

## Yr 2 Annunciation of the Most Holy Mother of God Lesson

### Luke 1:24-38, March 25

**Opening Prayer:** [Rejoice Mother of God/Богородице Діво](#) See prayer posters. Explain what the angel Gabriel said to Mary ([Luke 1:27-28](#)) and what her cousin Elizabeth ([Luke 1:39-42](#)) said to her. The prayer to the Mother of God is a combination of these two greetings! Think of that whenever we pray it!

**Gospel:** [Luke 1:24-38](#) ←Click to follow link, watch a short video [here](#) or listen to the Gospel [here](#).

#### **Lesson:** God has a Plan

Mary was a regular teenage girl who lived in Israel. Do you know where Israel is? Click here for [a map](#) to show the children.

God could have chosen anyone, but He chose Mary to do the special job of being the mother to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. What did Mary do when the angel Gabriel told Mary these things? Did she run away and say I can't do it? It must have been very shocking for her don't you think? *Discuss.* In the end even though it might have been a bit scary, Mary trusted God and said, "Yes," to His plan!

God has a plan for each of us too. This could be to be a doctor and help people get well. It could be to be a teacher and live and to work in another country. It could be to be a priest or a sister or to help the poor. It could be to be a father or mother, like Mary. *Discuss some of the things that God might ask the children to do. Perhaps you can give examples in your own life where you believe that God has called you. How did you know that God lead you there?*

Our job right now, even though we are little, is to pray and listen to God's Word, at home and at church. The more we do this, the more able we are to hear God when He points us to our path. When we know what God wants us to do, we need to trust in Him and believe that He will bless us through this plan. *Discuss what it means to trust God; i.e. even though things may not be what we hoped they would be we know that God is always with us, guiding us and protecting us.*

**Craft:** Annunciation craft. See craft page.

**Inside the Church:** Find the icon of the Annunciation. Hint: It's on the Royal Doors of the iconostas! Remember that the sanctuary represents heaven. It is on the Royal doors, is because by Mary saying yes to God, Jesus became a human being, and the doors of heaven were opened to us!