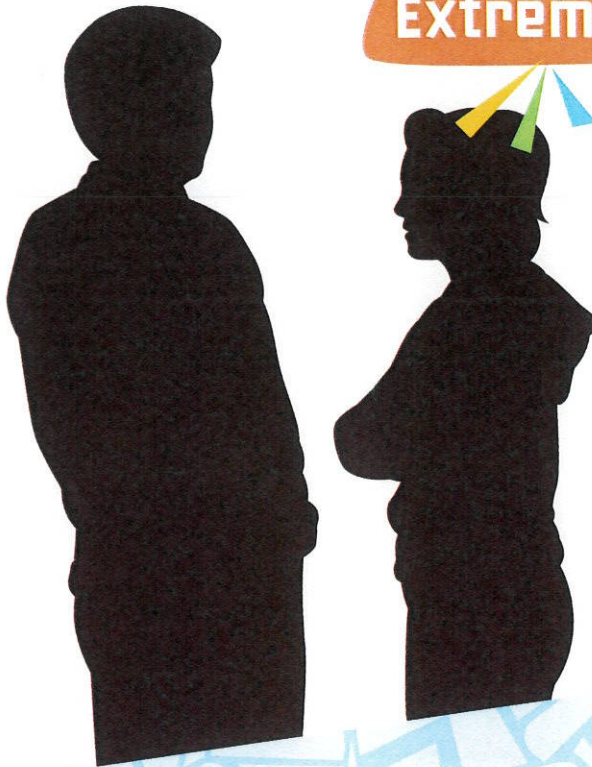
## Surprise Surprise

Both Mary and Elizabeth were stunned to hear that they had conceived a child. (Check out the definition of "conceive" on page 1128 in your Spark Bible.) Mary was an unmarried virgin; Elizabeth was very old and had been unable to get pregnant throughout her entire life. Who do you think would be most surprised by this news? Why? Discuss your thoughts with others in your group.



La Visitation  
Sebastiano del Piombo

## Extreme Role Play



**Mary** wasn't much older than you when the angel appeared and told her she was pregnant with God's Son. Yikes! Imagine a teenage girl explaining that story to her boyfriend. Partner up with another person in the room. Take turns acting out what you think the initial conversation between Mary and Joseph was like.

### Faith on the Go!

Talk with a few family members about how they felt when they first heard that you would be joining the family! Encourage them to tell stories of how they shared the news with others and how they prepared for your arrival. Thank them for continuing to love and support you!

### Memory Verse

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. Luke 1:32a



# Solve the Good News

Gabriel had great news for Mary. To discover the news, solve this puzzle! Start at the first letter, "Y" and use the number key below to count to the next letter in the phrase. Count to 2 to get to the second letter, 3 to get to the third, and so on. The first two letters have been solved for you.

## Number Key:

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O U A S E S T O R V B N N C V B A M N Y T D R F Y T R E Y O G H U X W B  
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V C I K W Q L R L A F H N N M O E A E M J K E D S N H L P I B F E M F J  
G Y E W D S V U F R E S

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B E A R A S O N A N D Y O U

W I L L N A M E H I M J E S U S