



## THE COMING KING

# PEACE

JESUS BRINGS PEACE TO THE WORLD!

## TEACH

**Peace—An Angel Announces the Birth of Jesus!**

What is an angel? Through the Bible, we learn that angels are God's messengers. In this passage of the Bible specifically, the angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her something amazing and miraculous is about to happen to her.

Open your Bible to Luke 1:26–38 and take turns reading verses in the passage. The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she is going to give birth to a son, and that Son is Jesus! But something doesn't add up here. This is where the miracle happens. God places the baby in Mary's womb, allowing her to give birth to the Son of God, Jesus Christ!

The angel Gabriel also tells her to "*not be afraid*" because the news that she is going to give birth to Jesus is not supposed to be scary but to bring peace. Gabriel wants her to know that God chose her and has called her to be the mother of Jesus, and by giving birth to Him, she will bring glory to God!

The birth of Jesus will be God's gift of peace to the world. God sent Jesus to the world because He loves us and wants us to know and believe in Him.

## ASK

**Younger Kids:**

1. What do you think about when you hear the word "peace?"
2. What did the angel tell Mary?

**Older Kids:**

1. What do you think a peaceful life is like?
2. How does the Bible describe what a peaceful life is made up of? (Parents, contrast this answer from the first answer to show the difference.)

## SHOW

**Younger Kids:**

Watch our on-demand video program for children, KidVue. Watch the episode for this week about "Peace" on [kidvue.org](http://kidvue.org).

**Older Kids:**

Watch BibleProject's video ([bibleproject.com/videos/shalom-peace](http://bibleproject.com/videos/shalom-peace)) about what the word "Peace" means in the Bible.

## TABLE ACTIVITY

**Messengers of Peace**

Think of the people you may see over the holidays. Do any of them not know Jesus? As a family, list the names of the people that come to mind. Make a commitment to pray for these people throughout the advent season.

Then, have your children write a few messages of peace and goodwill about Jesus in their life (Examples: God is with you. Peace to you and your family. God bless you!). These can be handed to someone on the previously written list: a friend, a teacher, or even a stranger. You can tell these people you are praying and hoping for peace this Christmas.

## PARENTS

In week two of Fight for Your Family ([bellevue.org/family](http://bellevue.org/family)), the foundational truth was God: who He is and what He does. Of all the great things God has done for us, the greatest was sending Jesus to the world to save us from our sin. Jesus was both fully God and fully man, and the people who believe in Him become a part of the Church.

Parents, it is easy to get confused and assume that peace means rest. While rest is extremely important to our walk with Jesus, it is different than peace. Peace is contentment, and contentment is hard to attain in the world today. But Jesus' death and resurrection bought our future, so we don't have to worry about it anymore. We can have peace in a chaotic world because Jesus came to save us.

Lead your family to grow in the area of contentment this week. Explain what it means to be content and how a peaceful life follows contentment.

## SING

Parents, pick your favorite version of "Angels We Have Heard on High" and sing together as a family. This song is about the angels telling about the birth of Jesus!