



THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: Welcoming the Light of God

Today's Scripture: Luke 1:26-56

Key Verse: "And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.'" Luke 1:28

Questions to go deeper:

- This is probably one of the best known texts in the Bible. Read it carefully and slowly. What surprises you the most about Mary's encounter with the angel?
- Why do you suppose Mary decided to go and visit her cousin Elizabeth?
- To be a young and pregnant in Mary's society at that time could easily have been a death sentence since having sex outside of marriage was a crime for women. How is it that Mary had the courage to respond to the angel as she did? What does it mean for her to say she is "a servant of the Lord?"
- Read through Mary's song of praise, verses 46-55. How likely is it that she actually said this? Does it matter? Why or why not? If she didn't say it, why would it be included here?

Activity possibilities:

- Coloring picture on reverse side: JOY! You can find a full size version at:
https://www.google.com/search?hl=en&biw=1085&bih=638&tbm=isch&sa=1&ei=d4YRXLjDCsTCjwTR5bmwCw&q=joy+coloring+page&oq=joy+coloring&gs_l=img.1.0.015joi5i3ol5.4894.7052..9064...0.0..0.88.650.9.....0....1..gws-wiz-img.....oi67.xepkCkyqt-o#imgcr=dYUhfTFfa3_v2M:

- The Advent season at our church this year is a time for exploring how God's light is reflected through you to the world. If you haven't already, take one of the Reverse Advent Baskets and follow the directions to participate in this unique way of giving hope to folks in need.
- If you haven't already, check out this fun You Tube video about Advent!! You'll love it:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=So2KOlw7dIA>



✧ ***Continue working on an Advent prayer chain*** to keep track of all the days of the Advent season! First, get some plain white paper. Cut it into 25 strips with each about one inch wide. Then, find a place to keep it where you can see it each day, along with some markers, crayons or colored pencils. As we move into the third week of Advent, take one strip of paper and write the #3 on it. Write a one or two word description of a joyful situation and then, decorate the other side with joy filled images and shapes. Loop it through the last loop from last week (it should be the 15th loop in your chain) Continue adding a loop a day, saying a prayer for more joy to come into the world as you do Watch for instructions for next week next Sunday!

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always available to answer your questions anytime!