

“Advent IV”
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(Light candles) Church has finished and Elizabeth’s mother has some “errands” to run and Mr. Mawakasunga has a meeting with Pastor Ed and Walter the Cat about the church budget for 2009. (You might not remember Walter the Cat. You don’t see him very often here. He usually attends the Traditional Service!)



So, Elizabeth is helping Uncle Floyd close up the church.

“I reckon you could put out the candles in the chapel.” he told her. “The candle snuffer is beside the altar. I’ll be here in the hallway running the vacuum cleaner if you need help.”

Elizabeth went into the chapel. It was kind of odd to be there all alone. It looks so pretty with the candlelight flickering on the cross. Elizabeth remembers that this cross is called a crucifix because it shows Jesus when he was crucified, when he died. She always feels a little bit quiet when she sees a crucifix, like she should show respect for what happened.

And here is a pretty figurine of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Elizabeth looked closely at the figurine. Here, I’ll show it to you. It is more than 75 years old and it belonged to my Grandmother Crowe, in real life. Isn’t it pretty!

Elizabeth thought about how baby Jesus grew up to be crucified. “I wonder how Mary felt about that?! I bet when she was the mommy and Jesus was a baby that she did not know THAT was going to happen!”



In today's lesson it says that the angel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she was going to be a mother and that she should name her baby Jesus and that he would be a King! And that his kingdom would never end! Jesus would be called the Son of The Most High.

"I think that Mary must have been happy to be picked to be the mother of Jesus. I wonder if I will be picked by God for something important!"

I wonder how God DID decide on Mary, probably NOT because she was the prettiest, or smartest or most popular. I think God picked her because she was FAITHFUL. No matter what, Mary would always LOVE and SERVE God. I think THAT is why he choose her.

Elizabeth is FAITHFUL.

Standing here, alone in the Chapel, she felt favored for the special task of putting out the candles. So she picked up the candle snuffer and walked up to the altar. She bowed her head and said this simple prayer:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME! I LOVE YOU! AMEN

Then she looked at the cross and added:

OH, AND LET SANTA KNOW THAT MY CHRISTMAS LIST IS ON THE REFRIGERATOR
BECAUSE I DIDN'T SEE HIM AT THE MALL TO TELL HIM THIS YEAR!

Elizabeth faithfully and reverently put each candle out, laid the snuffer beside the altar and went out to ask
Uncle Floyd what else she could do to help.

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