

Holy Family Advent Activity: Prepare for the Arrival of Jesus with Mary and Joseph



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Prepare for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, with Mary and Joseph. Walk through prophecies of Mary, her description in Revelation, her birth, presentation at the temple, her fiat, her magnificat, and the incredible story that preceded the birth of our Lord, Jesus, the Son of God.

After the birth of Christ, walk through the story of the Magi for the 12 days of Christmas, up to the feast of the Epiphany!



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Prophecy of Mary



God said to the snake, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel." Gen 3:15

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Prophecy of Mary



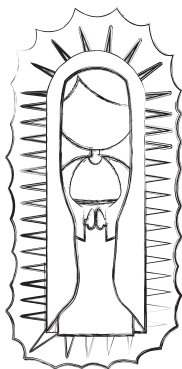
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.

Is 7:14

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Mary's Description in Revelation

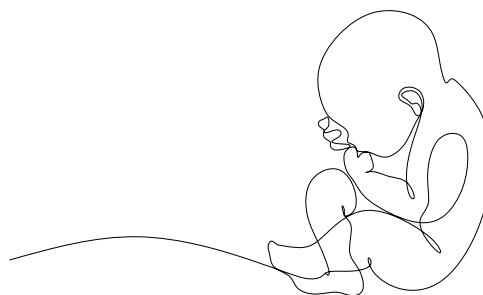


A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Rev 12:1-2

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The Immaculate Conception



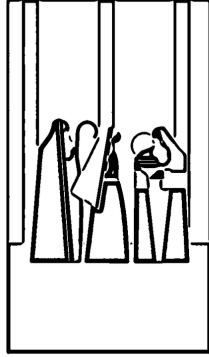
In the first instance of Mary's conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, she was preserved from all stain of original sin.

Ineffabilis Deus

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The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary is presented at the temple by her parents and dedicated to God.

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Mary is betrothed to St Joseph

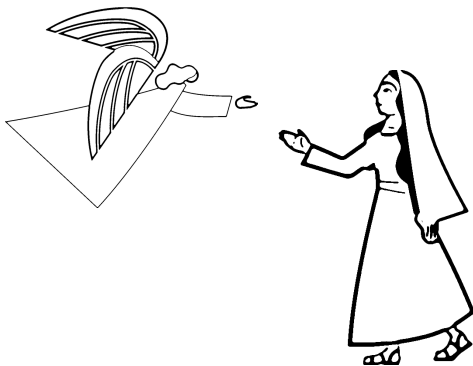


A virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David.
Luke 1:27

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The Annunciation

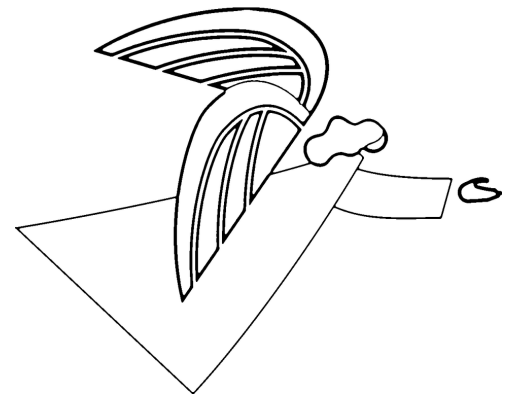


The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."
Luke 1:26-28

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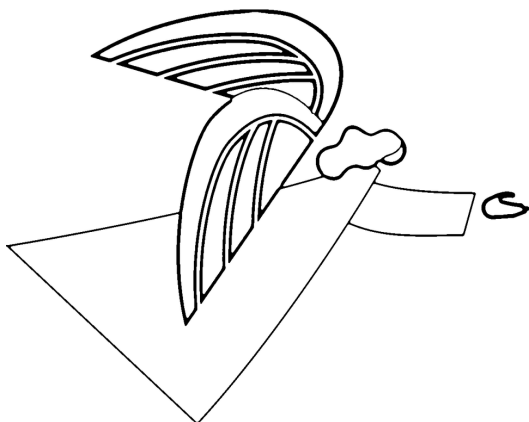


Gabriel said, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."
Luke 1:31

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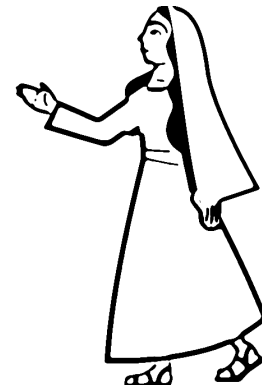


Gabriel said, "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High," and "of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:32-33

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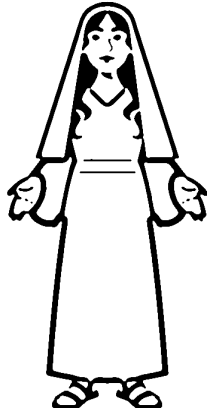
Mary's Fiat



Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

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Mary Conceives of the Holy Spirit



When Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Matt 1:18

The Angel Visits Joseph



The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her." Matt 1:20

The Angel Visits Joseph



The angel said, "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet." Matt 1:21-22

