



Jesus' Birth Announced

December 20, 2020

Luke 1:26-45 [46-56]

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God of surprises, you blessed Mary and Elizabeth with the gift of holy children, and they faithfully embraced your calling. Give us peace and joy as we await your coming among us, in the form of a humble baby—our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Without fanfare, an angel announced the coming of a baby to Mary. While she waited, she took the opportunity to seek out her support community and prepare for the child's arrival.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What has been the hardest thing you've ever had to wait for? Was it worth the wait?

Does the anticipation of the celebration of Christ's birth shape how to move through the Advent season? Why or why not?

For the littles: What's the hardest thing to wait for? Why?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant patience as you wait. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Put together a new baby care kit for expectant parents, those waiting on adoption, or those fostering children in your community. Be creative about what you include in the kit. How will your kit support the new parents? How will it support the kid? How will it lift up God's love for the family?



Go Deeper: Visit clergystuff.com/daily-devotions.

Monday: *Introduction to Luke*, Luke 1:1-4

Tuesday: *An Angel Tells Zechariah of John's Birth*, Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday: *Mary's Song*, Luke 1:46-56

Thursday: *Birth of Jesus (Christmas Eve)*, Luke 2:1-14, [15-20]

Friday: *Shepherds Visit (Christmas Day)*, Luke 2:8-20

Saturday: *Birth of John the Baptist*, Luke 1:57-66