

2022 "Union with God and Prayer" 2023

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ATTACHMENT D

Proposals for the GEN4 meeting



Module 2



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Union with God and love for one's neighbour

“When I do an act of love, good things happen”



Proposals for the GEN 4 meeting

For this module we propose ideas for 3 meetings:

- **First meeting: Sacred Scripture, Annunciation and visit to St. Elizabeth**
- **Second meeting: video with Chiara's response**
- **Third meeting: a piece of Chiara's story**

First meeting

- Holy Scripture Annunciation and visit to St. Elizabeth

1) Welcome the gen4

- When they arrive, ask for help to make the space beautiful (sort the room for the meeting, hang drawings on the wall or on a sheet, stick something like flags or something similar).
- Play some games while waiting for everyone to arrive and get to know each other better (see welcome games).

2) Suggested Guidelines

- As an introduction, try to have a dialogue with the children by asking them: if one day an angel appeared to them to give them good news, how would they act?
- What would their reaction be?
- What if they heard that a relative who lives far away and needed their help, but they have to make a very long journey, what would their reaction be?
- This is what happened to Mary and now let's see/hear how she reacted... (show the PPT/ video/ or tell the story of the Annunciation and visit to St. Elizabeth).

Let's do something together

Suggested ideas:

- After hearing/seeing the story: propose to the children a song with actions that narrates the story of the moment when Mary said her "Yes" - Song on the gen4 website: "Yes, yes, yes, if God wills it" (in Ita-



lian-Spanish); “Mary said yes” (in English on the gen4 site), “She was very Beautiful” (in Italian-Portuguese-French-Spanish on the gen4 site).

● After hearing/seeing the story: propose to the children a handicraft: make a paper angel (use a paper roll) to take home, to remind them that the angel brought an important and beautiful announcement.

● We can suggest the children to give this angel to a person (chosen by them). As Mary who went to visit Elisabeth, the children can visit that person and tell him/her what they learnt at the gen4 meeting. Then give the angel to that person as a gift so as to bring him/her joy (see more in detail at the attachment).

● After hearing/seeing the story: make a skit of this Gospel passage, if possible, dressing up or with something that identifies the character of Mary and Elisabeth. A headscarf may be enough, use paper or cardboard or other material for the angel wings (on the internet there are many ideas for creating props with used and recycled materials - newspapers - toilet paper - cardboard - fabrics).

● After hearing/seeing the story mention to the children that: Mary went to her cousin to help her with household chores. She would have cleaned the house, prepared the food, helped her cousin with so much love.

How can I live like Mary?

- Visit someone we haven't seen for a long time with your family.
- Help mum with chores around the house.
- Help your dad in the garden, like washing the car together with him.

● Make cookies or something else to take home or to give to someone (look for a simple cookie recipe or something similar).

Let's stay connected

Suggested ideas:

● Give the children a print-out of a drawing from the PPT they saw; they can take it home and colour it in.

● Make a poster together with the children at each meeting: draw or paste something that summarizes the meeting.

To enrich the topic in general

you can also search for:

- Songs in your language
- Games that relate to the theme (which help emphasize concepts from the meeting)



- Stories, fables
- Social, ecological or other actions
- Artistic activities

Second meeting

– Answers of Chiara

1) Welcome the gen4

- When they arrive, ask for help to make the space beautiful (sort the room for the meeting, hang drawings on the wall or on a sheet, stick something like flags or something similar).
- Play some games while waiting for everyone to arrive and get to know each other better (see welcome games).

2) Suggested Guidelines

- To introduce and summarize the previous meeting, do a short storytelling by asking for help from those who were present last time, to share with those, who were absent in the last meeting, what they saw. Use two PPT drawings and summarize the annunciation and Mary's visit to Elizabeth.
- Introduce the video of Chiara's answers: some years ago, some children like you, were with Chiara Lubich in Rome. In that meeting she spoke precisely about Mary to the gen4. Let's see/hear what Chiara said to those children... (show the video or read Chiara's answers).

Let's do something together

Some ideas:

- After hearing/seeing the story: dialogue with the children, ask if they know the prayer Hail Mary, ask who taught them this prayer? If they don't know it, teach it to them and give the importance of saying prayers. You could prepare a "prayer booklet" to give them, with drawings to colour.
- After hearing/seeing the story: make a bracelet with beads (#10) or other material to make a small rosary, (on the internet there are many ideas with only threads - with beads - with other materials).

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Some ideas:

- Give the children a print out of a drawing from the PPT they saw, they can take it home and colour it in.
- At the first meeting on the poster board, draw or paste something that summarizes this meeting.

Third meeting

- Story of Chiara

1) Welcome the gen4

Some ideas:

- When they arrive, ask for help to make the space beautiful (sort the room for the meeting, hang drawings on the wall or on a sheet, stick something like flags or something similar).
- Play some games while waiting for everyone to arrive and get to know each other better (see welcome games).

2) Suggested Guidelines

- An episode from Chiara's story – the milk bottle experience.
As we have seen in the other meetings, love always opens our hearts to hear God's words to us. Show two drawings from the PPT summarizing the annunciation and Mary's visit to Elizabeth and two photos summarizing Chiara's responses (drawing from the PPT and photos from the video of Chiara's responses).
- Introduce the part of Chiara's story, share about when we love how do we feel: are we happy? Does God speak in our hearts? Let's see/hear what happened to Chiara, on very cold day and she did an act of love for her mum.

Let's do something together

Some ideas:

- After hearing/seeing the story: you can do a skit of this moment of Chiara's life. Ask the children: what was the outcome, after Chiara said her yes to Jesus?



- **After hearing/seeing the story: learn the song “Give yourself all to me” (in Italian-Brazilian-French on the gen4 website).**

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Some ideas:

- **Give the children a print out of a drawing from the video they watched, they can take it home and colour it in.**
- **At the first meeting on the poster board, draw or paste something that summarizes the meeting that has been done.**

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