



Lesson 124 – Angelic Announcements Devotions for Week of December 7, 2025

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Unit Memory Verses

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Day 1

Read: Malachi 3:1, Luke 1:5-25

Between Malachi and the book of Matthew, there was 400 years of silence from God. He didn't speak to any prophets, and nothing was written that God spoke. But in Malachi, God's last words before the silence was that He gave a promise. The promise was that a messenger would come first and make the way for the Messiah to come. In Luke, we read that God spoke to the priest Zacharias. This was a very exciting thing. God used the angel Gabriel to tell Zacharias that his elderly wife would bear a son, and this son, John, would be the messenger that would prepare the way for the coming of the promised Messiah. God is faithful to keep His promises! Zacharias was so amazed that he had trouble even believing this would happen to him. Because of his unbelief, and for a sign, Zacharias was unable to speak. When he came out of the Holy of Holies, everyone was amazed and wondered what took him so long in there. And then when he was not able to speak, everyone was even more amazed. God is awesome and He works in unbelievable and amazing ways. Zacharias and Elizabeth were honored and delighted to be a part of God's plan.

Discussion: Do you know that God has a plan and a purpose for your life? He wants to do amazing and wonderful things through you just like He did in Zacharias and Elizabeth's life. Will you believe and trust Him?

Pray: Praise and thank God for choosing you and living you. Ask Him to use you to do great things. Give Him all the glory and honor and praise.

Day 2

Read: Luke 1:57-80

Finally, it was time for Elizabeth to give birth. Remember, Zacharias could still not speak. In that time, many people would name their children after their father. The people thought that this baby should be named Zacharias, after this father. But then Zacharias wrote that his name would be John. As soon as he wrote this, he was able to speak again. Everything that God said would happen came true. As soon as Zacharias could speak, the first thing he said was a song of praise to God and a prophecy. He spoke of the coming of the Messiah who would come and redeem and save us. Zacharias knew He would come from the line of David, and he gave God the glory for the promise that was spoken of in the Word that God would bring it to pass. God doesn't forget His promises. He remembers them and carries out them in His time. He spoke of what his child John would do. He would be a prophet and go before the Messiah and prepare the way. He would tell others about God and salvation and how to turn from their sins (repent). He would give light to those in darkness. And that is exactly what John did. As you continue to read the Gospels, we read all that John did to prepare the way for Jesus, and just like God promised, all came true.

Discussion: What do you think about how God brought all His promises to come true? Do you know that God is all-knowing and all-powerful. Do you know that God keeps His promises to you too? What is a promise that you can think of that you believe and know God will keep to you?

Pray: Praise and thank God for being all-knowing and all-powerful. Thank God for His promises to you. Tell Him you believe and trust Him. Tell Him you love Him.

Day 3

Read: Isaiah 9:6, 7:14

These prophecies were written 700 years before they happened. God, through the Holy Spirit, spoke to Isaiah the prophet and told him of His plans to send the Messiah. In chapter 9 verse 6, we are told He would come as a child, and He would be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God (He is God) Everlasting (He is eternal, which means He has no beginning and no end), and Prince of Peace (He would bring peace to the whole world in saving us from this sinful world we live in). In chapter 7, we are told the sign to watch for. A virgin would bear a son. A virgin is a woman who is not married and has never been with a man. To have a child, there must be a man and a woman. This child would come as a miracle and be born to just a woman. His name would be Immanuel, which means "God with us". This Son would be God, and He would be with us. In coming to

the earth, He was with people and lived on the earth. When He rose again, He is now with us in our hearts and lives and will be with us always. All these promises were known and looked forward to for all the Jewish people. They were waiting and watching for these things to happen.

Discussion: Has God made a promise to you that you are waiting to happen? Do you trust God's perfect timing for His promises to come to pass?

Pray: Thank and praise God for making promises and, most of all, for keeping them. Thank Him for His perfect timing. Praise Him for being faithful.

Day 4

Read: Luke 1:26-38

The baby is announced! Gabriel the angel is sent to Mary, who is a virgin, and announces the coming of Jesus. He will be great and be called the Son of the Highest (that is the Son of God). He will come from the line of David just like the prophecies have said. His kingdom will last forever, for He is eternal and everlasting. This is the announcement that all the Jews have been waiting for. It is finally happening! Mary can hardly believe it. She doesn't understand how all this could happen since she is a virgin, so this seems impossible. She probably felt overwhelmed that she would be chosen to have the Son of God. But I love her response in verse 38. She submits to God and agrees to follow God's will even though her life would now be completely changed forever. She is obedient and willing to do whatever God wants. She is a wonderful example for us.

Discussion: How do we respond when God tells us to do something that may not make sense or may not be in our plans? How should we respond to God's calling? How will you respond next time?

Pray: Thank and praise God for keeping His promises. Ask Him to help you be obedient and willing to follow and obey whatever He has planned for your life. Praise Him for being so great and wonderful.

Day 5

Read: Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:14, Acts 12:7-11, Luke 1:19, Psalm 103:20-21

These are a few verses about angels. It is good to read verses about angels since many people do not understand them and have even made up stories and lies about them. We need to know what the Bible says so we can know the truth. First, we are to never worship or pray to an angel. We are to only worship and pray to God. There are many examples of angels coming to people in the Bible and they began to worship them. The angel told them to get up and not to worship them. There are also fallen angels, which are demons. They will let you worship them because they don't want you to follow God. But we only worship God. Angels are created by God and were created for God. They are unseen by most people. They were created to do God's work and to minister to us, His

people. In Acts, we read about how the angel helped free Peter from prison and got him out and then the angel left. Angels are God's messengers like we read this week in our lesson. The angels serve and worship God. They are also very strong and powerful. We read in the Bible some accounts of them fighting and doing mighty things. Again, they are created, just like us. But Jesus did not die for them like He died for us, and Jesus loves us even more than the angels. And we are never to pray to them or worship them. Only God deserves all worship and honor and praise.

Discussion: What are some stories or lies that you have heard people say about angels? Are there other stories you can think about in the Bible about angels?

Pray: Praise and worship God. Tell Him you will only pray and worship Him. Thank Him for taking care of you and for loving you and for dying on the cross to save you. Tell Him you love Him.

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- Children's Ministry Prayer –
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