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Here is a quick way to prepare for Sunday worship during the week. Take 10 minutes to read the Sunday Gospel lesson below. The introduction to the day, prayer of the day, and faith conversation starter/ reflection questions are also included.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If you were Mary, how would you respond to the angel's news?
- What is one thing you admire about Mary?

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GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:26-38

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a
town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a
man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The
virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said,
"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was
much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of
greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be
afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now,
you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will
name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son
of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the
throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house
of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34
Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"
35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;
therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called
Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age
has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her
who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible
with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the
Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the
angel departed from her.

