

Luke 1: 26-38 and Luke 2:4-7  
Good News Translation (GNT)

### The Birth of Jesus Is Announced

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!" Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing that God cannot do."

"I am the Lord's servant," said Mary; "may it happen to me as you have said." And the angel left her.....

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.



## Families on Faith Adventures

Walking  
the Way

Our Walking the Way Challenge this time is:

*make a Christmas card to give to somebody who has said yes to doing a difficult or unpleasant job, maybe your local fire station or hospital, your school cleaners or the person who collects your household rubbish and recycling each week.*

# Mary's Story

### To do together:

Godventure website has a lovely colouring poster of the Christmas story which you could download and colour together for £1. It has things to spot, things to talk about together, and Bible readings to refer to. This is a lovely way to spend a bit of peaceful time as a family during the Advent season <https://godventure.co.uk/product/nativity-colouring-poster/>

Perhaps you could find a couple of minutes each day until Christmas to light a candle and think about God's wonderful gift of Jesus.

I wonder what God might ask you to do  
I wonder what it was like in the stable  
I wonder how Mary felt about bringing up the son of God