

# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, December 6, 2020

### Second Sunday in Advent



“Fear not Mary.” ----- “I am the handmaid of the Lord”.

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** Luke 1: 26-38

#### **Activities and Background:**

This is the second Sunday in Advent and we focus on peace. Where is the peace in this story? There is a definite contrast between the beginning of the passage and the end. In the beginning of this scripture Mary must have been showing signs of fear and unrest prompting the angel to say, “Fear not.” In contrast at the end, Mary is at peace saying I am here Lord, use me as you will.

1. Read the scripture story. Discuss what is happening in the story. Name the angel. Name the woman in the story.
2. If you have not already, you might want to make an Advent wreath to use as a focal point for your daily worship and prayer during this Season. An Advent wreath consists for 4 candles positioned in a circle on a circle of evergreen. A single candle is them placed in the center. The circle reminds us of God’s eternal love, the evergreens remind us of the everlasting life received, the light of the candles reminds us that Jesus is the light which overcomes the darkness of the world. Each candle is lit each Sunday of Advent with the center candle (the Christ candle) being lit on Christmas.
3. Have you ever been in a situation when you were scared or upset but then overwhelming peace come over you when a decision was made? Have you ever said yes to God and felt peace?
4. God sent an angel to speak to Mary. How does God speak to us today?
5. How would you feel in the presence of an angel from God?
6. Read the story again. Draw a picture to help you remember it.
7. End with a prayer asking for inner peace.

*Help me to say yes to your asking.*

*Help me to be at peace doing your will.*

*Thank you, God, for the command to not fear you and what you might ask us to do.*

*Thank you, God, for your promise to be with us in all things.*

*Amen.*