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# ROYAL DESCENT

An Edge Night on Jesus' Early and Hidden Life

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## Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

The Edge Night this week began with a funny video and fun game where the youth were challenged to be the first to unwrap a Christmas present that was wrapped many times. The teaching discussed the Annunciation and Jesus' life as a child and had a challenge for the youth to follow Jesus' example as well as Mary's. After the teaching, another video led into a small group discussion about why God chose to become one of us. The Edge Night ended with a reflection on Mary's fiat, which allowed the youth to reflect on trusting in God's will for their lives.

### Main Ideas:

- The Annunciation and Mary's "yes" to God's will in her life is an example for all of us.
- Jesus experienced life as a man by entering into the world as a baby through the Incarnation, and He relied on His family to take care of Him.
- It is important for us to look to Jesus and Mary as our examples of how to be obedient to both God and our parents.

### Catechism Reference:

"'God sent forth his Son,' but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free co-operation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, 'a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary:' 'The Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life.'" (CCC 488)

### Scripture Reference:

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

### Family Reflection Questions:

- What was your favorite part of the Edge Night tonight?
- What did you learn about the birth of Jesus?
- What role does Mary play in the birth of Jesus? Why is it so special that she said, "yes" to God?
- How can Mary help us to say, "yes" to the plans of God in our lives?