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Lectionary Title 2: **The Call of Mary**

Nursery/Kindergarten/Younger Elementary Levels

Mary, Mother of Jesus



Mary is a kind and simple woman. She loves God very much. She is about to marry, Joseph. One fair day, an angel of God appears to Mary. He tells Mary that she will have a baby. Mary is surprised. She is also afraid.

But the Angel of the Lord tells her, "Do not be afraid. God loves you so much. God is pleased with you. Your baby will become a savior of all. You will name Him Jesus. He will become the greatest of all."

Mary asks the angel, "How can I be pregnant? I am not yet married to Joseph."

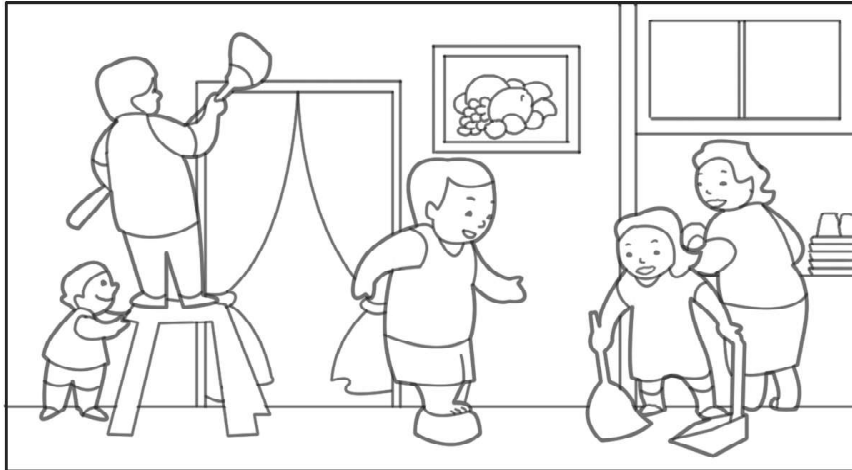
The angel answers, "Do not worry, Mary. The Holy Spirit will come upon you. The power of God will cover you and the Son of God will be born through you."

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Younger Elementary Level

Color each picture and tell how they show their love for each other.





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Middle Elementary/Older Elementary Levels


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(Based from Luke 1: 26-35)

It is in the sixth month. God sends an  to a town called Nazareth in Galilee. He appears to  who is about to marry Joseph, from the house of David. The angel of God tells her not to be afraid for He has good news.

" you will conceive in your womb and bear a son. You will call him Jesus. He will be great and be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestors David and reign forever."

But,  asks, "How can this be? I am a virgin." The  of God replies, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most Holy High will overshadow; He will be called the son of God."

"I am God's servant. Let God's will be done upon me," Mary says. Then the  of God departs.

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Older Elementary Level

Complete the following table. Write your answers on the third column.

Your life	The Bible says...	I say...
Relationship with Parents	"Children, obey your parents for this is right." Ephesians 6:1	
Relationship with Friends	"Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals." I Corinthians 15:33	
Relationship with Fellow believers	"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor." I Peter 2:17	

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Middle Elementary Level

Read the words. Use them to make a poster. Cut the box and the words. Then decorate your poster.

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show my
love for
others.

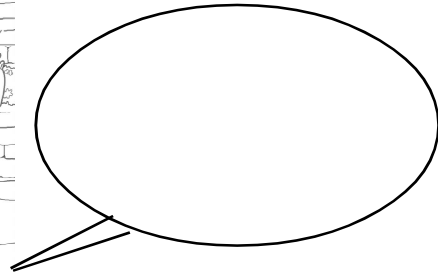
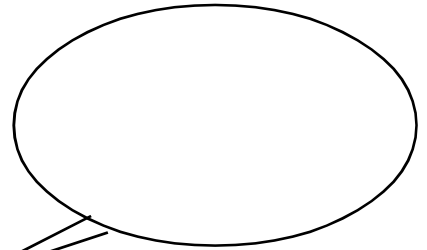
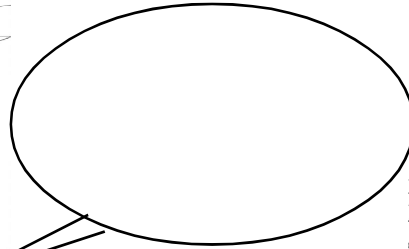
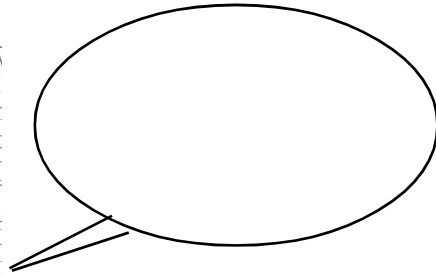
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Youth Level

Supply the dialogs. Refer to Luke 1: 26-35.

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Youth Level

Answer this question: "What does this story tell you about the way you answer God's calls?" Write on your journal your action on how you receive a call from God for a purpose. Be guided by the following:

1. Include in your write-up a story about a time that you felt God was calling you to do something difficult but you obeyed anyway.
2. Share what difficulties you have encountered and what or who helped you obey God's call .
3. Finish your note by writing a short prayer of thanksgiving for God's enablement in your life to heed His call.

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Adult Level

Play the game "Name that Parent!" After naming each character, think of a parent that you know who has done a similar task.

1. She prayed to God for a long time to bear a child, until a son was given to her. She promised to God that she will dedicate him to live in the temple and serve Him.

Answer: _____

Parent whom you know did a similar task: _____

2. He listened to the angel of the Lord and brought his family out of Israel to protect them.

Answer: _____

Parent whom you know did a similar task: _____

3. With the help of his grandmother and mother, they taught Timothy to have faith in God and help Paul in the ministry and mission.

Answer: _____

Parent whom you know did a similar task: _____

4. He gathered the Israelites to renew their covenant in Shechem. Then he pledged himself and his household to serve the one and only God.

Answer: _____

Parent whom you know did a similar task: _____

5. When God sent the angel of death to kill all the firstborn children of Egypt, he reminded his people about Israel's deliverance by God in saving the Israel nation.

Answer: _____

Parent whom you know did a similar task: _____

6. Although not an Israelite woman, when her daughter was sick, she went to Jesus to ask him to save her.

Answer: _____

Parent whom you know did a similar task: _____

7. When God asked him to sacrifice his son, he obediently followed God and God spared his son.

Answer: _____

Parent whom you know did a similar task: _____

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Read these paragraphs and answer the question below each paragraph.

1. God is offering another perspective to see God's saving act through instruments which may be seen by many as impossible such as Mary; who is both woman and not yet married. She had also shown her rootedness in the faith that God is in control in whatever may happen (Excerpt from the Exegesis).

- a. What call have you received that seems impossible for you to do?

2. To know Jesus, one must know his mother, Mary. What kind of a person was Mary? Not born to a family of means or high position, Mary didn't bring anything into her marriage with Joseph (Excerpt from the Exegesis).

- a. How can our knowledge of Mary help us to understand how she answered God's call? Why is knowing ourself help us in answering God's call?

3. Mary was certainly Jesus' first teacher of the Jewish Scriptures. As a devout mother, she impressed on her children's young minds Israel's heroic history and its heroes like Moses, the tribal judges and the prophets. Jesus saw how Mary struggled as a mother and provider of the family (Excerpt from the Companion Guide).

- a. Who was your first teacher? Who was your children's first teacher of the faith?

4. Owing to her husband's early death, Mary was left alone to look after her family.

- a. How do you think she nurtured her family?

- b. How do you nurture your family?
