

God's Messenger

Key Word: **Angel**

Key Verse: When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child. *Luke 2:17*

Clara and Beth saw a flash of light in the Christmas tree, but it wasn't very clear. "Who are you?" asked Beth. "We can't see you clearly. Are you a fairy?" "Certainly not. I'm a messenger," came the angel's reply. "Could you come down out of the tree to deliver your message?" asked Clara. "We'd really like to see you."

The angel fluttered down, and the girls gasped. "You are a fairy! I thought you said you were a messenger," Beth said. "Well!" replied the angel, "don't you know the difference between a fairy and an angel? Angels live in heaven with God, and they're sent by God to deliver messages to human beings. That's why I'm here. You needn't be afraid, you know. God would never hurt you. God's madly in love with you. How about a song to cheer you up? I'll call the Heavenly Choir."

The angel whistled. Immediately the air was filled with fluttering wings and radiant light; then the air was filled with music. The girls loved it. "That was great!" exclaimed Clara. The angel grinned, "That is partly why God sent me."

The girls asked how they could get to know God. The angel told them to talk to God and listen to God, inside

their heads, any time they wanted, and God would always hear them the moment they began. "Go on, try it."

The girls shut their eyes and began to talk to God inside their heads. They felt a wonderful love and peace inside. The angel said, "Tell other people what you've learned today." "Is that it?" asked Clara. "That's not much fun and nobody will listen. Our friends will laugh."

"I'm just the messenger," the angel said. "God never asks anyone to do anything they can't manage. Many people discover their lives become terrific when they do what God asks. Remember the Christmas story? The shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the wise men; they were all changed for the better. But it's up to you. God never *makes* anyone do anything, God only asks. You can say 'no' if you want." Then the angel disappeared. The two girls were filled with love and happiness, and they knew they wanted to help God.

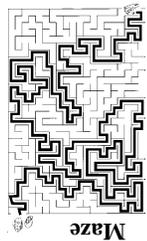
Questions

Did the girls think they were dreaming? Would you?

What do you think the shepherds were thinking long ago when they saw the angels in their fields?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 2:15-21



Maze



Answers
Crossword Puzzle

Letter Tile Puzzle
AND THE CHILD'S FATHER AND
MOTHER WERE AMAZED AT WHAT
WAS BEING SAID ABOUT HIM.

Letter Tile Puzzle

Rearrange the blocks of 3 letters to reveal a message from today's Gospel story.

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Crossword Puzzle

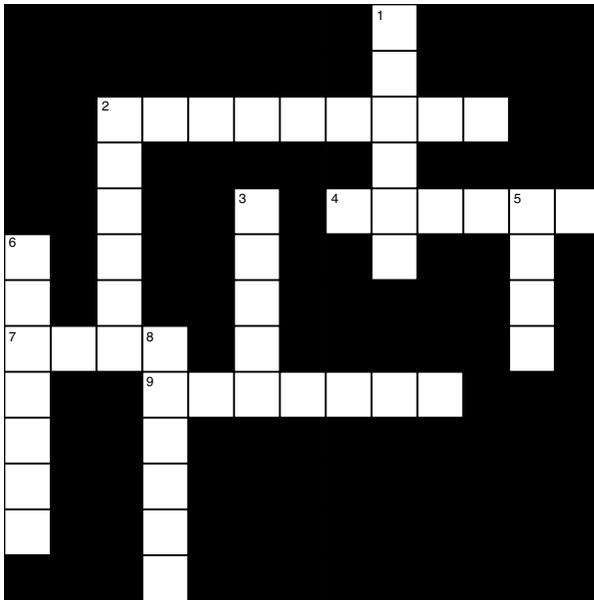
Fill in this crossword using clues from today's Gospel story.

ACROSS

- 2. Simeon said, "for my eyes have seen your ____." (vs. 30)
- 4. Anna never left the _____. (vs. 37)
- 7. The female prophet was named _____. (vs. 36)
- 9. God revealed to Simeon that he would not die before he saw the _____. (vs. 26)

DOWN

- 1. Simeon came to the temple because he was ____ by the Spirit. (vs. 27)
- 2. The righteous man spoken of in vs. 25.
- 3. Who was the child spoken of in vs. 40?
- 5. They brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the _____. (vs. 22)
- 6. Simeon and Anna both ____ God. (vvs. 28, 38)
- 8. The child's father and mother were _____. (vs. 33)



Puzzle Maze

Use your pencil to draw a path from Anna and Simeon to baby Jesus.

