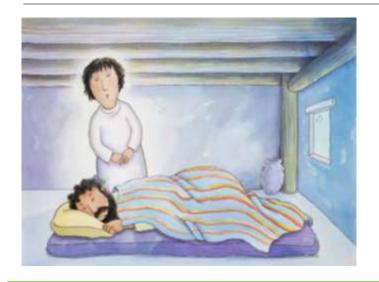


Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25



God sends an angel to tell Mary and Joseph about Jesus' upcoming birth. God gives a lot of specific details, and many of them seemed impossible. But God does the impossible! Jesus was born just as God said he would be.

Church Announcements

- Christmas Program is in full swing. If your child would like a speaking part please contact Jeremy at Jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org
- Christmas program Dec 15th at both services!

"For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

It Doesn't Pop!

Your child may have done this activity in church today. If so, ask him or her to show you how to do it. If not, here's how to do it:

- 1. Stick 15 flathead thumbtacks in a 3x5 grid through an index card, and tape the flat side of the tacks in place.
- 2. Inflate a balloon.
- 3. Push the balloon onto the thumbtacks. It won't pop!
- 4. Talk about these questions:
 - · Why does setting the balloon on the tacks without it popping seem impossible?
 - Read together Luke 1:37. What does it mean that God's Word comes true, even if it seems impossible to us?
 - Why do you trust that God will do what he says?

Through the Week

Here's an activity you can do throughout the week—over dinner or in the car. Play a variation of the game of "I Spy" with things that demonstrate doing the impossible.

- 1. Have someone look around, secretly choose an object, and say something that would be impossible to do using that object. For example, it would be impossible to eat soup with a key.
- 2. Everyone else will ask yes or no questions to identify the item.
- 3. When someone guesses the item, everyone will try to think of ways God could do the impossible with that item (without being silly).

Family Discussion

- What's something in your life that feels impossible?
 - What do you believe God could do about that?
- Explain whether or not it's easy for you to believe God can do anything.