

December Week 3

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CRAFT WEEK 3

The Angels Filled the Sky

SUPPLIES: Angels page, craft sticks, crayons, tape

SET UP: Pre-fold the pages by folding the 2 outside lines into the middle

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a pre-folded angels page and crayons.**

- *"Friends, I have a craft for us today that helps us remember our true Bible story today. Look at this page. There are shepherds down here, and the angels that told them that Jesus had been born. And look! In the middle there are so many angels in the sky!"*
- *"Use your crayons to color the sky and all the angels."*

⇒ **Give each child 2 craft sticks and tape them to each outside panel.**

- *"We're going to put craft sticks as handles on our craft so we can open and close it to reveal the angels and retell our story."*

⇒ **Use the crafts to retell the story and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Let's use our crafts to retell the story."*
- *"God sent an angel to tell Mary she would have a baby. That baby would be God's Son, Jesus. Mary and Joseph traveled to the town of Bethlehem and when they got there, the only place to stay was a place where animals sleep. Then the most special thing happened—baby Jesus was born!"*
- *"Now hold up your craft. (Pause.) That night, there were shepherds out in the field taking care of their sheep. God sent an angel to tell the shepherds: 'Jesus is born!' The shepherds were afraid, but the angel said, 'Don't be afraid! God's Son, Jesus, has been born. You will find Him in a manger.' Then suddenly, the whole sky filled with angels! Friends, gently pull your craft sticks apart. (Pause.) Look at all the angels! They were all praising God and singing, 'Glory to God in the highest.' The shepherds ran to see baby Jesus, and after they saw Him, then they went to tell everyone about Jesus! God loves us so much God gave us Jesus."*
- ***Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Nativity Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Nativity Play Set

What You DO and SAY:


⇒ **Hide the nativity play set pieces around the room. Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"In our Bible story today, the shepherds hear the great news that Jesus was born and went to find Jesus. I took our nativity set and hid the pieces around the room. Just like the shepherds went looking for Jesus, I want you to go looking for our nativity pieces!"*

⇒ **Have children collect all the pieces.**

- *"Great work, everybody! You found all the pieces of our nativity set. And here's the most special piece, Jesus."*
- ***Why is Jesus Special?***
- ***Jesus is God's Son!"***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**



Please keep the
nativity sets for
the Christmas
Services.

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ACTIVITY #2

Bows Parachute

SUPPLIES: Gift Bows, Parachute (Keep Bows for Christmas Services)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you and stand in a circle in the center of the room.**

- *“Today we learned the answer to a very important question:*
- ***Why is Jesus special?***
- ***Jesus is God’s son”***

⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**

- *“Now, everybody grab a section of the parachute.*
- *I have some bows here. What do we put bows on? That’s right! Presents! Jesus was the best present God ever gave to us! The whole reason we give presents at Christmas is to remember how much God loves us. God gave us Jesus!”*

⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast.**

- *“Let’s shake our arms and pop these bows up into the air! Go!”*

⇒ **When all the bows have popped out of the parachute...**

- *“Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God’s son.”*

⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“That was so much fun!*
- *God gave us the most awesome gift ever - God sent Jesus to us because He loves us.*
- ***How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!***

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READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY December Week 3

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY – Keep all month

- *Christmas in the Manger* by Nola Buck & Felicia Bond

ASK A QUESTION

Why is Jesus special?

Jesus is God's Son!

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.