

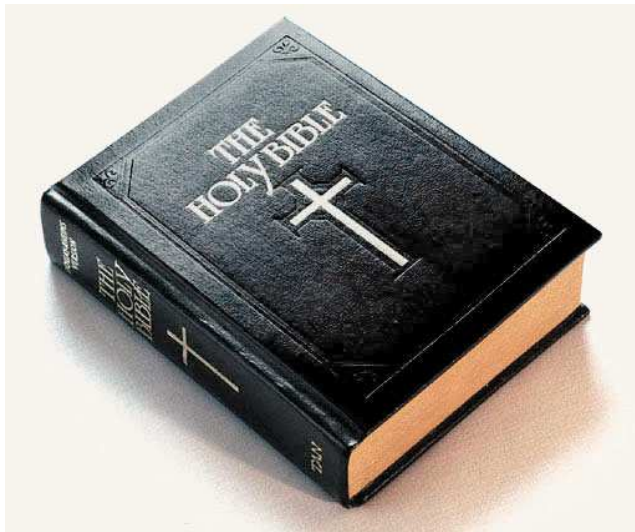
CHILDREN'S PACK

FIRST SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS

When Mary grew up, God sent the angel Gabriel to visit her. Gabriel told Mary some wonderful news. He said that God wanted her to be the mother of His Son, the promised Saviour.

Mary trusted that God knew what was best. So Mary said, "I am God's servant. Let it be done to me as you say." That is how Mary became the mother of Jesus.

THE ANNUNCIATION (LUKE 1:26-38)



When Elizabeth had been pregnant for six months with St John the Baptist, God sent the angel Gabriel to a city of Galilee called Nazareth, where a virgin lived, she was engaged to a man of David's family; his name was Joseph, and the virgin's name was Mary. The angel said to Mary, "Hail, you who are full of grace; the Lord is with you." She was very puzzled at hearing the Angel speak in this way, and cast about in her mind, what would you make such a greeting.

Then the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have pleased God. And behold, you shall conceive in your womb,

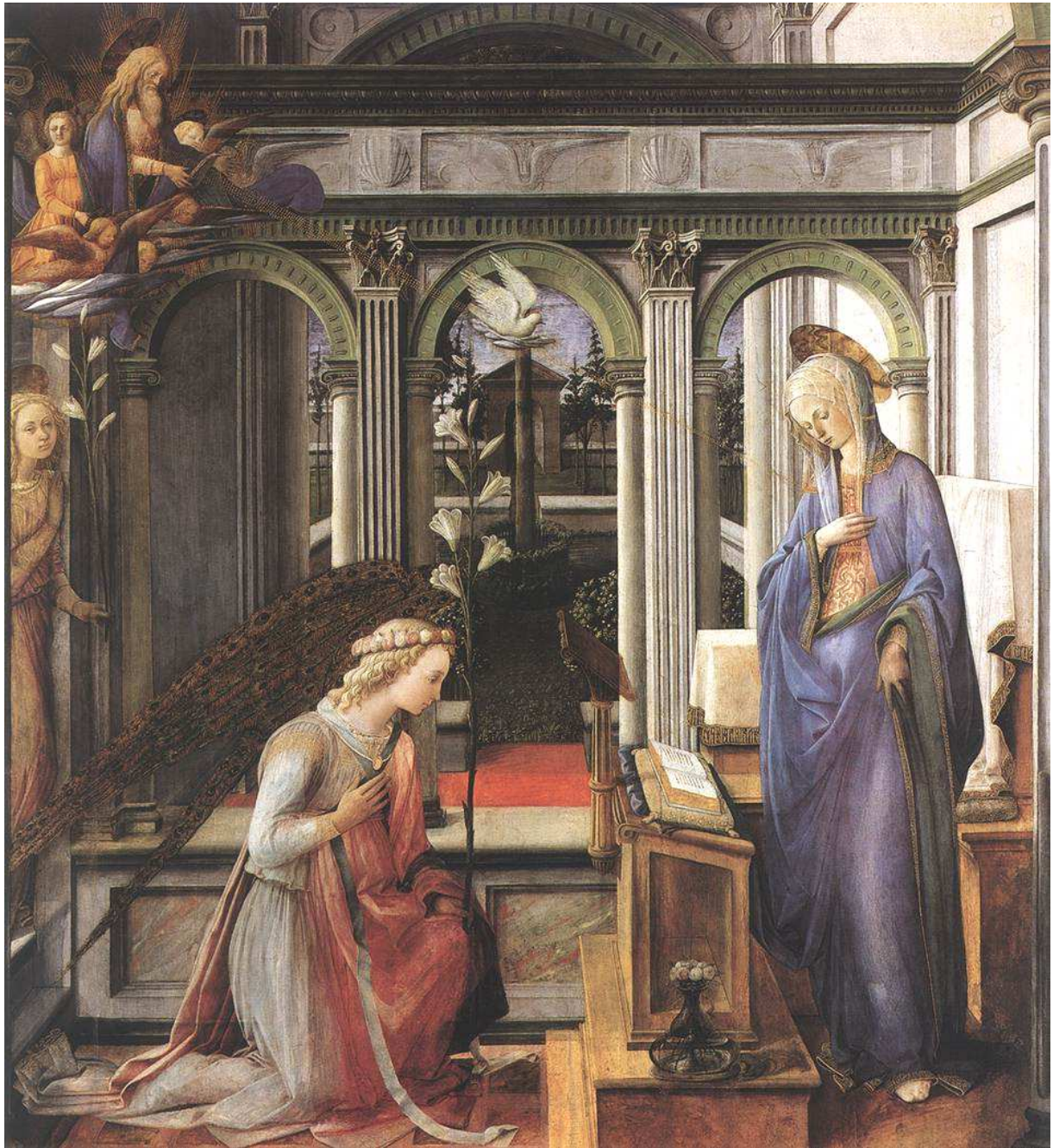
and shall bear a son, and He shall be called Jesus. He shall be great, and men will know him for the Son of the most High; the Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom shall have no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am not yet married?"

An angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most High will overshadow you. This holy Child of yours shall be known as the Son of God. See, moreover, the news of your cousin Elizabeth; she is old, yet she too has conceived a son; she who was criticized for her barrenness has been pregnant for six months. This proves that nothing is impossible with God."

Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word." And with that the angel left her.

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SECOND SPECIAL PARAGRAPH

God's very own Son came down from Heaven to live with us. God also chose a special man named Joseph to be Mary's husband and to take care of Jesus. Since God is the real father of Jesus, we call Joseph the foster-father of Jesus.

ALL A LITTLE PLAY TO PERFORM WITH A FRIEND

Name: _____

Here is a play for you and a friend. One of you will be Mary. The other one will be angel Gabriel.

Mary is in her house and all alone. An angel Gabriel comes.

Gabriel:	Hail, Mary! You are full of grace. Among all women, you are the most blessed. And blessed is the baby that you will have.
Mary:	I don't understand. What do you mean? I'm afraid.
Gabriel:	Don't be afraid, Mary. I'm an angel and God sent me from Heaven. He wants you to be the Mother of his Son.
Mary:	I love God and I will do whatever He wants.
Gabriel:	Thank you, Mary. Goodbye.

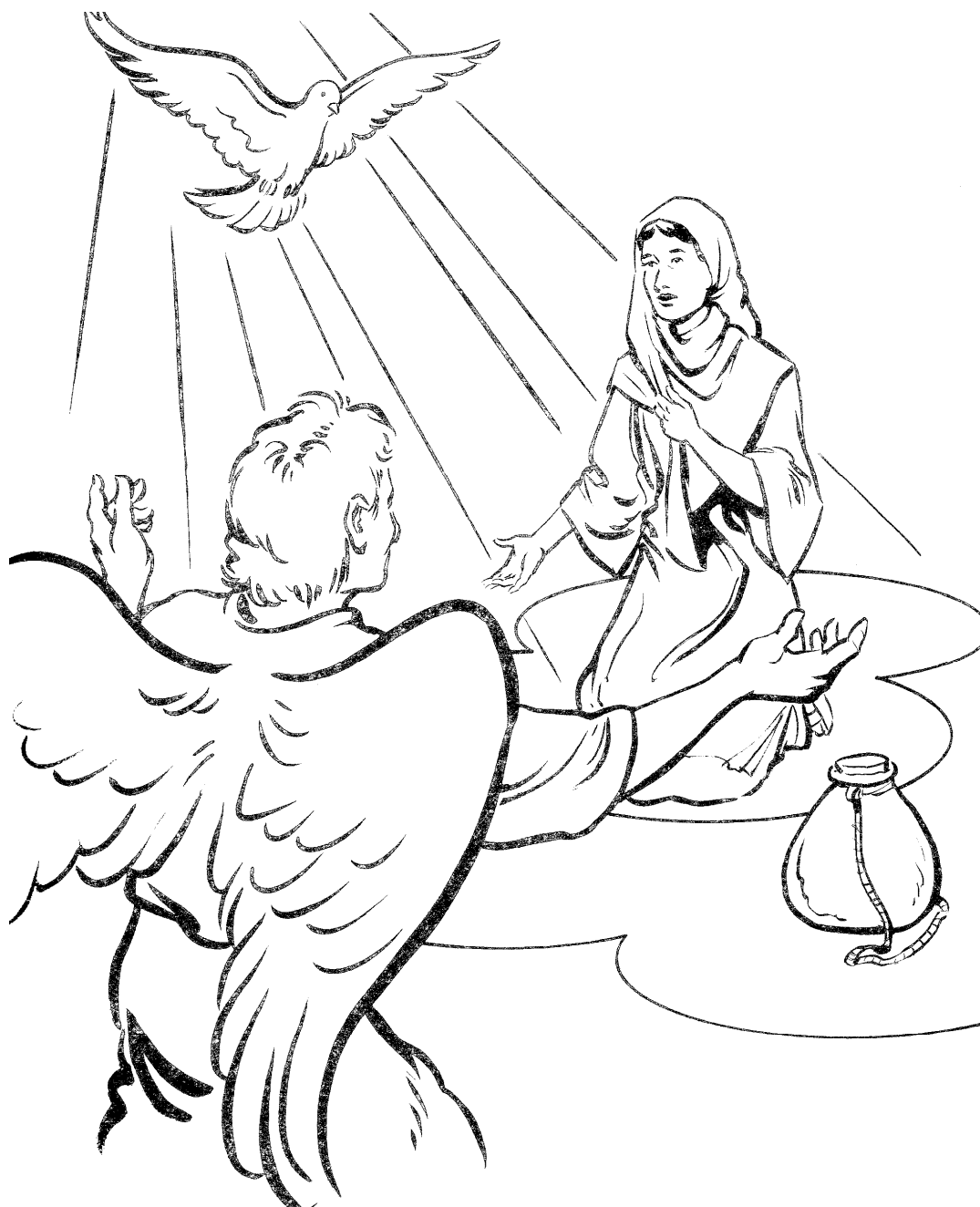
THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed in the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

COLOUR THE PICTURE

Name _____



The Annunciation