

# WELCOME THE GOOD NEWS

## GABRIEL'S NEWS

Living the Good News  
4th Sunday of Advent – B

Mary was walking along a dusty road in Galilee, heading to the well. Bugs buzzed in the hot air. The heat made Mary feel dreamy. When she came to the well, she sat on its ledge and stared into the deep water below.

At that moment, an angel, a messenger from God, appeared to Mary. He startled her, saying,

“Shalom. Peace be with you, Mary. **GOD IS WITH YOU AND GOD BLESSES YOU GREATLY.**”

Mary was deeply troubled by these strange words. What could they mean? But the angel, named Gabriel, went on, “Do not be afraid. You will become pregnant, today, with a son. He will become king of

a kingdom that will never end.”

Mary asked, “How can that be? I’m not even married yet!”

Gabriel explained, “God’s power will do all this.”

Mary still did not understand all that the angel said, but she did know one thing. She loved God, with all her heart. “I am God’s own,” she answered. “Let every-

thing that you have said happen to me.”

Then Mary was alone. She filled her jug. She turned for home. She lifted her eyes to the sky and whispered, “I am God’s own.”



# WELCOME GOD'S WORD

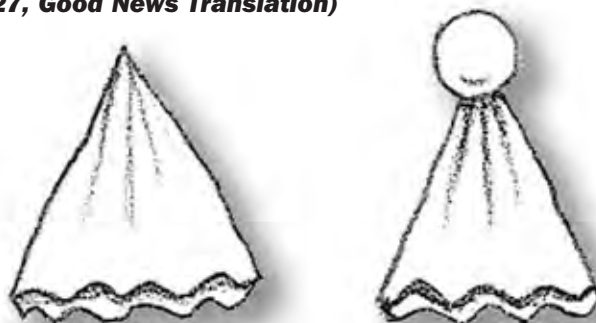
**"The girl's name was Mary."  
(Luke 1:27, Good News Translation)**

- \* What would be the best news you could ever hear?
- \* Mary heard good news from an angel.
- \* With a friend, read Luke 1:30-31. What good news did the angel tell to Mary?
- \* You can make an angel ornament for your Christmas tree to remind you of this good news.

You will need:

- \* 2 round coffee filters
- \* a stapler
- \* scissors
- \* scrap of construction paper (brown or pink)
- \* brown or pink pipe cleaner
- \* tape
- \* white or gold lace doily
- \* glue
- \* glitter

The scalloped edge of the coffee filter will be the hem of the angel's gown. Squirt glue on the angel's hem. Dip in glitter.



1 Staple a coffee filter into a cone.  
This is the angel's body.

2 Cut a circle from brown or pink paper.  
Glue it to the top of the cone.  
This is the angel's face.



3 Cut small circles from a doily. Glue these around the angel's head.



4 Tape a 5" piece of pipe cleaner in place. These are the angel's arms.



5 Glue a quarter of a coffee filter to the angel's back. These are the angel's wings.



**Make a Good News board for your family.** You will need:

- sheet of poster board
- colorful felt pen

Write the title *Good News* on the top of the poster board. Ask all friends to help decorate the border of the poster. Each day this week ask your family to write or draw their good news on the poster.