LESSON 6

MARY AND THE ANGEL OF GOD



Aim: **To show the children how a young woman named Mary became God's obedient and blessed servant.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 1:26-38**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 121:6**
[T]he sun will not
harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

When a young woman is engaged or promised to be married there are many preparations to be made, especially as the wedding day draws near. Various people come to help. **Let the children tell you what they have seen their families do.**

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph when she had a very surprising visitor.
2. Mary was at home when suddenly the angel Gabriel, a messenger from God, appeared before her. Gabriel's words of greeting were very important: they told Mary that God was with her (1:26-28). **Show Picture 6.**
3. At first Mary was very frightened, but Gabriel comforted her. He said God was going to bless her in a very special way (1:29-30).
4. Gabriel brought Mary the message that she would be the human mother of God's Son, Jesus Christ. God had promised the Jews that the Messiah, the Saviour, would be born from David's family line. Many young Jewish women probably wondered if God would choose **them** to be the mother of the Messiah (1:31-33).
5. Mary asked the angel how God would do this, as she was a virgin and not yet married. This does not mean that she was doubting God's plan. Gabriel told her that it would indeed be a miracle: the power of God's Holy Spirit would bring it about (1:34-35, 37).
6. Mary accepted God's plan for her, even though it was so unusual that most people would not believe her. She said she was God's willing servant (1:38).

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Our Response to the Story

Mary, like Ruth, accepted God's plan for her life. It was with great joy that she delivered herself into God's hands. **Read Luke 1:46-49.** God had chosen her for a task he wanted done, and she was God's obedient servant.

God wants us, too, to serve him wholeheartedly. It is a great privilege. It also is the purpose for which he created us. Obedience was the way to blessedness for Ruth and Mary, and it still is for us today.

Instil the Memory Verse

The whole Psalm 121 shows that God protects those who serve him. **Review the previous verses.**



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