



December 6, 2020
An Angel Appears to Mary!
Luke 1:26-38

God uses ordinary people like you to do important things for Him. In this lesson, you will learn how God used an ordinary young woman to bring His Son, Jesus, into the world! Here are some videos for you to learn how God sent an angel to talk to Mary about becoming the mother of Jesus. Mary was not rich or famous, but God used her. Mary wasn't very old, possibly a young teenager and most people didn't know Mary or her family. But God chose Mary for the special purpose of giving birth to Jesus.

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When Mary first saw the angel, she was confused and wondered what was going on. Imagine that an angel just appeared to you. What's the first thing you might think if you saw an angel? Would you be scared? Would you wonder if it was a dream?

How do you think Mary might have felt after hearing the angel's message? Maybe she was excited, happy to be chosen, curious about how it would happen and maybe a little bit scared.

God could have chosen someone famous, someone important, or someone wealthy to bring His Son into the world. But He didn't. Instead, God chose an unknown young woman who was willing to be His servant. God knew Mary would be a wonderful mother for Jesus and that Joseph would be a good earthly father. God didn't care how famous or important Mary and Joseph were because God uses ordinary people.

Not only did God choose ordinary people to be Jesus' parents on earth, but God also chooses ordinary people like you to be His children. Like Mary, we may wonder why God would want to use us. We may feel awkward and nervous about doing something like telling someone about Jesus or by helping someone in some way. But if we're willing to get involved, God can use us in amazing ways!

At the end of the attached activity pages attachment is an ordinary person, who just happens to look like a ginger bread person! This ordinary paper person represents you, an ordinary person. There you are, an ordinary person in the middle of an interesting world. Add some features to make this ordinary person look more like you. You can color it, paint it, draw on it, glue on it, whatever you have at home will work! Add facial features, hair, clothes and anything else that would make this ordinary person look more like you.

From the minute God created you, you were anything but ordinary. God had plans for the way you would look, act, feel, think, talk, and interact with others. He knows the hairs on your head, in fact, each one has a number! God made every aspect of you unique.

But God has even bigger plans for you than just for your looks, thoughts, and feelings. God wants to use you to do amazing things for Him, to encourage others, to help other Christians grow closer to Jesus and to help people who don't know Jesus have to learn about Him.

On the outside of your person, draw or write ways you can serve God. These can be ordinary ways in your ordinary world, such as with your family and friends, in your neighborhood and school (when you get to go back!). They can also be huge ways to serve God in the future. No one knows exactly how God is going to use them, but remember that God can use you in extraordinary ways, so be creative and follow His guidance!

Please take time to work through the activity pages. . .there are some for all ages. When finished, send me pictures of your work!

Prayer:

Lord, use me. Help me to be the person you want me to be. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my Savior. Help me to do Your will and tell other people about You. Amen.