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Play and wonder about Mary saying yes to God.

All try writing your names upside down on a piece of paper. Next, try writing a whole sentence upside down – how easy is it?

Now read the story together then explore it using these activities.

## Play

Spend some more time in the 'story scene' you have created and retell the story together, acting it out using mime and trying to remember some of the words and phrases.

## Create

Draw speech bubbles onto card, to colour and decorate. Then add them to the 'story scene'.

## Praise

Light the third candle on your Advent wreath (or just light four candles), as you sing (to the tune of 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star'):

Light the Advent candle four,  
help us to love you more and more.  
Mary, mother of your Son,  
changed the world for everyone.  
Light the Advent candle four,  
help us to love you more and more.

## Pray

Dear God,  
thank you for Mary, who listened to what  
the angel was saying, and said yes.  
**Amen.**

## Bible story

 Luke 1.26-38



Use some objects to create the scene of Mary's house. Sit in the space and talk about what you can see. If possible, have different people pretending to be Mary and the angel and to read their lines, and someone else to read the rest of the text. Or you can just read the story aloud.

**M**ary was alone in her house when suddenly, an angel appeared. The angel said, 'God has chosen you and is very near!' Mary was worried and didn't understand why he said this to her. The angel said, 'Don't be scared. God is pleased with you. God wants you to be the mother of his Son. You must call him Jesus.' Mary said to the angel, 'How will this happen?' The angel said, 'The power of God in the Holy Spirit.' Then Mary said, 'I will be God's servant. I will do what he wants me to do.' Then the angel left her.

## Through the week

Imagine a world where children, instead of adults, are in charge. Decide together what changes the children would make to the world, including what new rules there would be. You could write a 'manifesto', or just discuss together what this might look like. You could even try living under these new rules for a week in your household! Discuss the way that God turned things upside down when Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus.