

NARRATOR:

The Fifth Lesson: With great faith, Mary says *yes*, for nothing is impossible for God

This passage is about the angel Gabriel's visit to a young woman in Nazareth, announcing that she will conceive and bear a son, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Showing great faith, Mary gave her "yes" to God.
Mary was able to do so because she believed that "Nothing is impossible for God."
Mary's "yes" opened the way for the Word to become flesh,
for our Savior to be born in Bethlehem.
We are invited to echo Mary's "yes",
welcoming Christ into our world and into our hearts."

Sally Bourne:

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

**In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary.**

And coming to her, he said,

"Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

**But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.**

Then the angel said to her,

**"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.**

**He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."**

But Mary said to the angel,

"How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"*

And the angel said to her in reply,

**"The holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,**

**and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God.”**

Mary said,

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

“The Gospel of the Lord.”

Luke 1: 26-38

