

Chapter 11

The Promised Savior Comes

Mary said yes to God's plan of love.

Chapter Summary

In the fullness of time, God's plan to send a Savior was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, telling her that through the power of the Holy Spirit, she would be the Mother of God. We call this announcement the Annunciation. Mary's yes to God gave hope to the world. Mary is our Mother in Heaven, and Mary will lead us to her Son. Mary is the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus heals us and leads us to Heaven.

More for Parents

Being a parent takes a lot of preparation. We prepare for the baby's birth, all aspects of childhood, family vacations, celebrations, and education. This is all to prepare our children to be kind, responsible, and mature adults. God is a preparer as well. Throughout the Old Testament, for thousands of years, He had been preparing for the time when He would send His Son into the world to redeem humanity. God's plan reveals that even when we sin, He never stops caring for us, and He can bring about an even greater good from the evil of sin in His divine plan. Hopefully, when our children become adults, they will look back at our work of raising them and see that our love was the driving force behind the many years of preparing them to be adults and to generously respond to God's call in their lives. When we think of God's plan, hopefully we will also think about His constant love for us as He prepares us to be with Him in Heaven.

Our Family Prays Together

Dear God, You were faithful to Your promise. You sent Jesus, our Savior, into the world. Help us always be faithful to You. Thank you for becoming one of us to save us. Amen.

Let's Talk about It as a Family

- **Who said yes to be the Mother of the Savior?** (Mary.)
- **Should we always say yes to God's plan for our lives?** (Yes.)
- **Who is our Savior?** (Jesus.)
- The Angel Gabriel announced the Good News to Mary. **What do we call this?** (The Annunciation.)
- **Is Mary the Mother of God?** (Yes.)
- **Mary is our Mother who lives in _____.** (Heaven.)
- **To whom does Mary always lead us?** (Jesus.)
- **Who is the answer to all of God's promises?** (Jesus.)

Let's Live Our Faith

As a family, discuss how each of you has said yes to God.

Family Faith Activities

God invited Mary to be the Mother of His Son, Jesus. She is now our Mother in Heaven and listens to us when we pray.

Choose one or more of the following to do as a family:

- Say one decade of the Rosary.
- Have your children draw a picture of Mary watching over your family.
- Read and discuss the *Small Wonders* story as a family by going to the parent portal.

For more family faith formation resources, go to the parent portal.