

November Week 4



November 25th/26th

OVERVIEW CARD

THE ANGEL AND MARY

Key Question:

How do we know God loves us?

Bottom Line:

God gave us Jesus.

Memory Verse:

"God has given a son to us."

Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Bible Story Focus:

God told us He would give us Jesus.

The Angel and Mary

Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49

Coloring Page:

An angel visits Mary.

Music:

It's Christmastime

Best Present Ever

Special Delivery

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible

An Angel Visits Mary

Pages 266 to 270

Story:

Christmas Angels

by Crystal Bowman

Memory Verse –

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ACTIVITY 1 – 2's/3's only THE ANGEL AND MARY

Angels

Big Idea:

Have the children float around the room and pretend to be angles. Then read the book, "Christmas Angels" to the children.

What You Need: "Christmas Angels" book

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Ask the children to pretend to be angels. Encourage them to "float" around the room while moving their arms up and down slowly. Repeat several times then have the children sit around you on the floor and read the book, "Christmas Angels" to them.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today we are going to talk about an angel. Can you pretend to be an angel?"

During the Activity: "Angels float slowly and move their arms very slow and gracefully. (Demonstrate. Do activity several times.) Great floating! Let's float over to the rug and take a seat. We're going to read a story today. Everyone come and sit close to me so that we can all read together!"

After the Activity before Book: "You were beautiful angels! In our story today, we are going to hear about an angel that has some WONDERFUL news! I can't wait to hear what it is!" (Read the book to the children.)

After the Activity: "That was a great book! That story was a true story from the Bible. In the Bible, it tells us that God sent an angel to tell Mary some AMAZING news. She was going to have a baby—a baby that would be God's Son! His name would be Jesus. God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.**"

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ACTIVITY 2 – 2's/3's only THE ANGEL AND MARY

Find That Bow

Big Idea:

Have the children find and collect different colors of Christmas bows.

What You Need: A bag of small gift bows in a variety of colors, and Christmas wrapped box.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the Christmas wrapped box in the center of the room and drop the bows in the center of an open area around the box. Gather the children around the bows on the floor.

During the Activity: Call out a color and encourage the children to find one bow in that color and place it in the box. Then repeat with a different color that you call out until all the bows are collected. **(Some children may not know their colors and that's ok, just let them pick up any bow.)**

What You Say:

During the Activity: "What do you see on the floor? (Pause.) Bows! Great job! Do you see how many different colors there are? I'm going to call out a color and I want each of you to grab ONE bow in that color and place it in our Christmas box. Are you ready? Okay! Everyone find a RED bow!" (Repeat with several different colors.)

After the Activity: "You know your colors! Great job, everyone. What do we use these for? (Pause for responses.) That's right; we use them when we're wrapping a gift. Over the next few weeks, we're going to learn about the best gift ever! God told us that He would give us the most awesome gift ever, and He did! God sent Jesus to us because He loves us. **How do we know God loves us? Because God gave us Jesus.**"

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ACTIVITY 3 - ALL THE ANGEL AND MARY

Parachute filled with Bows – Memory Verse

Big Idea:

Children will play with the parachute while practicing their memory verse.

What You Need: Parachute and small bows

What You Do:

During the activity: Place the bows onto the center of the parachute. Have the children form a circle and grab onto the sides of the parachute. Start off shaking the parachute slowly and then shake the parachute faster and faster until all of the bows have fallen off of the parachute. Collect the bows and start again. Once you have done this a couple of times have the children say their memory verse while shaking the parachute.

At the end of the activity: Clean up all the bows and put away the parachute.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Do you know what these are? *(Pause)* Yes, these are Christmas bows! I have a fantastic idea! Let’s play a game with these bows. Are you ready?”

During the activity: “I am going to place all of these bows onto the parachute and we have to shake the parachute until all of the bows fall off. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Great let’s GO! *(After a couple of times)* Now, let’s practice our memory verse as we shake our parachute. Just say what I say. “God has given a son to us. Isaiah 9:6. Good job! Let’s say that again! *(Repeat the verse together several more times.)*”

At the end of the activity: “WOW! That was so much fun! I love presents with bows, don’t you? *(Pause.)* My favorite present is the present that God gave to all of us. Do you know what that present was? *(Pause.)* Yes! God sent Jesus to us because He loves us. **How do we know God loves us? Because God gave us Jesus.**”

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ACTIVITY 4 – 4's/5's only THE ANGEL AND MARY

Presents filled with Bows

Big Idea:

Children will participate in a relay race where they fill baskets with Christmas bows.

What You Need: Christmas wrapped box (2), container filled with small bows and masking tape.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Mark two lines with the masking tape on the floor where you will have the starting line.

During the activity: Divide the children into two teams and have the children line up single file at one piece of the tape and the other half at the other piece of tape. Tape the cardboard box present onto the floor. Have the children pick a bow from the container and walk with it on their head up to the present. Once they have reached the present, have each child put the bow into the box one at a time until all of the bows are gone.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Do you know what this is? *(Pause)* Yes, this is a Christmas present! I have a fantastic idea! Let’s play a super silly game with the present. Are you ready to be super silly?”

