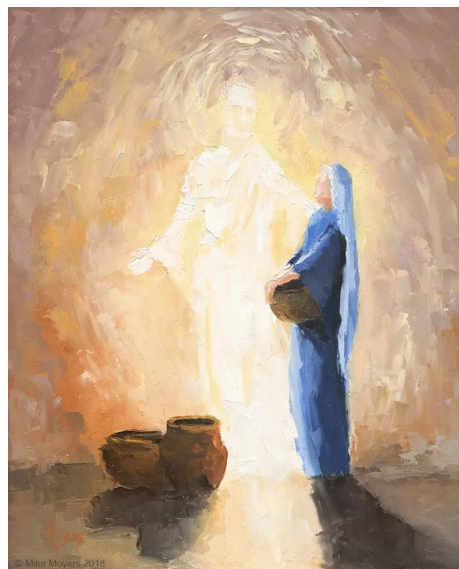


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<p>Intro...</p>	<p><i>An angel named Gabriel has come to Mary to give her big news! She is going to have a baby! This baby isn't going to be just any baby, though. This baby will be "the Son of the Most High." He will be God's own Son! How will Mary respond? How will this even happen?</i></p>
<p>Read...</p>	<p><i>Luke 1:26-38</i> <i>Read it here:</i> https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A26-38&version=NIVUK <i>OR</i> <i>Listen here:</i> https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/dramatized/niv/Luke.1</p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<div data-bbox="424 1615 660 1852" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><i>Mary was scared when the angel Gabriel appeared to her. He told her that she would have the Son of God! Sometimes God's plans can seem scary, but God is with us at every step of the way. This song by Joy Williams is a great reminder of how God came into the world through Mary to be with us!</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tva0N7SiZec</p>

Watch...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1OLLwtCqtM>

A 1 minute animated movie of Gabriel visiting Mary!

Think...

Mary was just a normal girl in a village called Nazareth. She was minding her own business when out of nowhere, a brilliant angel named Gabriel appeared to her. She was really scared of him at first! Wouldn't you be? But the news that Gabriel had for her blew her away. She would have a baby!

Have you ever gotten news that scared you?

Gabriel told her that she wouldn't just have any kind of baby. She would have the Son of God! This baby was going to be named Jesus and he inherit the throne of his ancestor David. His kingdom would never end, too! This had to be incredible news! The Israelites had been waiting for more than a thousand years for God to send their Saviour! Finally it was happening.

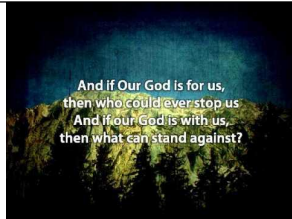
Have you ever had to wait a really long time for something good that you wanted really badly?

Surely Mary was wondering how this would even happen! Mary didn't even have a husband, so how was she going to have a baby? But Gabriel told her that Holy Spirit would overcome her! This had to sound really hard to believe, but Gabriel helped her by telling her that even her cousin Elizabeth, who was way too old to have a baby, would be having one too! Gabriel said that nothing that God plans can ever be stopped. How cool is that? God does the impossible for us when we can hardly understand how He's going to do it! Mary responds to Gabriel's incredible words by trusting in God. She dedicates herself to God by calling herself His servant and then trusting that God's word will be fulfilled in her.

What are some ways, like Mary, that you can trust in God's power this week?

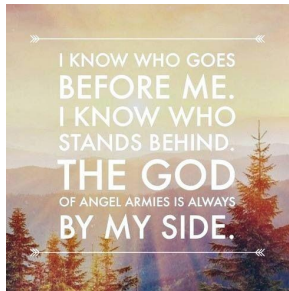
It's been a scary year, and how can trusting in God's unshakable power help you to not be afraid?

Listen...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01Yj7H-eSjM>

Chris Tomlin - Our God



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOkImV2cJDg>

Chris Tomlin - Whom Shall I Fear

These songs help us to remember how strong and how great God is. They help remind us that as Gabriel said above, nothing God plans can fail!

Pray...

Read the passage again and thank God that He is such a great God who uses ordinary people to do his wonderful work. Pray that you would be able to trust God's plan like Mary did, and pray that you would be able to trust in God even when it's hard to see Him working.