Joseph Takes Mary Into His Home



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. Matt 1:24

Mary Visits Elizabeth



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb Luke 1:41

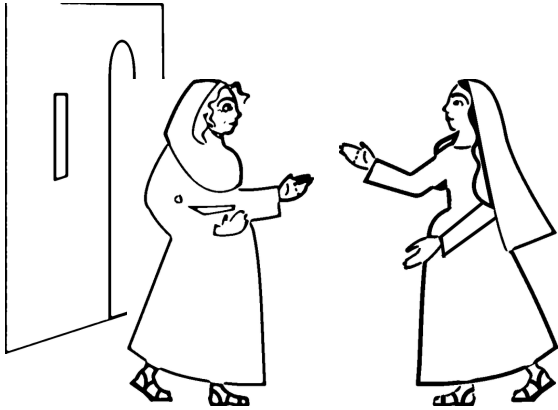
Mary Visits Elizabeth



Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

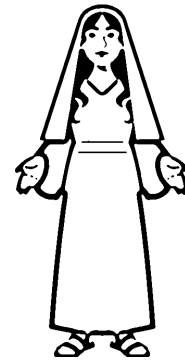
Luke 1:41-42

Mary Visits Elizabeth



Elizabeth cried out, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."
Luke 1:39-56

Mary's Magnificat



Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed." Luke 1:46-48

Mary's Magnificat



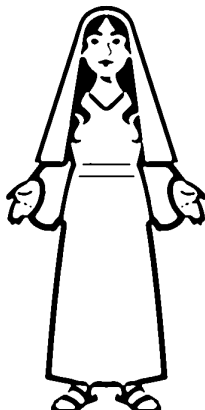
"The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him."
Luke 1:49-50

Mary's Magnificat



"He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty."
Luke 1:51-53

Mary's Magnificat



"He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Luke 1:54-55

Mary Stays with Elizabeth



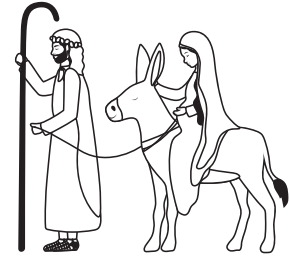
Mary remained with her about three months.
Luke 1:56

Mary Returns Home



After visiting Elizabeth, Mary returned to her home. Luke 1:56

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem



And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. Luke 2:4-5

The Nativity



Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

The Angel Appears to the Shepherds



The angel said, "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." Luke 2:11

The Shepherds Travel to Visit the Holy Family



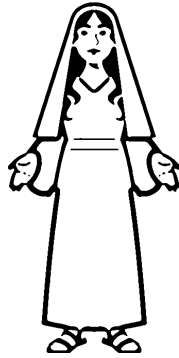
The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." Luke 2:15

The Shepherds Arrive



They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. Luke 2:16-17

Contemplation of Mary



All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:18-19

The Magi See the Star on the Day of the Nativity



We saw his star at its rising
Matt 2:2

The Magi travel to King Herod in Jerusalem



We have come to do him homage. Matt 2:2

The Magi Inquire About The New King



"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
Matt 2:2

Herod Questions The Chief Priests and Scribes



Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. Matt 2:4

The Chief Priests Respond



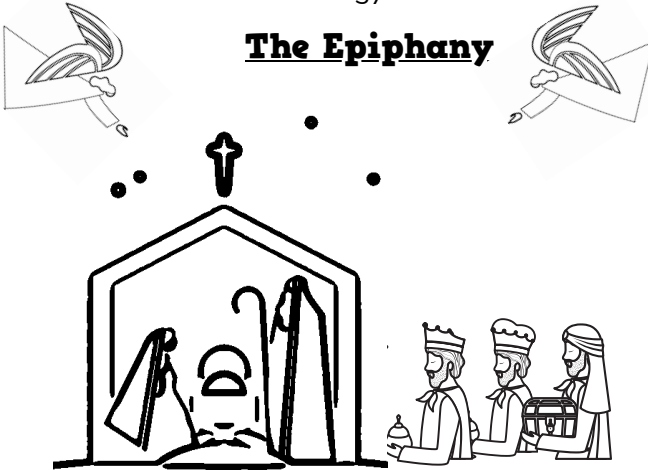
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet."
Matt 2:5

Herod Sends the Magi



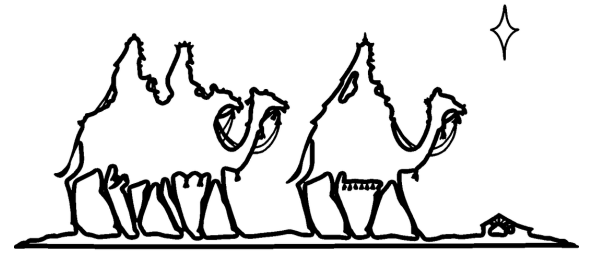
He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." Matt 2:8.

The Epiphany



On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matt 2:11

The Magi Continue Their Journey



After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. Matt 2:9

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