



The Annunciation by Rossetti

# SPARK

## Week 10 - Mary Says Yes! Joseph Obeys.

**FOCUS for 12/7/20:** And in coming, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ~Luke 1:28

### Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 10 preparation video at [saint-max.org/spark](http://saint-max.org/spark)
- Listen to [Mary Did You Know?](#) & ponder this moving piece.

After this time together your child will be able to do (one or all depending on their age):

- Be able to retell the story of the Angel Gabriel announcing the coming of Jesus to Mary.
- Know that the Holy Spirit helped the baby Jesus come to Mary. (for older students)
- Articulate that Mary said, "Yes." to the Angel Gabriel and Joseph obeyed the angel.
- Angels are messengers of God.



## PRAY

Do Week 2 of the Advent Wreath prayers!

### Opening Prayer

+ (Sign of the Cross) Merciful God, we love you because you loved us into being. Thank you for choosing Mary to be our Spiritual Mother. Help me to say, "Yes," when I am asked to do something just like Mary did. Amen. +

**Supplication** - the final part of our prayer 'formula.'" We ask God for our needs.

## SHARE

### Family Connection

- Share with your child a story of a time when you said Yes to something and trusted it would be okay. How did that feel? Was God involved in your decision? Or, share a time when you obeyed even if you didn't truly know all the details. (at work, in the community, with covid, in an emergency)



Before beginning this week's lesson, ask your child what was learned last week about David the Shepherd Boy who became the King. Remember he was chosen not for his looks but because he was good, wise and true.

# LEARN

## Read the Bible Story

Read the story of the Angel Gabriel coming to Mary. (Luke 1:26-38) This is called The Annunciation and is the first Mystery of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. (For older students & parents read through verse 80.) The second part about Joseph is found at Matthew 1:18-25.

Review the story with your child using these questions.

- Who are the characters in this story? (*Mary, Angel Gabriel, Joseph*)
- How old do you think Mary was? (*a teenager, about 14 - 15 years old*)
- Who visited Mary? (*Angel Gabriel*) Joseph? (*an angel*) How do you think she/he felt? How would you feel if an angel came to visit you?
- What do you think the angel meant when he called Mary 'favored one?' (*She was special, chosen.*)
- What did he announce to Mary? (*She was going to have a baby*)
- Both angels said there was something special about this baby. What is it? (*He would be God's son*)
- What was Mary's answer? (*She said Yes!*) Joseph's? (*Yes!*)



**Wondering Questions:** I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? (*God will ask us to do things in our life and will we say yes with great faith that he will provide the means to get through whatever He asks of us.*)

### **If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:**

**The Story of Christmas (Mary & Joseph)** (3 min video) Great for all ages!

**According to Your Will: Mary's Yes and Ours** An article for older students on our 'Yes' to God.

**Discuss the painting on the the first page.** What colors are used? Why? How does Mary look? Why? What other symbols do you see in the painting. Look up the painting The Annunciation by Rossetti then click on the painting on the first page of the lesson to discover the artist's meaning.

## LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family .....



1. Talk about the ways we say yes to God. Do we treat others with kindness? Do we show respect with our words and actions?
2. Do the Week 2 Advent wreath prayers this week.
3. Use the cut out figures to retell the story.
4. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

## PRAY

Loving God, Thank you for loving us so much and sending us your son Jesus to save us. Thank you for giving us a way back to you in heaven. Amen +  
(Sign of the Cross)

## Want to Dig Deeper?

**Oh Mary song** (5 min) The story of Mary's yes in song. For upper Elementary  
Learn about the painting on the front of this lesson, **The Annunciation by Rossetti**

