

Getting Ready for Chapter 9

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Jesus Is God's Son

In this chapter the children will hear the Gospel story of the Annunciation. They will learn that the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary the good news that she would be the mother of God's Son, Jesus. The children will also learn that God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

ACTIVITY

A "Good News" Collage Using old magazines, find and cut out pictures that show "good news." Arrange them on construction paper or poster board to make a collage. When it is finished, invite your child to tell about the good news in each picture.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Look around your church for artwork depicting angels. Then listen for references to angels in the liturgy and in the hymns.

On the Web

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Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of The Week



Saint Joseph
(first century)

Joseph worked as a carpenter in Nazareth. He was chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. We know from the early events in Jesus' life that Joseph obeyed and trusted God and took good care of Jesus and Mary.

Patron Saint of: fathers and carpenters

Feast Days: March 19, May 1



A Prayer for the Week

Loving God, we are glad that you chose Joseph to care for Jesus and Mary. Help the members of our family love and care for one another as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Angels Angels have always been seen as God’s messengers to his human creation. In the Old Testament, God is seen as directly connecting with mankind on many occasions. However, over time, as God was looked upon as a Being apart from the world, angels were seen as supernatural beings who acted as messengers to the world. They watched over God’s people, and were sometimes instruments of God’s justice.

You can read about an angel announcing the birth of John the Baptist in Luke 1:11–20 and about the Angel Gabriel’s visit to Mary in Luke 1:26–38.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art

The Annunciation The Annunciation is one of the most frequently depicted Scripture stories by famous “old master” artists. One of the greatest is by the Italian Renaissance master Fra Angelico (Brother Angel).

Brother Angel did many pictures, known as frescoes, on the walls of monks’ rooms in his monastery in Florence, Italy. The Annunciation, however, he reserved for a very special place at the top of a staircase. The painting can still be seen in that same spot, just as it was hundreds of years ago.