

Advent

Reading: Luke 1: 27-33, 38

God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin girl who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord is with you; you are very special to him."

But Mary was very confused about what the angel said. She wondered, "What does this mean?"

The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is very pleased with you. Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus. He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord God will make him king like his ancestor David. He will rule over the people of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.

Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord God. Let this thing you have said happen to me!"

Thought about the reading

It is the beginning of December and we are starting to get ready for Christmas. Maybe you have bought some Christmas cards to give to your friends. Maybe you have got out your Christmas decorations and the Christmas tree. We call this time of year Advent. We get ready for Christmas, not just by writing cards and putting up the tree but also by preparing for the coming of the baby Jesus.

In the reading, Mary hears from the angel that she is to have a baby called Jesus. Her answer is 'Yes. I will do what God has asked. I will have this baby.'

God wants us to say 'Yes' to him, and he will come and live in our hearts.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for this special time of year, when we get ready for Christmas. Thank you that we can remember how you were born as a baby on that first Christmas Day.

Thank you that Mary was willing to do what God asked. Help us, too, to say 'Yes' to you.

Amen



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