



3 The Annunciation

Content:

Mary said yes to God, how can we live like her ? By listening to the voice of God in our hearts!
How can we assist children “to speak” to God? By sharing our experiences, we can help them to know the dimension of the heart. The dice of love can be an instrument so as to understand what God wants from us.

Going in depth for the assistants:

She was very beautiful. Answers of Chiara Lubich about Mary to the children. ([go to menu <Topics>: Mary](#))

Ideas to welcome the Gen 4 boys and girls:

- Prepare the puzzle about the Annunciation: ‘the yes of Mary’ (go to menu: 'games': “concentration games")
- Play a game together: a child will hang around his or her neck a two-sided cardboard: on one side, is written “Yes” , and on the other side is written “No”. When he turns towards the other children, and will show the side with a “Yes” all will run towards him until he turns the other side which shows the written “No” ; then, all must stop and be still. If one makes a mistake, he/she goes back to the starting point. Whoever arrives first at the “Yes” is the winner.

Episode Indigo and experiences:

Tell the story of the Annunciation, ([go to menu <Stories of God>: 1st year, Annunciation', video or ppt](#)) and make a dialogue.

Proposed motto to live by:

Let's always say “yes” to God like Mary (Chiara, 1981)

Songs:

- So Beautiful.
- Yes, yes, yes, God wants it.
- Give all of yourself to me.

Proposals of Creative Activities:

- Carry a luggage of cards with one word written on each and also three drawings of the Annunciation. ([go to menu <Creativity>: Drawing](#)); the children will have to compose the phrases and the drawings (cut in small pieces). The phrases could be: 1) Hail Mary, the Lord is with you! 2) You will have a Son and you will name Him Jesus, 3) He will be the Savior of the world!
- Present skits about the Annunciation or about Zachary or John the Baptist.

Games:

- Let us sharpen the ears of the heart ([go to <Games>: outdoor games](#))
- Let us follow the right voice ([go to menu <Games>: outdoor games](#))
- Always ahead ! ([go to menu <Games>: outdoor games](#))
- The yes of Mary, puzzle ([go to menu <table games](#))
- Kangaroo Game ([go to menu <Games>: table games](#))

Face to face with Mary::

Let's thank Mary for having said “Yes” to God and say a Hail Mary or sing a song.

So as to continue at home...

- Read the comic strips on the story of the Annunciation ([go to menu <Stories of God>: 1st year, Annunciation, My album](#))