

An Angel Announces Jesus' Birth 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.