



*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*

December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



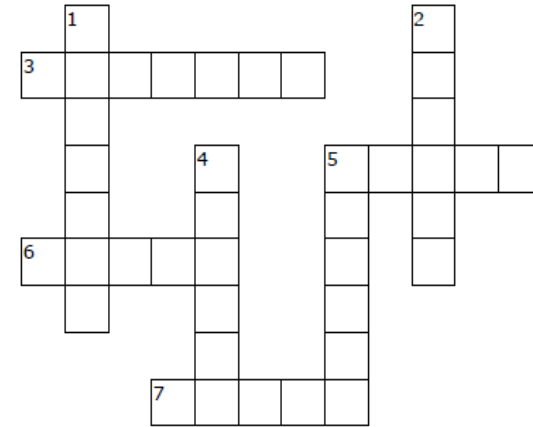
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Greetings, favored one! Have you ever been greeted by anyone like that? No?! Usually, we just say “hello” or “hey, how are you?”, right? In our gospel from St. Luke we hear that very strange greeting spoken to Mary, Jesus’ Mom....but she wasn’t quite Jesus’ Mom...yet. An angel named Gabriel came to Mary to tell her that she was going to have a baby. Do you think she was surprised? You bet she was! She was just a young girl, probably around 14 years old. Mary wasn’t from a well-to-do family, she didn’t have a special job or a lot of money, she wasn’t well known; folks probably considered her to be a “nobody”...but God thought she was somebody special. God chose Mary to be Jesus’ Mother, to bring Jesus into this world to save us all, and THAT is very special.

God thinks all of us are special, regardless of what others think. We all have something to offer the world simply because we are God’s beloved children. Like Mary, like Jesus, we belong to God, the very ONE who created us and loves us beyond measure. God loves us SO much that God came to us in the form of a baby born in a manger. What could be more special?

Loving God, you chose Mary to be Jesus’ Mom, and you choose us to help spread the news of Jesus’ love for everyone. Help us to be like Mary and say “here am I, your servant”. Amen.

*Crossword Puzzle*



ACROSS

- 3. To be joined together as husband and wife
- 5. A heavenly being; a messenger for God
- 6. The son who was born to Mary
- 7. A very young person especially between infancy and youth

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- 1. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
- 2. A young unmarried woman; a maiden
- 4. The man to whom Mary was engaged to marry
- 5. To be filled with fear

JOSEPH	MARRIED	AFRAID	VIRGIN
GABRIEL	CHILD	ANGEL	JESUS

**Activity:** Do you draw well? Sing well? Are you a good friend? Make a list of your best qualities, all gifts given to you by God. Ask your family to make their own lists. Share the lists and remember that to God, you are somebody special!

**Discussion Question** How do you think you would respond if an angel appeared to you with a message from God?

**Family Table Prayer for December:**

God of love you light the way as we journey towards Christ and Christmas Day. Thank you for your Son, presents, and fun, help us to be mindful of all that you have done. Amen.

**December Memory Verse:** Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God.



**The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary**

**Luke 1:26-38**

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