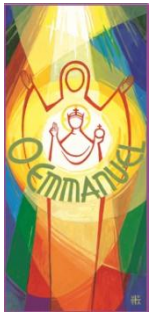
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Lesson One and Two

The Church teaches that the person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus long before he was born.

The Old Testament has stories about promises God makes.
One of the promises is to send someone special, a great leader.
There are lots of names for this special person:
Messiah, Immanuel, Prince of Peace.



Isaiah's words are written in the Old Testament.
Christians believe he is sharing a message from God about something that happens in the New Testament, the birth of Jesus.

The Lord himself…
Will give you a sign:
a young woman who is pregnant
will have a son
and will name him Immanuel.

Lesson Three and Four

A prophet or prophetess communicates God's message, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that Isaiah and John the Baptist are prophets.





The story of John the Baptist's birth being announced to his father, Zechariah is found in the New Testament of the Christian special book, the Bible. It is in Luke's Gospel.
The story takes place in the Temple in Jerusalem.



Zechariah was lighting the incense in the Temple. | Gabriel appeared and said that Zechariah would have a son called John and John would be filled with the Holy Spirit. | Zechariah did not believe the news and asked how he could be sure. | Angel Gabriel said Zechariah will remain silent until the promise has come true.

Lesson Five and Six

The Angel Gabriel told Mary that one of her relatives was also going to have a baby.

The story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth is in the special book, the Bible. It is found in the Gospel of Luke which is in the New Testament. The story of this visit is called the **Visitation.**



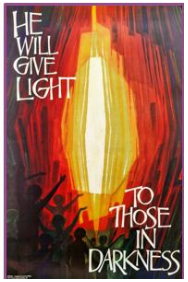
Mary hurries to visit Elizabeth, who was married to Zechariah. | When Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting, her baby leapt for joy. | Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit. | She says, *'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb'.*

The light reveals the presence of God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit inspires Elizabeth to recognize that Mary is the mother of God and say that Mary and her baby are blessed.



Immanuel prophet Isaiah Covenant prophecy

A prophet or prophetess communicates God's message.
Their messages may still speak to us today.



For Christians, the Old Testament prophets are inspired by the Holy Spirit and point to Jesus as the Messiah.

The Words of Isiah in the Old Testament:
'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.'

Jesus, the light of the world is the source of light in the picture. Jesus is the person Isaiah is talking about. Light imagery connects with the Holy Spirit or angels. All these ideas are connecting God as the inspiration.

John the Baptist Annunciation Zechariah Holy Spirit

The Annunciation is in the special Christian book, the Bible.
It is found in the Gospel of Luke which is in the New Testament.





Luke tells the story of what happens.
Sometimes, artists imagine how the people in the story felt.
How do you think Mary felt when she saw Angel Gabriel?

Reflect: How does Luke's story link with Isaiah's words? How do you think Luke shows that Isaiah's prophecy is coming true?

Visitation Holy Spirit blessed Elizabeth Mary prayer hail

Elizabeth says Mary has been specially 'blessed'.
Mary is going to be the Mother of Jesus.
Elizabeth recognises Jesus is the Son of God because she has been inspired by the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth is a prophetess. She is sharing God's message.
Christians believe that Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, God's precious gift.
When people pray, they can ask Mary to pray with them too.
The Hail Mary prayer remembers Elizabeth's words.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us, sinners now, and at the hour of our death, Amen

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Lesson Seven and Eight

After Elizabeth greeted Mary at the Visitation, Mary was so overjoyed that she burst into a song that praised God.

Mary's song is called The Magnificat.
Mary's song of praise is found in the special Christian book, the Bible.
It is in the New Testament, in Luke's Gospel.





Mary is a very special part of God's plan.

Lesson Nine and Ten

The Birth of Jesus is in the special Christian book, the Bible.
It is found in the Gospel of Luke which is in the New Testament.


Caesar issued an instruction for a census. Joseph and Mary set out from Nazareth and travelled to a town called Bethlehem.


While they were there the time came for Mary to have her child, but all the inns were full.


Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.


The family slept in a stable because there was no room for them at the inn.



The light shining from the baby reflects the Christian belief that, in Jesus, God is with us and the Son of God.

Lesson Eleven and Twelve

Las Posadas is celebrated in Mexico. It occurs in the nine days leading up to Christmas Eve (Christmas Eve being the night of the first Mass of Christmas).
Each night, the community - usually led by children dressed as Mary, Joseph and other figures from the story of the Birth of Jesus - process around different houses in the neighbourhood, knocking at the doors as they 'seek' a place to stay.
In preparation for Mary and Joseph, children make paper bag lanterns called luminarias to light the way.





Mary Magnificat Zechariah

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When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

People wanted to call the baby Zechariah. Zechariah wrote, 'His name is John'.

Zechariah could speak! He was filled with the Holy Spirit.

He said John would be one of God's prophets who would prepare the way for the Lord.

Advent Advent wreath prepare

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.'

Christians believe the great light is Jesus, the Light of the World.
Light and dark are used as symbols during the season of Advent.
Advent is the name for the time before Christmas.
This a picture of an Advent wreath from Germany where the tradition began.
The first wreath was like an Advent calendar, with 24 candles. The first candle is lit on 1st December, with the white candles lit each Sunday.





A modern wreath has four candles. Each one represents the four Sundays of Advent and are lit as the weeks go by. The growing light as Christmas approaches signals that Jesus is nearly here.

Las Posadas Advent Traditions

Luke's History of Jesus


Gabriel appears to Zechariah.


Gabriel appears to Mary.


Mary visits Elizabeth.


Elizabeth has her baby. Zechariah's voice is restored.


Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem.


Jesus is born. Mary lays him in a manger.


Angels appear to the shepherds in the fields.


The shepherds visit baby Jesus.