

December Week 1



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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:

Oh What a Special Night

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 ALL AGES

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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 a Christmas box.

What You Do:

- Place the Christmas box in the center of the room.
- Drop the bows in the center of an open area around the box.
- Gather the children around the bows on the floor.
- 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.
- **2/3 Year Olds:** *They may not know their colors yet so just let them pick up any bow.*
- **4/5 Year Olds:** *Have children bring the bows back in different ways: with the bow on their head, while hopping on one foot, while jumping, etc.*
- Put the box of bows away and **Bring it Back to Jesus***

What You Say:

After the Activity: "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 2 ALL AGES

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Parachute – 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:

- 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, “God has given a son to us.” Isaiah 9:6
- Clean up all the bows and **Bring it Back to Jesus***.

What You Say:

After the activity: “WOW! That was so much fun! I love presents with bows, don’t you? (Pause.)

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ACTIVITY 3 ALL AGES

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We Are the World

Big Idea:

Children will play a game of Hot Potato with an inflatable globe.

What You Need: Inflatable world globe, CD player, Christmas CD

What You Do:

- Have the children sit in a circle with you.
- Give one of the children the globe.
- Turn on the Christmas music and ask the kids to pass the globe around the circle.
- Stop the music and whoever is holding the globe should repeat the bottom line, "God gave us Jesus!"
- Repeat as desired and **Bring it Back to Jesus.***

What You Say:

After the Activity: "Great job! (Hold up globe.) This is what our world looks like. God made our world! **Over the next few weeks, we're going to learn about the best gift ever! God told us that He would give the WHOLE WORLD 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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CRAFT

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Memory Verse Craft

What You Need:

"Present" on white cardstock, Verse card, 4 stickers, Magnet

What You Do:

- Place 4 stickers out for each child.
- Give children the "present" to color.
- Give each child a verse card and 4 stickers.
- Help children use the stickers to secure the verse to the present.
- Help children put a magnet on the back.
- ***Bring it Back to Jesus**

What You Could Say:

Before the Activity: "We have a new memory verse this month! It is: "God has given a son to us," Isaiah 9:6. Now let's say it together." (Repeat several times.) Today, we are going to make a special frame displaying our memory verse that you can take home to help you practice saying our memory verse."

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us the God GAVE us His son. 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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STORY/ PRAYER TIME

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What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Storybook, “Christmas Angels”, Playdoh, Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

Read: Have the children sit at the table while you read the book, “Christmas Angels.” The Children can either play with **playdoh** or color the Christmas **coloring sheet** to keep their hands busy while you read.

Review: Ask the kids some questions and give them a sticker when they answer.

- Go from child to child and have them repeat the memory verse for a sticker.
- Ask the children the Bottom Line question for a sticker.
- Using the Parent Take Home card, ask each child individually the questions pertaining to this week’s lesson and give out a sticker.

Pray: Ask the kids to bow their heads and fold their hands while you pray. Here is a sample prayer you can use if you choose:

“Dear God, you gave us the best gift when you gave us Jesus. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent us your son. We love you, Amen.”

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