

# Seeing the Story

Art that tells the story of Christ's birth

***USING YOUR EYES,  
LOOK AT EACH PIECE OF ART AND WONDER . . .***

What do you notice about the colors? The shapes? The lines?

Who is in the artwork? Who is in the center? Who is off to the side or in the background?

Who is looking where? What do you imagine they are seeing as they look in that direction?

How does this particular piece of art help you see the story of Christ's birth? What parts of the story are missing? How does that change the story that's being told?

# **The Story of Mary**

Luke 1:26-55





**The Annunciation**  
by Rigaud Benoit





**The Annunciation**  
by Jan van Eyck





**The Angel of the Annunciation**  
by Giovanni di Domenico





**The Annunciation**  
by Veronese





**The Annunciation**  
by James Tissot



# **The Story of Joseph**

Matthew 1:18-24





**The Dream of Saint Joseph**  
by Philippe de Champaigne





**The Angel of the Lord Speaks to Joseph in a Dream**

by Jean-Marie Pirot





**An Angel of the Lord Speaks to Joseph in a Dream**

by Unknown Artist





**The Story of Christmas**  
by Felix Hoffman



# **The Story of Jesus**

Luke 2:1-7





**The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
by James Tissot





**The Nativity with the Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel**  
by Duccio di Buoninsegna





**Adoration of the Shepherds** *(detail)*  
by Lorenzo Lotto





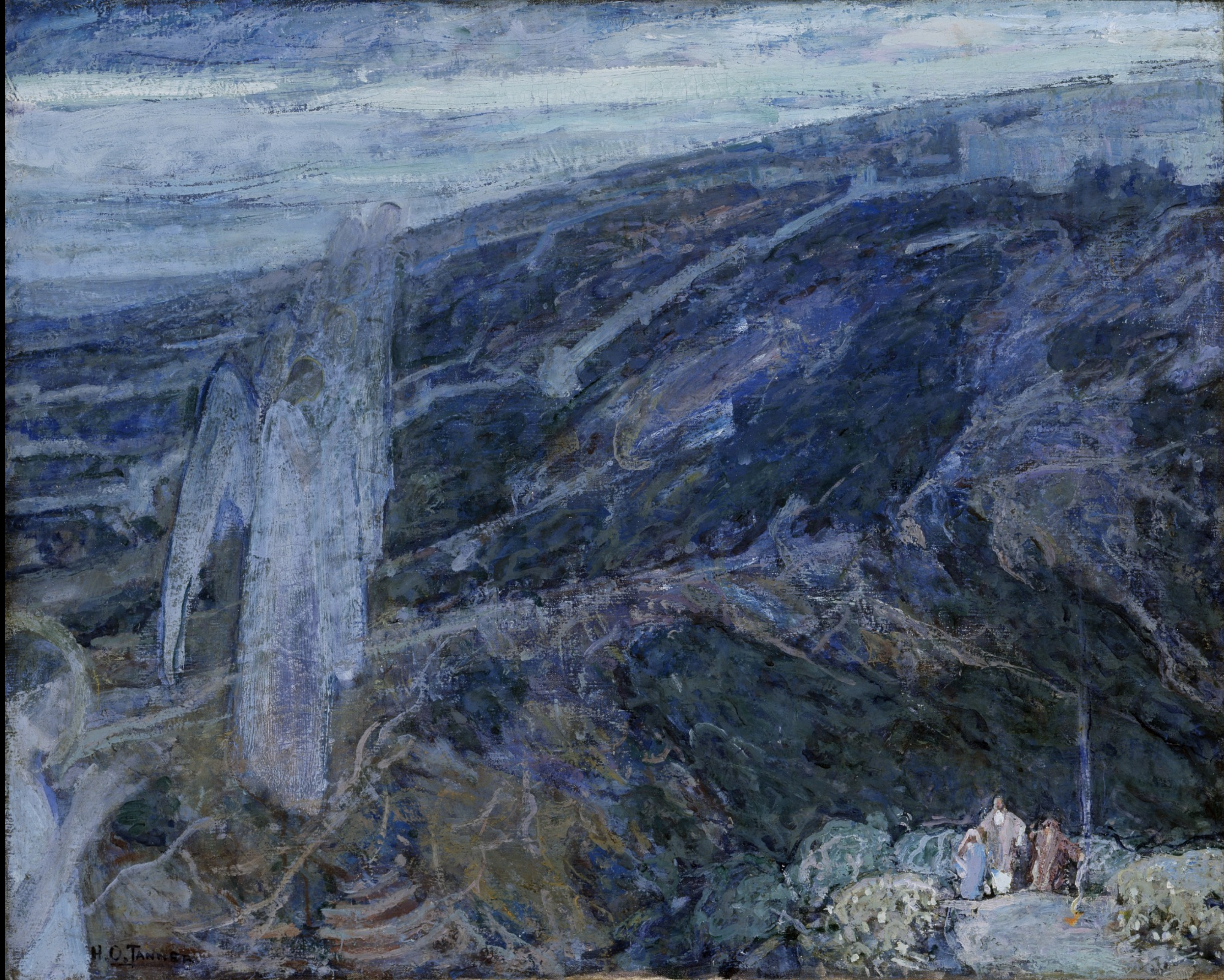
**Madonna and Child**  
by Domenico Ghirlandaio



# **The Story of the Angels and the Shepherds**

Luke 2:8-20





**Angels Appearing before the Shepherds**  
by Henry Ossawa Tanner





**The Annunciation to the Shepherds**  
by Giovanni di Domenico





**Annunciation to the Shepherds**  
by Gerrit Pietersz Sweelinck





**The Adoration of the Shepherds**  
by Giorgione





**The Adoration of the Magi**  
by Benvenuto di Giovanni





**The Adoration of the Magi**  
by Sandro Botticelli