

Teaching the Liturgical Year: Fourth Week of Advent

Directions: With your family, read the Gospel passage, then discuss the questions that follow.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 1:26–38: Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob

Focus Questions

1. Who was sent to Mary? How did he greet her?

2. Who did the angel say her son would be? What would he do?

3. Why did Mary ask the angel, "How can this be?"

4. What was Mary's final answer to the angel?
