

Happy New Year and welcome to the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids. I'm Miss Robin. I miss celebrating Christmas already. But did you know you can live with Christmas in your heart all year long? Yes! By being JESUS to other people. By being kind and showing love to some that might not be so lovable.

During Christmas I talked a lot about Jesus but there were some special heavenly beings that I want to tell you more about in this new year.

Angels!

What do you know about angels?

Do they have wings? Do they bring good news or bad news?

Well, today we will start with the first of three episodes on angels. We begin with an angel who liked to give good news.

Listen in.

If you read the Christmas story you might remember that an angel named Gabriel brought Mary the mother of Jesus a message that she would become pregnant with the son of God.

In Luke 1:19 Gabriel told a man named Zechariah that his wife Elizebeth who was very old, would get pregnant also. When Zechariah asked the angel how this could happen, this is what he said:

"I am Gabriel. I stand in the [presence of God](#), and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news."

So Gabriel gave good news Miss Robin?

Yes, he told both Mary and her cousin Elizebeth that they would have babies. Mary had Jesus who was God with skin on, remember? And Elizabeth had John who would tell many people about Jesus.

What does the name Gabriel mean Miss Robin?

I'm glad you asked kids. Gabriel means "God Is My Strength".

God gave Gabriel a job or role.

He was to be a messenger. But he is not a cute chubby cuddly little angel with a bow and arrow like you see on Valentine's day.

Everytime angels appear in the Bible, people are afraid. When Gabriel came with his good news it was no different Miss Robin

You mean people were afraid of him even though he had something good to tell them.

Yes!

Luke 1:12 says Zechariah the father of John the Baptist “ was gripped with fear”

And in Luke 1:29 it says Mary the mother of Jesus “was greatly troubled”

If you saw an angel appear in front of you and start to talk wouldn't you be just a little afraid too?

I would.

Gabriel had to tell them “Do not be afraid” before he could give them their good news.

“Tell me more about the angel Gabriel Miss Robin.”

Gabriel was a favored angel. Do you know what it means to be favored? It means he was special to God. We know that because in Luke 1:19 Gabriel said that he is an angel who “stand[s] in the presence of God” Remember.

Wow! That means Gabriel was really close to God. He must have listened very carefully to God and did everything God told him to do.

Yes he did kids. He was an obedient angel.

God probably didn't need to tell him over and over to do something, huh?

Gabriel is a good and holy angel of God who stands in God's presence, and he was chosen by God to deliver good important messages.

Now it's time to talk about today's story. Remember to pause the podcast after each question.

What does the name Gabriel mean?
What kind of news did Gabriel give?
Why do you think people were afraid of Gabriel at first?
Do you think God can send an angel to earth now?
What would you ask an angel if you meet one today?

Now here's our verse for today.

I'll say it first then you say it with me, ok?

John 14:21b
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Now it's your turn to say it with me. Here we go.

John 14:21b
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

The angel Gabriel reminds us that God listens and cares for His people and that we don't have to be afraid if we belong to Him.

Thanks for joining me. Don't forget, come back next week for the second episode about angels.

If you'd like to know more about me, Miss Robin, bring your adult and go to my instagram account @robinmarie59, I have some fun cat videos there along with lots of pictures of my family. You can also bring your adults to my website at www.robinmarie.org where you'll find all the transcripts to this podcast and to my NEW podcast for mommies, aunts or grandma called "Chasing Different." So until next time. Be brave, be kind and be different. Happy New Year!