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# Mary Becomes the Mother of God

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And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

## Thinking About God's Word . . . *Luke 1:24-38*

1. What is the name of the angel?
2. What role do angels play in God's world?
3. Look at the icon. Are angels little babies?
4. What is the name of Mary's relative who is pregnant?
5. Elizabeth's child grew up, and baptized Jesus in the river Jordan. Do you know his name?
6. What will happen nine months from today?
7. A "handmaid" is a servant. In church, when do we hear the word "servant" or "handmaid" with our own names?



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Annunciation  
Luke 1:24:36

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### Focus questions

1. What do you imagine the presence of an angel to be like?
2. Have you ever thought that something was impossible, only to find that it wasn't? Have you heard of or witnessed a miracle?
3. Does God do impossible things just to prove He is God?
4. Do you consider yourself either God's handmaid, or servant? When do you hear either "handmaid," or "servant," mentioned with your name?
5. Do you say, "yes" to God?

Next week: The Lord enters Jerusalem for the last time



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3. Does God do impossible things just to prove He is God?
4. How do you know when God is "speaking" to you?
5. We celebrate the conception of Jesus, the conception of St. John the Baptist, and the conception of Mary. What does this tell you about the Church's viewpoint on when life begins?



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