SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

Full of Grace

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Tuesday 8 December 2026

Luke 1:26-38

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary in Nazareth. Mary was promised in marriage to a man named Joseph. Gabriel greeted her as someone filled with God's grace. Mary wondered what the greeting meant.

Gabriel told her that she would have a son called Jesus. He would be the Son of God, and his kingdom would never end. Mary asked how this could happen. Gabriel told her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her. He also told her that her relative Elizabeth was expecting a child, even in her old age. Mary put her trust in God.

On the Immaculate Conception we celebrate a gift God gave Mary from the first moment of her own life. Because of Jesus, God kept her free from original sin. Long before Gabriel's visit, God had already filled Mary's life with grace.

An original retelling of Luke 1:26-38

Draw or write

What gift from God are you thankful for?

Write your name in the centre of a page. Around it, draw or write some good gifts you can thank God for.

AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

God, thank you for the grace you gave Mary. Help us notice your gifts and share your love with others. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

What surprised Mary about Gabriel's greeting? What do you think the word grace means?

TRY ONE THING

Tell someone in your family about a gift you thank God for. Ask what gift they are thankful for, too.

For grown-ups: See Catechism of the Catholic Church, 490-493, for the Church's teaching on Mary's Immaculate Conception.

Liturgy Office calendar

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