



WEEK
ONE
DECEMBER 2022

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



BIBLE STORY
God told Mary she would have His Son, Jesus.
THE ANGEL AND MARY
LUKE 1:26-33, 38, 46-49

MEMORY VERSE
"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."
JOHN 3:16, GNT

KEY QUESTION
Why is Jesus special?

BOTTOM LINE
Jesus is God's Son.

BASIC TRUTH
God loves me.

2. ANGEL WINGS
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]
WHAT YOU NEED: "Mary and Angel" Activity Page, cardstock, washable craft paint, disposable plates, and hand wipes; Optional thick art paper

WHAT YOU DO:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Mary and Angel" on cardstock, one per child. Pour a small amount of washable craft paint on a disposable plate. Option: To make the craft into a keepsake, copy "Mary and Angel" on thick art paper and cut off the copy directions at the bottom.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a "Mary and Angel" Activity Page. Assist the children in pressing the palm side of their hands down in the paint. Next, guide the children in pressing their hands down on each side of the angel on their activity page to make angel wings. Clean the child's hands.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would have God's Son and His name would be Jesus.

WHAT YOU SAY:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to make angel wings!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, we learned that God sent an angel (*point to the angel*) to tell Mary (*point to Mary*) some very exciting news! What did the angel tell Mary? (*Pause.*) Yes! The angel told Mary that she would have a very special baby. What was the baby's name? (*Pause.*) Jesus! And **why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son!**

"Let's make something you can take home that will help you remember what the angel told Mary. Press your hand down in the paint and let me help you press it on the paper. (*Pause.*) There's one angel wing. Press your hand on the other side. (*Pause.*) Your little handprints made the angel's wings!" (*Clean hands.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Now you have a picture to take home that shows the angel telling Mary that she would have Baby Jesus. **Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son!**"



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MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, paperclip, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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"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 of good things people have told us. Like someone may have told you that you were going on a fun trip, or someone told you that a friend was coming over to play, or maybe someone told you that you were having ice cream after dinner. Yum!

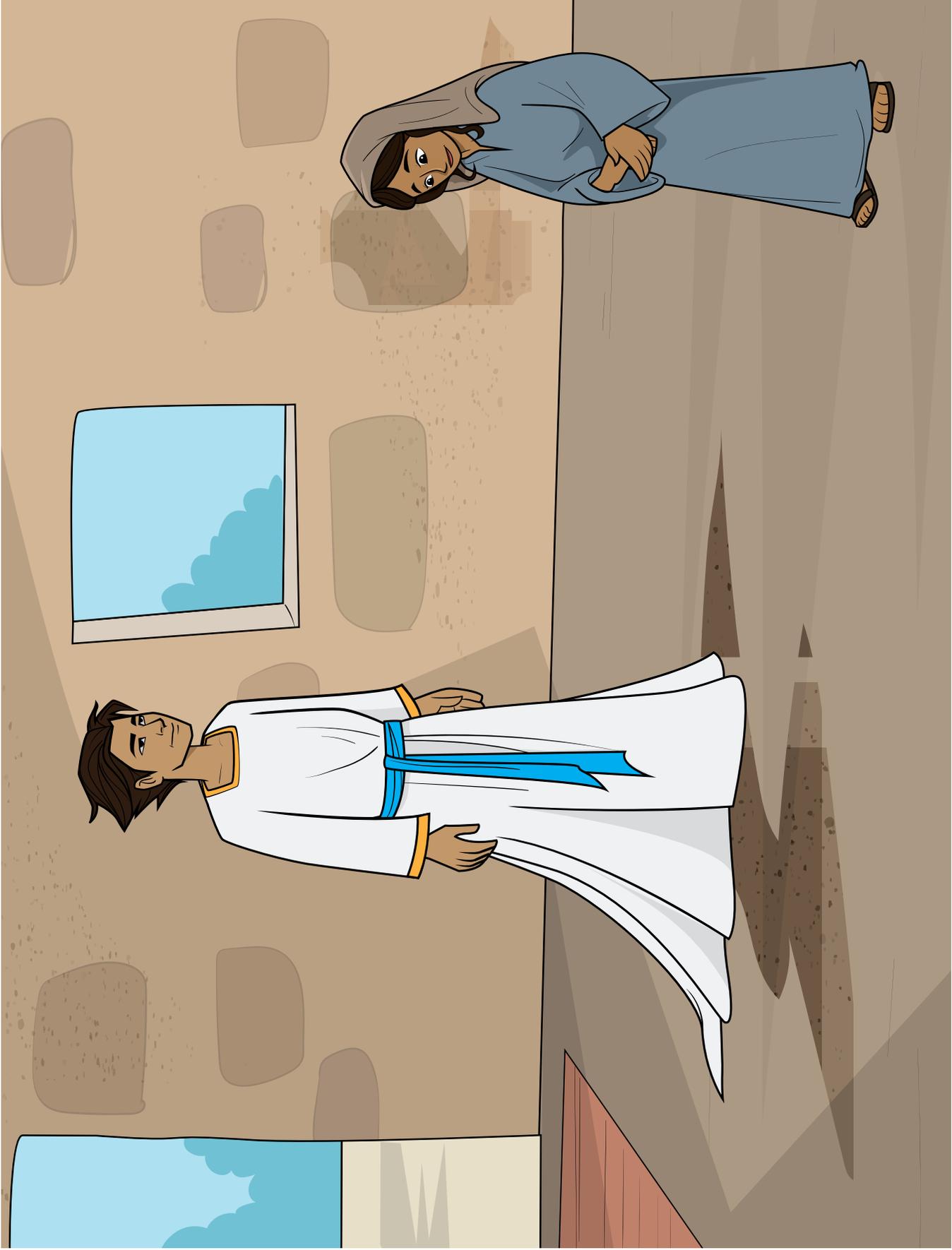
"So think about it. What is something good that someone told you? (*Say each child's name and write down what they say beside their names in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"This is a list of some really good things! If Mary were here, she would probably say that the best thing she was ever told was that she would have God's Son, Jesus.

"Let's pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

"Dear God, thank You for good things like (*read the list the children made*). Most of all, thank You for the good news that You love us so much You gave us Your Son, Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



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