

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
Angels Visit
from Luke 1:26-38

Jesus is God's Son *and* one of us!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Angel
- Mary
- Joseph
- Fear
- Holy Spirit
- God

Jesus is both human and divine. This story tells us how Jesus' mom was a woman and Jesus' father was God. That makes Jesus human *and* divine at the same time!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 196-201

Spark Bible pages 1127-1128

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for baby Jesus. All things are possible through you. Help us to remember that during this season. In Jesus' name...AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What do you think angels look like?
- 2 If God sent you a personal message, what do you think it would be?
- 3 The word "angel" means "messenger." Do you have any angels in your life?
- 4 Make some plans for becoming angels or messengers for God. What kinds of messages about God's love do you think people need to hear? How could your family deliver those messages?



Eye Spark

Each time you see a nativity set, remember that the story began with an angel visiting Mary.



Ear Spark

When you hear Christmas carols this season, listen for what the angels do/say/sing and remember this angel story.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make angels to decorate your Christmas tree. Use paper or clay or cookie dough or whatever materials you have around. Have the angels carry small signs or banners that tell part of this story: God is with you! Name him Jesus! With God, all things are possible! Don't be afraid!

For younger kids

Do some caroling to brighten someone's day. Sing angel carols!

For older kids

Find a program online that will let you do some music composing. Try writing your own Christmas carol!

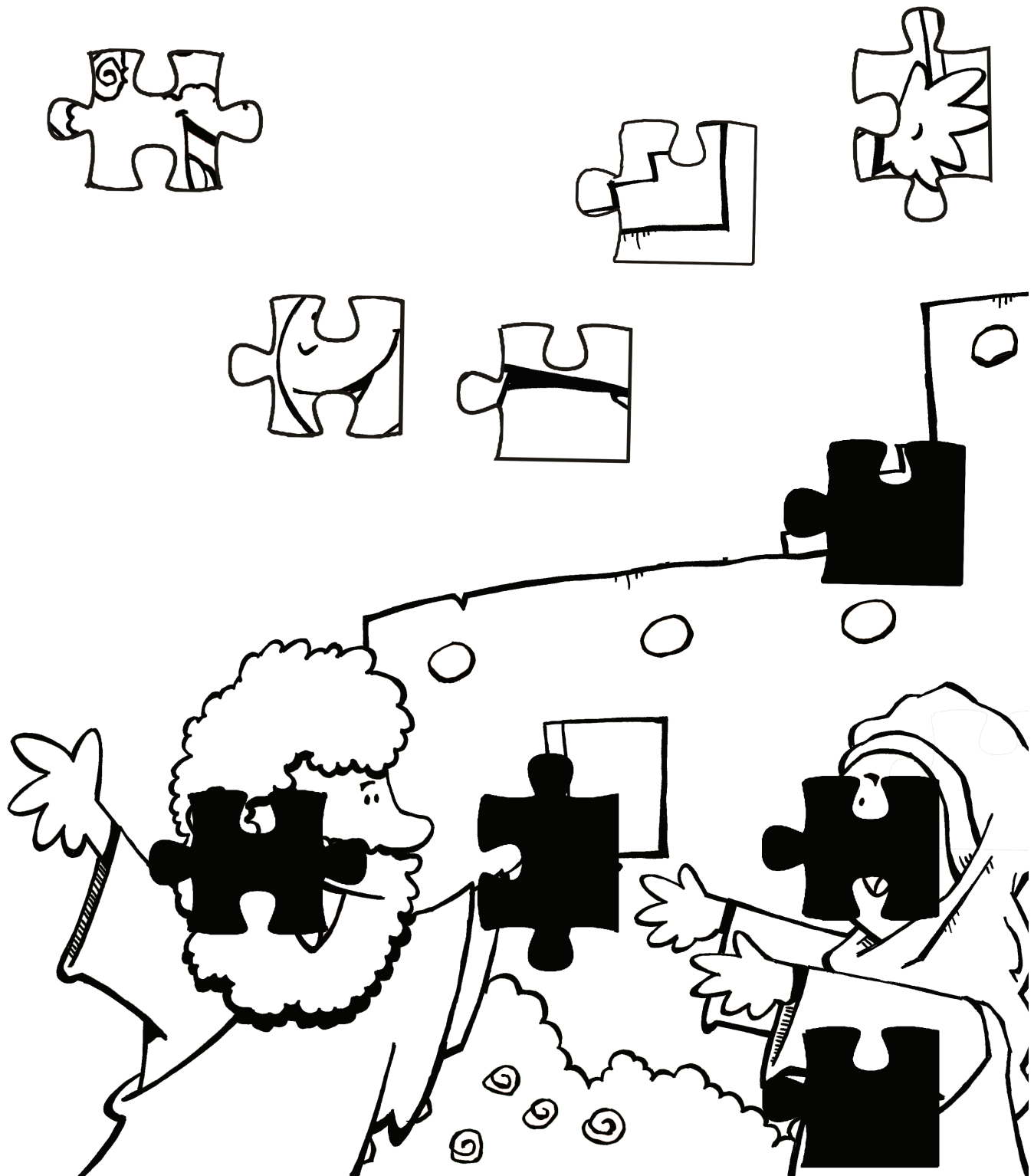
Angels Visit



Mary told Joseph about the angel and about giving birth to God's Son.

Puzzling Visit

When Joseph told Mary he believed her and wanted to marry her, they were both so happy. Draw a line from each piece to the place it belongs.



Who Is Jesus?

Luke 1:26-38 describes Jesus for us. Cross out every other letter, starting with the first letter. Write the remaining letters in the blanks below to know more about Jesus. Each clue is already started for you.

~~X~~ G O R Z E P A M T

~~X~~ H T I Y S S A B N F C R E Q S D T N O M R V D I A H V G I W D

~~X~~ S U O A N T O J F W T G H J E S M R O U S Q T G H Y I X G Z H

~~X~~ H L O D L P Y

~~X~~ S D O R N H O K F R G K O X D



Solve the Good News

Gabriel had great news for Mary. To discover the news, solve this puzzle! Start at the first letter, "Y" and use the number key below to count to the next letter in the phrase. Count to 2 to get to the second letter, 3 to get to the third, and so on. The first two letters have been solved for you.

Number Key:

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Y J O I L U R F T H P W R I G Q X L D C L R C W M N K O O V B R N W V C E N
K P E W I R G K V Q G M L E W B H T Z S A Y M N X L D T B R E D E U A N M K L R
O U A S E S T O R V B N N C V B A M N Y T D R F Y T R E Y O G H U X W B
V C I K W Q L R L A F H N N M O E A E M J K E D S N H L P I B F E M F J
G Y E W D S V U F R E S

Fill in the letters here:

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