

# Children's Worship

❄️ **Ages 4 to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

❄️ **Age-appropriate teaching.**

❄️ **Crafts.**

❄️ **Fun.**

## Children's Christmas Program

**After the Sermon  
(Starbuck only)**





**Chosen & Blessed to Receive  
God's Gracious Gift**

**Luke 1:26-45 / Eph. 1:3-8, 13-14**

**December 18, 2011**

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## Luke 1:26-27

❄️ <sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.



## Luke 1:28-30, 47

❄️ <sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings,  favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

❄️ 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

**God's Chosen Recipient of Grace: Mary as mother to Jesus.**

## Luke 1:31-33

❄ 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

**Son of Mary: Fully man (v.31).**

**Son of the Most High / Son of David:  
Fulfilling God's promises (v.32-33).**

## Psalm 89:26-29

❄️ 26 "He will cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' 27 "I also shall make him **My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth**. 28 "My lovingkindness I will keep for him **forever**, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him. 29 "So I will **establish his descendants forever** And his throne as the days of heaven.

**Son of the Most High / Son of David:**

**Fulfilling God's promises (v.32-33).**

## Isaiah 9:6-7

❄ 6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His  
name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to  
the increase of His government or of peace, On the  
throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and  
to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on  
and forevermore. . .

**Son of the Most High / Son of David:**  
**Fulfilling God's promises.**

## Luke 1:34-35

❄️ 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."

### Mary's Initial Reaction:

"How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

### The Holy Spirit's Work:

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you . . ."

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**Son of God: Fully God (v.35).**

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❄️ 37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."

**God's Gift:** Jesus sent through Mary.

**Mary's Calling:**

**Carry the Son, and care for His needs.**

## Luke 1:38, 45

❄️ 38 And Mary said, "Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

❄️ 45 . . . she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."

**Mary's Response:** Believe and humbly receive  
God's calling on His terms.

## Luke 1:42, 45

- ❄ 42 And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
- ❄ 45 "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."

**Mary's Role in the Eyes of Others:  
Blessed to bear and care for the Son.**

## **NIV Luke 11:27**

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."

**Mary's Role in the Eyes of Others:  
Blessed to bear and care for the Son.**



**NIV Luke 11:28**

28 He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

**Our Role in the Eyes of Jesus:**

**More blessed as those who hear and obey Him.**

A stack of three blue gift boxes with white ribbons tied around them. The top box has a white snowflake design on its lid. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

**As NT Believes, we have much to learn from Mary's example!**

## Ephesians 1:3-6

❄ 3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He **chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. **In love** 5 He predestined us to **adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of **His grace**, which He **freely bestowed** on us in the Beloved.

**God's Chosen Recipient of Grace: Believers as Adopted sons thru Jesus.**

## Our Instinctive Reaction:

How can this be, since I'm a sinner?

## Ephesians 1:7-8

❄️ 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the **riches of His grace** 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

## Ephesians 1:13-14

❄️ 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

### The Holy Spirit's Work:

Fill, seal, and guarantee of our inheritance.

**God's Gift:** Jesus sent in us.

## Ephesians 2:8-10

❄️ 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## 2 Cor. 5:20

❄️ 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

## Our Calling:

**Carry the Son, and do His deeds.**

## Ephesians 4:1-2

❄️ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

**Our Rightful Response:**

“Live a life worthy of the calling . . .”

## Applying God's Word to Life

❄️ Which plan are you living by – your “plan A,” or God’s grace-filled intervention that calls you to a “plan B”:

❄️ **B**elieving the good news of salvation.

❄️ **B**lessed to hear and obey Jesus’ words.

❄️ **B**earing the burden of Christ’s work with gladness.