

**6th & 7th Grade Homestudy Lesson #6
ANNUNCIATION**

GOAL: The goal of this lesson is for you to come to a greater understanding of the Annunciation and the greatness of Mary's "yes" and how during Advent we wait like Mary for the coming of Jesus Christ

THE CREED

Begin the lesson by carefully praying the Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose
again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

LECTIO DIVINA

Read Luke 1:26-38

How is God speaking to you through the story of the Annunciation?

What did this story teach you about saying yes to God?

Read Luke 1:26-38 again

KEY WORD:

Incarnate - embodied in flesh; in human form.

TEACHING:

Mary was a young girl when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her and asked her to be the Mother of God. She had no idea what to expect or how everything was going to work out, but she said “yes” anyway. **Mary trusted God’s plan, believing what the angel said, “with God, nothing will be impossible.”** (Luke 1:37)

By the power of the Holy Spirit in the great mystery of God, Mary conceived the Savior and became the vessel by which He came into the world. **Jesus Christ receives His human nature from His mother Mary, while at the same time remaining fully God.** (CCC 464, 484, 494) **The Incarnation is “the fact that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it.” God became man to save man - none of it would have been possible without the full and unreserved “yes” of Mary.** (CCC 461, Hebrews 10:5-7)

Because Mary was obedient and said “yes”, she made it possible for all of us to receive salvation because she was the one who brought the Savior into the world. Jesus was able to save us from our sins because Mary said “yes” to giving Him life through her.

For this reason, among others, the Catholic Church holds Mary in such high esteem. She cooperated with the will of God, and because of Mary we have Jesus; “just as a woman [Eve] had shared in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life.” (CCC 488) • **Mary is thus called the “New Eve” because she was obedient and trusted in God, thus bringing Christ into the world to save us from sin. Mary “undid” Eve’s disobedience and lack of trust in God which brought about sin and death for the human race.** A simple way to put this is, “death through Eve, life through Mary”. (CCC 494, Lumen Gentium 56) • “What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ.” (CCC 487)

Mary said, “yes” unreservedly-- but then she had nine months of waiting! She waited, prayed and prepared as best as she could for the birth of God.

Prior to Christmas, Advent is a liturgical (Church) season of waiting where we, like Mary, prepare for the coming of the Lord. During Advent we celebrate Mary’s “yes” and we participate in the great waiting: the waiting of many generations for the coming of a Messiah; the waiting of nine months of an expectant mother, and ultimately the waiting for Jesus to come again. Keep this in mind as we approach the season of Advent, starting this year on November 28, 2021. Advent lasts for four weeks leading up to Christmas and is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS:

1. Mary’s “yes” made it possible for all of us to receive _____.
2. Why is Mary called the “new Eve”?
3. In the creed, we say that Jesus was “incarnate of the Virgin Mary”. What does the word “incarnate” mean? What does it mean that Jesus was “incarnate of the Virgin Mary”?
4. What will be your “yes” to God this week?

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Close this lesson by praying the first Joyful Mystery of the Rosary to commemorate the Incarnation of Jesus.

First Joyful Mystery: *The Annunciation*

Leader: Lord Jesus, we offer You this first decade to honor Your Incarnation, and we ask of You, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Your Holy Mother, a deep humility of heart.

Pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, & 1 Glory Be