

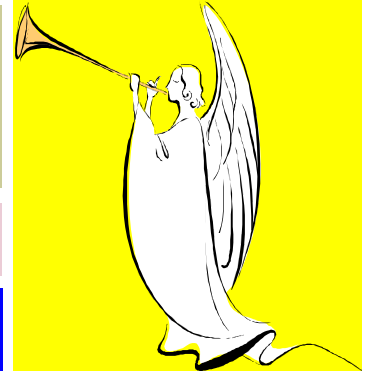


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Creator God works with Angels and People



Kids, one of the greatest lessons we can learn from special holidays like Christmas and Easter, is how God Works with People and Angels to Serve His Word. This Month we will look at how He worked the Miracle of Christmas!

First, God sent the Angel Gabriel from Heaven to Earth to tell what God was going to do down here.

Gabriel's first stop was the Temple's Altar of Incense, where Zachariah stood Serving as Priest before Creator God in Jerusalem. Both Zachariah and his Wife Elizabeth, lived to worship God with a Clear Conscience. But they were growing very old, and had no son or daughter. This was the only sad thing about their lives together.

God knew all about them, and He had a wonderful plan to Bless them, so He sent His Angel Gabriel. Unannounced, an angel of God appeared just to the right of the altar of incense. ¹²Zachariah was paralyzed in fear.

¹³But the angel reassured him, "Don't fear, Zachariah. Your prayer has been heard. Elizabeth, your wife, will bear a son by you. You are to name him John. ¹⁴You're going to leap

like a gazelle for joy, and not only you—many will delight in his birth. ¹⁵He'll achieve great stature with God." Luke 1:11-15 (he became John the Baptist, he Baptized and Introduced Jesus Christ, as the lamb of God).

Where did God Send the Angel Gabriel next? If You said "to Mary" you are right! Mary lived in a small Village called Nazareth. Now we read from Luke 2:27: ²⁷to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin's name, Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her:

Good morning!

You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out!

God be with you. ²⁹She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that.

³⁰But the angel assured her, "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: ³¹You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his

name Jesus.

³²He will be great, be called 'Son of the Highest.'

The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David;

³³He will rule Jacob's house forever—

no end, ever, to his kingdom."

³⁴Mary said to the angel, "But how? I've never slept with a man."

³⁵The angel answered,

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, the power of the Highest hover over you;

Therefore, the child you bring to birth will be called Holy, Son of God. —

--Bible Verses from The Message Bible!



(reassure your Child that this Miracle Pregnancy and Birth was a One Time Event accomplished only by Creator God's Holy Spirit, and not of man's doing). **Emmanuel-God with Us!**