ADVENT

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a season of remembering and longing for the coming of Christ

ADVENT 2021

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Family Advent Service	Today in the Family Center
Advent Devotionals	Daily until Christmas
Christmas Eve	**Family:** 3:00, 4:00, 5:00pm **Traditional:** 7:00, 8:00pm

ADVENT SERIES

11.28 **An Angel Visits**, *Luke 1:26-38*

12.05 **A Mother Sings**, *Luke 1:46-56*

12.12 **An Uncle Prophecies**, *Luke 1:67-80*

12.19 **A Child is Born**, *Luke 2:1-7*

12.24 **The Shepherds Worship**, *Luke 2:8-15*

AN ANGEL VISITS

LUKE 1:26-38

“I am Gabriel, I stand in the presence of God,
and I have been sent to speak to you.”

- The Angel Gabriel

An Angel Visits

Gabriel's Arrival, *1:26*

Gabriel's Greeting, *1:28*

Gabriel's Announcement, *1:30-33*

Gabriel's Explanation, *1:35-37*

Gabriel's Departure, *1:38*

LUKE 1:26-29 NIV

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"As we probe this beautiful text of the Annunciation we cannot miss an inescapable fact: the greatest news ever proclaimed in Israel came to the humblest of its people!"

- **Kent Hughes**, *That You May Know the Truth*

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LUKE 1:30-33 NIV

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. [31] You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. [32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

LUKE 1:34-37 NIV

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" [35] The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. [36] Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. [37] For no word from God will ever fail."

ISAIAH 7:14 NIV

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Implications of the Virgin Birth

It is essential to our Christology.

It is essential for salvation.

It is an essential sign for belief.

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LUKE 1:38 NIV

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."
Then the angel left her.

Mary's Progression of Faith

Fear → Confusion → Faith → Surrender

The unbelievable cultivates true belief.