**Sunday School from Home**

**December 6, 2020**

This week we continue our Advent study and read about Mary’s visit from the angel Gabriel.

* Read the story in your Bible – Luke 1:26-56
* Or, read the attached skit together (and assign roles to each family member)
* For older kids and adults, re-read the Magnificat (verses 46-55) and research online more about it and its use in church liturgy.
* [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZXtTgZ0rpI) is a short video summarizing the story
* Mary expresses joy at the news of the coming Messiah. Talk to your children about what JOY means (be sure they understand that joy includes both happiness and gratitude).
* If you have a nativity set at home, pull out the Mary and angel figurines and let children retell the story using them.
* Ask children to tell or act out how they would react to being visited by an angel
* Print out the attached activity cards (Christmas Dominoes) on card stock if possible and cut them out. Ask your children to identify the characters on the cards and then use them to play a game of dominoes.
* Print out the JOY ornament page and cut out the circles. Glue the circles together to make two double-sided ornaments. Punch a small hole at the top of each one and use ribbon to hang them on your tree. Read the verse together and identify the speaker (Mary).
* Print out the JOY coloring page and let children color the design. While they color, ask everyone in the family to name one or more things that bring them joy.
* Make an Angel (or Mary) from a plastic spoon (a wooden spoon or a popsicle stick would also work). You can find simple instructions [HERE](https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/angels/mspoonangel.htm), but use whatever materials you have around the house and your imagination to make each project unique!