

# LEARNER SHEET: THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:26-56



## PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

## DISCUSSION TIME

- **What have you seen in your community, in the news, or in the world recently that gives you hope? How might you connect this good news to the ways God's promise continues today?**
- **Talk about the ways you pray when at home. What are the times when prayer might happen? Looking at "Three Essential Personal Spiritual Rituals," pp. 98-100 in *The Lutheran Handbook*, brainstorm ideas about how nighttime prayer could be done in your home.**
- **Review the story of Samson's birth in Judges 13:1-24. The angel told Manoah's wife that her baby would belong to God. This phrase meant that he would be a Nazirite. Skim Numbers 6:1-21 to learn more about being a Nazirite and belonging to God. What are ways you can show that you belong to God?**
- **How can you describe Mary as a person of faith based on what you know about the annunciation? In what ways did she respond as any young girl would respond? In what ways did she respond as a follower of Jesus would respond? Using a piece of paper, roll it up into the shape of a megaphone. Take turns talking into it, "announcing" what you are thankful to God for.**

## THE BIG IDEA

**Gabriel's good news for Mary is also good news for us: with God, anything is possible!**

## BIG FUN IDEA

Bring picture books from home or a library that you may have liked as a child. Take turns reading them aloud. Which ones are the funniest? Which ones connect you to the love of family? What do these books say about the world we live in?

## BIG SERVING IDEA

Volunteer to provide child-care for parents while they go shopping or on an outing. Honor the challenges of parenting by giving parents free time while you care for their children.

Ask for donations of clothes, diapers, and food for your local women's shelter. Invite one of the staff to speak about stories of women who struggle to raise their children.