# Experiencing the Good News, Then and Now

Read the following Scripture passages: Luke 1:26–56 and Matthew 1:18–25. Then respond to the following writing prompts, using extra paper if needed.

1. Choose someone who appears in the accounts: the Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, or John (the unborn baby in Elizabeth's womb). Write a first-person account (that is, in that person's voice) to retell the story of the Annunciation. In the point of view of that participant in the story, what thoughts cross your mind as you hear or share the news? How do you feel? What do you say or do? Why?

2. Imagine now that this announcement is happening today, in this community. Write another first-person account in the same "voice" as if it were happening today. For example, if you are Mary, Joseph, or one of their relatives, how do you respond to this news? If you are the angel Gabriel, how do you share this news to someone today?

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