

Theme; The angel Gabriel tells Mary about the birth of Jesus.

Object; A Christmas tree angel

Scripture; But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.
Luke 1:30-32 (NIV)



What do you put at the very top of your Christmas tree? Some people put a star at the top of their tree. That's a good choice. After all, a special star played a very important part in the story of Christmas. Some people like to put an angel at the top of their tree. That's a good choice too, because angels also played a very important role in the Christmas story.

As you probably know, angels are messengers from God. Today, I want to tell you about a very important angel by the name of Gabriel.

Many years ago, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to deliver a message to a young woman named Mary who was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph.

The angel appeared to Mary and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Mary was frightened and confused by the angel's greeting. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her. "You have found favor with God. You will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus."

Mary asked the angel. "How can this happen? I am not yet married."

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. The baby will be holy and He will be called the Son of God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary replied, "let everything happen just as you have said."

God could have chosen anyone to be Jesus' mother, but he chose Mary, a young girl living in the little village of Nazareth. She wasn't very important, but she was important to God, and He chose her to do the most important thing one could imagine -- God chose her to give birth to His Son.

That same day, an angel (pause) appeared to Joseph in a dream.

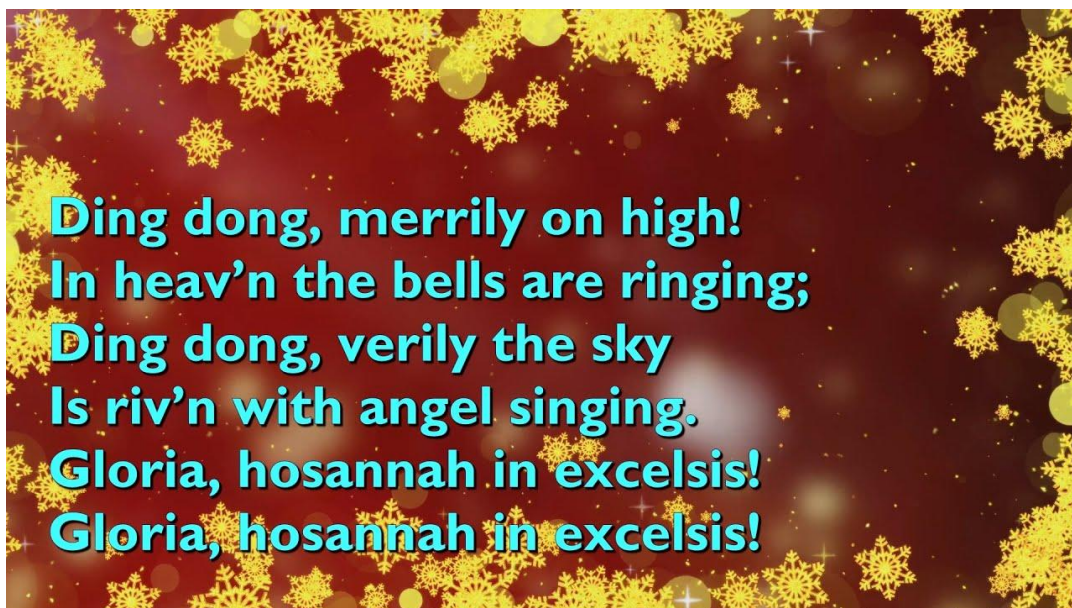
"Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife," the angel (pause) said. "The child that is inside her was given to her by God's Holy Spirit. She will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for He will save the people from their sins."

When the angel (pause) of the Lord had spoken and made God's plan clear, Joseph was obedient. He didn't have to understand how everything was going to happen. He didn't need to worry about what anyone else would think. Joseph trusted God and obeyed Him.

God still chooses unimportant people to perform important tasks. He has given you and me the task of sharing the good news of Jesus and His love to the whole world. "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) Can you imagine a more important task? This year, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us, like Mary and Joseph, answer God's call. "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said."

Dear Father, we thank you for telling us how You sent the angel Gabriel to take your message to Mary and to Joseph. We also thank You for giving us the important job of taking the message of Jesus and His love to all the world. Amen.

*He will be called the
Son of the Most High!*



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Hark the Herald Angels sing! “Glory to the new born KING!!!!

