



Mary and Gabriel

December 12

Luke 1:26-38

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Tell the story (as narrative or reflection) from Mary's point of view
- Talk about names and the meaning of names, then the meaning of Jesus' name and the Old Testament prophecies
- Trusting in the impossible: talk about an impossible situation (for example, pigs flying). What if someone told you it was going to happen? Would you believe it? What would it take for you to believe it?
- Who do you trust to never lie to you? Your parents? A close friend? Did you know that God never lies?
- What do you think it means that Mary was favoured by God? Even when we feel invisible, or like we are not anything special, God sees our hearts.
- Talk about how Mary was thrust into a really important role, even though she was a typical Jewish girl. What would we do in her place?

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- God gave Mary a very special job to do. What job does God give us?
- Mary did not understand but she was still faithful
- Talk about the names of Jesus - Jesus, great, Son of the Most High, the one who will reign on David's throne and over Jacob, whose kingdom will never end, the Son of God. Jesus is still the King, fully God and fully human
- God is forever using the "normal" (or small) things to do extraordinary things
- Mary was a normal girl doing normal things when the angel came with a very not-normal message

At Home Connections

- Do a family scavenger hunt: think up clues for one another of normal or small, but that do surprising/impressive things
- What are some normal things you see around you that do surprising things?