

Key Points

Know What:

- Today we are continuing our advent theme on Light. Advent is a time when we get ready for Christmas and remember that Jesus promised to return. Last week we looked at Isaiah chapter 9. This week is the story of Mary and Joseph.
- Christmas and Advent are full of lights. From candles to fairy lights, people put lights everywhere to celebrate light at Christmas.
- Mary wasn't married and didn't plan to have a baby any time soon, but angel Gabriel appeared to her and told her that she had been chosen to be the mum to a very special child.
- Joseph, Mary's fiancé, found out that Mary was pregnant and nearly left her. An angel came to Joseph in a dream and explained what had happened and so Joseph agreed to marry Mary and raise the baby as his own.

So What:

- God speaks to all sorts of people and tells us important things.
- Light is stronger than dark. God promises to shine light into our lives.

Now What:

- Let's be ready to listen to God and do the things he asks us to.
- Let's focus on God's light and goodness, remembering God's light every time we see candles, stars and other Christmas lights.

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was engaged to marry Joseph, but before they married, she learned she was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man, he did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly.

²⁰ While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this happened to bring about what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a son, and they will name him Immanuel," which means "God is with us."

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. Joseph took Mary as his wife

Welcome to
FOUNDATION CAFÉ SERVICE

Seeing the Light
Joseph sees the light

O Come all ye Faithful

O Come All Ye Faithful

Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him,

Born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens
Of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Meet Joe



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Joy to the World

Joy to the World , the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Mary



Allelu

Allelu, allelu, allelu alleluia
We'll praise the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleuia
We'll praise the Lord!

We'll praise Lord! Alleluia

We'll praise Lord! Alleluia

We'll praise Lord! Alleluia

We'll praise Lord!

Joseph



So what does the story mean?

Craft



Key Verse

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the Lord's angel had told him to do

Matthew 1:24

My God is So Big

My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty
There's nothing that He cannot do
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty
There's nothing that He cannot do

The rivers are His,
the mountains are His
The stars are His handiwork too
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty
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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours,
Now and forever,
Amen.

Let's Pray



This Little Light

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine.

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit be with us all,
for evermore.

Amen

Notices

- Pick a book!
- Next week –Services next week – Foundation, 9:31, Ignite and Roots.
- Ask if you want someone to pray with you.
 - Fairtrade Advent Calendars.
 - Christingle on 18th December.