Yr 2 Parents' Cheat Sheet Feast of the Annunciation March 25

1. Why did the Angel Gabriel visit Mary?

God chose Mary to be the Mother of God and so He sent the Angel Gabriel to ask her. It is important to note that God did not force her to say yes. She could have said no. Love does not force things on others. Love respects our freedom.

2. Why was it so important that Mary said yes?

By her saying Yes to God's request, the doors of heaven have been opened to us! Jesus will be born and he will live and die for us. He will save everyone in the world from death! This is a great example of how we should live our lives. God has a plan for all of us and he will not force us to follow that plan. He will ask us and if we do His will, we will be living the best life we can! We will be part of His BIG plan for the whole world!

3. What are some things that God is asking us to do?

Spend time talking about the things that you think God is asking of you. These can be simple things like caring for an aging parent, working from home to be with family, or talking to a certain child in school who seems lonely. It can also be the career you choose or who you will choose to marry. God works in the big things in our life and also in the small details! If this is a difficult question for some members of your family, then maybe you can try to make regular time either as a family or by yourselves, to pray and to sit silently with God and continue to help each other "see" and "hear" what God is calling you to.

This skill of listening to God is an integral one to instill in our children and help them to practice their whole life.