

MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

SENSORY STORY

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary.

[Hold up two dolls or figures to represent Mary and Joseph]

The angel said, "Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

[Hold up an angel or some angel wings and pass them around. Ask the children to say "The Lord is with you"]

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

[Hold up a worried emoji or ask the children to pull a worried face.]

The angel said "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God."

[Hold up the angel wings once again. Everyone does an action for "do not" as they wag their finger back and forth.]

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

[Everyone does a rocking a baby motion with their arms.]

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. His kingdom will never end.

[Everyone does an action with their arms to show the word "Great," making strong arm muscles]

Mary said "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

[Everyone holds out their hands and shrugs their shoulders. Hold up the Mary figure at the same time.]

The Angel spoke and said, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

[Hold up the angel wings or pass them around.]

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

[Hold up the Mary figure. Everyone points to themselves.]