During the activity: (Divide the children into the two lines.) “I am going to tape the present onto the floor *(point to the present)* and each person gets to add a bow to our present box. Who thinks they can do this? *(Pause.)* Good, but you must walk with the bow on your head and not let it drop until you reach the present. *(Pause)* I told you this was a super silly game. Are you ready for our game? *(Pause.)* Great let’s GO!”

At the end of the activity: “WOW! That was so much fun! Presents can be fun in many different ways. I love to get presents, don’t you? *(Pause.)* My favorite present is the present that God gave to all of us. Do you know what that present was? *(Pause.)* Yes! God sent Jesus to us because He loves us. **How do we know God loves us? Because God gave us Jesus.**”

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ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's only THE ANGEL AND MARY

We Are the World

Big Idea:

Children must keep the globe inside the circle while only using their feet to kick it to one another.

What You Need: Inflatable world globe

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Inflate the globe.

During the Activity: Have the children stand in a circle with you. Place the globe on the floor and kick it inside the circle. Have the children kick it to each other and challenge them to keep the globe inside the circle. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: (Hold up the globe.) "I have a special ball that we are going to play with today. It has lots of colors and shapes on it. This is called a globe. It is a map of our WHOLE world!"

During the Activity: "Everyone stand in a circle. Great job! Now I am going to kick the ball inside our circle. If it comes to you, kick it to someone else. Be careful and do not kick it too hard. Let's see if we can keep it inside our circle the entire time. Are you ready? (Pause.) Here we go!" (Do activity.)

After the Activity: "Great job! (Hold up globe.) This is what our world looks like. God made our world! Today in our Bible lesson we heard about something AMAZING that God did for our world! God sent Jesus to us because He loves us. **How do we know God loves us? Because God gave us Jesus.**"

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CRAFT THE ANGEL AND MARY



Hidden Memory Verse

What You Need: “Memory Verse Square” Activity Page on white cardstock, Christmas wrapping paper cut in five inch squares, sticker, and clear tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the wrapping paper squares and tape in the center of the table.

During the Activity: Pass out the “Memory Verse Square” page to each child. Instruct the children to place a wrapping paper square over the box on their pages and secure with one piece of tape at the top. Then show the children how to lift the wrapping paper to reveal the verse underneath. Say this month’s memory verse together.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Our memory verse this month says: *God has given a son to us*, Isaiah 9:6 What is his name? *(Pause.)* That’s right, Jesus!”

During the Activity: “Jesus is the best gift ever. Everyone grab a square of wrapping paper and place it over the box on your page, like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Then we’ll use one piece of tape to secure it at the top. *(Demonstrate.)* Once you finish, we can add stickers to finish decorating our present and you should be able to lift the flap of wrapping paper to see your verse underneath!” *(Demonstrate.)*

After the Activity: “Let’s say our verse together: *God has given a son to us*, Isaiah 9:6. I’m so glad God chose to send Jesus. And we get to celebrate His birthday with our family and friends because God sent Jesus for everyone! That’s how we can know for sure that God loves us. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.**”

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SMALL GROUP THE ANGEL AND MARY

Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, Angel Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's small group time! Since our Bible lesson today had an angel in it, let's fly to our special spot like an angel. Follow me!" *(Lead children to the table.)*

"Good job! Now let's sit down so we can talk about our lesson today. One, two, three, sit down with me.

"In our lesson today, an angel delivered a very special message to Mary about a very special baby. Do you remember what the angel's special message was? *(Pause for response.)* Yes! The angel told Mary she was going to have a baby named Jesus and Jesus would be God's Son! Jesus was the special delivery from God! **God gave us Jesus** because He loves us. So when I ask you, '**How do we know God loves us?**' I want you to say, '**God gave us Jesus!**' Let's try it! **How do we know God loves us?**"

CHILDREN and SGL: "God gave us Jesus!"

SGL: "Perfect! And that is what Christmas is all about. Christmas is celebrating that **God gave us Jesus.**"

"Since gifts are a big deal at Christmas, today we're going to make a list of gifts we want for Christmas. When I say your name, tell me one gift you want for Christmas. This is a great list. Thank you for doing that. Do you know that even though all of these gifts would be super cool to get, Jesus is the most special gift anyone will ever give us? It's true! **God gave us Jesus** to be our friend forever, because God loves us. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**"

SGL: "You got it! So no matter what gifts you get for Christmas, God has already given you the BEST gift. God gave YOU Jesus!"

"Ok, it's time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool stickers today. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Great! *(Ask the children the questions from the "Parent Take Home Cards". You can also make up additional questions from our video lesson. Don't forget to ask them to say their memory verse for another sticker. You can repeat the same questions over and over as repetition is good for preschoolers.)* You are such great listeners!"

"Now I'll pray before it's time to say goodbye until next week."

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