



WEEK
ONE
DECEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. ANGEL HANDPRINT WINGS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Angel Handprint Wings" Activity Page; light blue cardstock; washable white inkpad; wet wipes; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Angel Handprint Wings" on light blue cardstock, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help children ink the right hand and press on the right side of their "A." Wipe clean. Ink their left hand and press on the left side of the "A."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! Today, we learned that God had big news to share. The very first person He told was a lady named Mary, and God sent an angel to tell her!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "On your paper is a big letter . . . A! That's right! And what did we learn 'A' is for? (Pause.) Angel! Good job! You're going to turn this letter A into an angel. What do angels have? (Pause.) Wings, that's right. To give your angel its first wing, you need to cover one hand with the white ink. (Pause.) Now press your hand on one side of the 'A.' (Pause.) Clean your hand then ink your other hand. (Pause.) Press that hand down on the other side of the 'A.' (Pause.) Fantastic! Okay, clean that hand. (Pause.) What sweet angel A's you made! 'A' is for . . . Angel!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story today, we learned that God loved us way before we were even born! Isn't that amazing? God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would have a baby and His name would be Jesus. The angel told her that Jesus would grow up and do amazing things. I'm so glad that God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus, and we get to celebrate Him at Christmas. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.**"

BIBLE STORY

God told us He would
give us Jesus.
("A" is for Angel.)

THE ANGEL AND MARY
LUKE 1:26-33, 38, 46-49

MEMORY VERSE

"God has given a son to us."

ISAIAH 9:6, NCV

KEY QUESTION

How do we know
God loves us?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Isaiah 9:6, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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SGL: Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.
(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Today, we'll make a list in our prayer journal of things we would like to get for Christmas. So, when I say your name, tell me one gift you want, and I will write it in our prayer journal. (Say each child's name and write down what they say.

Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"These are some great gifts! But God has already given us the BEST gift. Say His name with me."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "Jesus!"

SGL: "Yes! **God gave us Jesus!** Let's pray and thank God for all the gifts we will receive this Christmas and for giving us the best gift—Jesus! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You for Christmas. It's such a special time when we can show people we love them by giving gifts. Thank You for gifts like (read the list the children made). But more than anything, thank You for the gift of Jesus. Jesus is the best gift ever! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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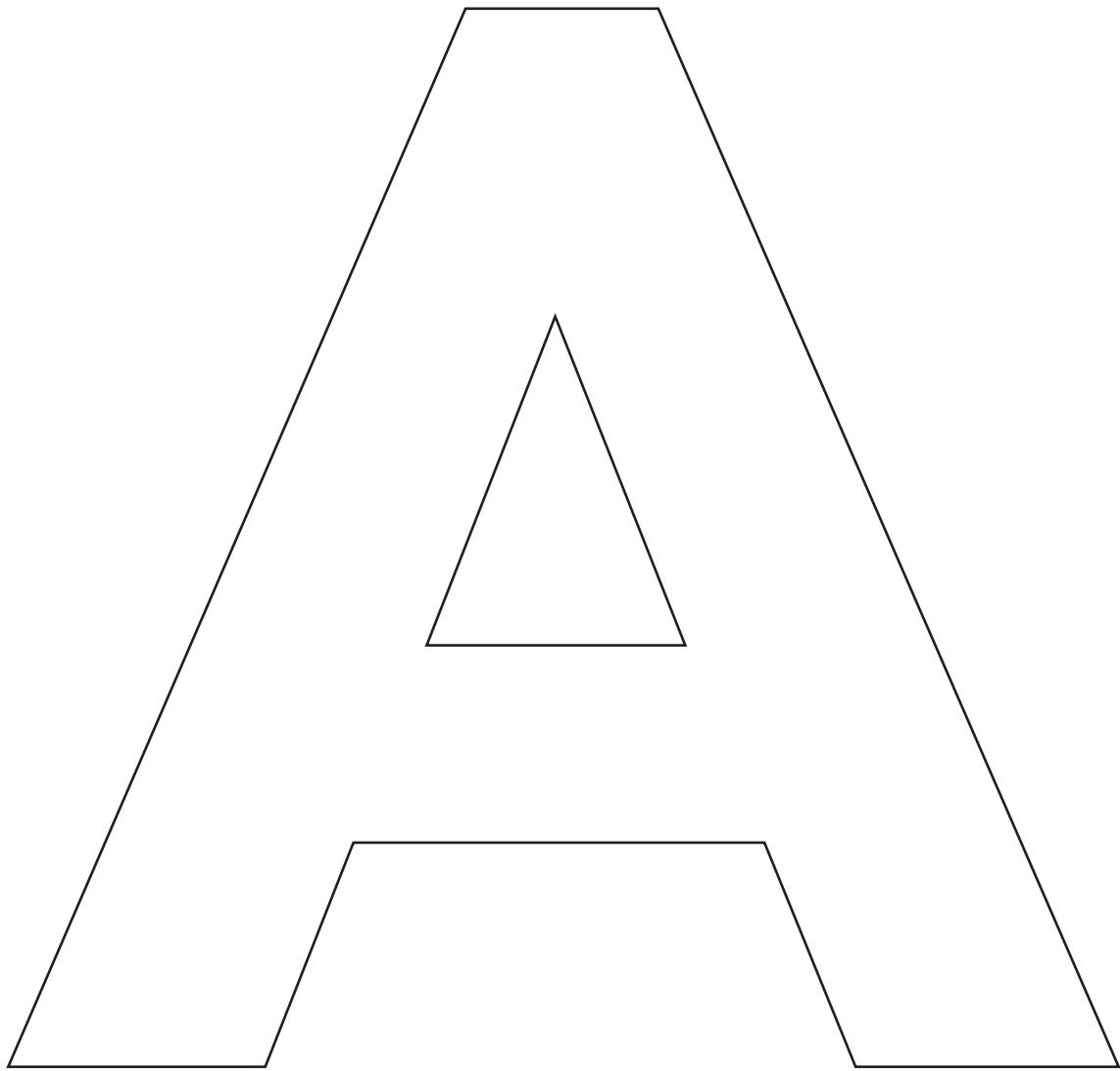
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