

God is: **AMAZING!**

The seventh attribute about is that **GOD IS** mean to be “amazing?” wonderful, incredible, even mind-boggling! believe that Our GOD is the stories we have tell us ways that God is this ADVENT* season, AMAZING thing HE did



we will be learning **AMAZING!** What does it **AMAZING** means marvelous, surprising, And I for one absolutely all of those things! All of studied so far this year **AMAZING**, but during God shows us the MOST for us—He sent us His

Son, Jesus! God does things that seem impossible to us!

Scripture lesson: Luke 1: 26-38 The Birth of Jesus Foretold

Our scripture lesson for today tells the story of Mary as she finds out from the Angel Gabriel that she has found favor with God and will give birth to His Son.

Memory verse: “Nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1: 37

Thinking about it: Our story today tells of Mary’s encounter with the Angel Gabriel. Mary was young, only about 14 or 15 years old, and she was promised in marriage to Joseph. The Angel Gabriel (angel actually means “messenger”!) appeared to her and brought a message for her from God, saying that she was “highly favored” and reminding her that God was with her. He then explained that God chose her to be the mother of a son, the Son of the Most High. And he instructed her to name the child “Jesus”, which means “God saves.” Then Gabriel shared that this child would come to reign over the house of Jacob forever! Mary couldn’t believe what she was hearing, it all sounded impossible to her. But Gabriel explained that the Holy Spirit would make it possible, in order that the baby would be called the “Son of God”. He finished by saying these assuring words: “Nothing is impossible with God!”

When things are “impossible”, they are unbelievable, difficult to understand, or even hopeless. Mary’s news was really hard for her to believe or understand. She was promised in marriage to Joseph (what would he think?), she was a young girl, she didn’t feel herself worthy of this task. And yet, by the time Gabriel finished talking with her, Mary answered, “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said.” What Mary experienced from God was AMAZING!

The Jews had waited for SO LONG to receive their Messiah, and now, He was on the way! God hadn't forgotten them, He was simply waiting for the right time to send His Son to the world. Again, God's gift was AMAZING!

As we've studied God's attributes this year, we've encountered a LOT of ways that God is amazing! Let's review some of them:

- God created the world!
- God spoke to Moses in the burning bush!
- God parted the Red Sea!
- God provided the Israelites with manna, quail, and water in the desert!
- God stopped the sun for almost a day while Joshua battled!
- God encouraged the Israelites and tore down Jericho for them!



God is ALWAYS doing the IMPOSSIBLE! God is AMAZING!

Video clip suggestions: (I would suggest watching both movies in their entirety!)

Gabriel visits Mary from the movie *THE NATIVITY STORY*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT_cHi8QJMw

Gabriel visits Mary from the movie *THE STAR*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dj0MEV7d1NE>

Suggested Activities:

The following crafts can be found at these website links:

Coffee filter angel craft ornaments

<https://craftivitydesigns.blogspot.com/2013/12/kids-craft-coffee-filter-angel-ornaments.html?m=1>

Sparkly paper plate angels

<https://craftyjournal.com/sparkly-paper-plate-angel/>

Coloring pages: <http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/angel-gabriel-visits-mary>

Prayer: Dear God—You are SO AMAZING! You have shown us over and over just how great You are and how much You love us through our stories this fall! Help us to notice all the ways You move and act in our lives during this Advent season! Help us to be willing to be servants for You, just like Your special servant, Mary. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. AMEN.