

December Week 3

3-K

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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 your
nativity set 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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ACTIVITY #3

Best Gift

SUPPLIES: Gift Box/Bag, gift tags

SET UP: As children arrive, write each child's name on a gift tag and put the tags in the gift box/bag.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children and review the memory verse.**

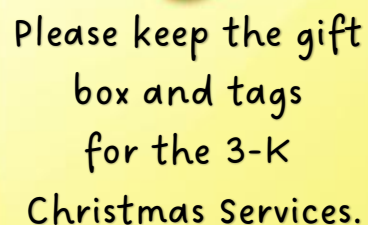
- *"Friends, come sit with me! I have a fun game to play while to practice our memory verse! Before we start, let's all say the verse and do the motions together. 'God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) has given (pretend to give a gift) a son (rock baby) to us,' (point to self twice) Isaiah 9:6. (Open hands like a book.) That was great!"*

⇒ **Show the present and reach inside to grab a tag. Pass the gift to the child whose tag was chosen and have them say the memory verse. Invite that child to draw another tag and repeat until all children have gone.**

- *"I have this gift here to remind us of the most special gift – Jesus! I'm going to reach inside this gift and draw out a tag. My tag says this gift is for [child's name]. [Child's name], I'm going to give this gift to you and you can say our memory verse. (Help the child review the memory verse.) Great job! Now you can reach in and grab a tag to see who gets the gift next! (Repeat until all children have gone.)"*

⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Nice work, my friends! God gave us the most special gift when God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son!"*
- ***Why is Jesus Special?***
- ***Jesus is God's Son!***



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box and tags
for the 3-K
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READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

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PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *A Star for Jesus* by Crystal Bowman

REVIEW (You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Why is Jesus Special?***
 - ***Jesus is God's Son!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"God has given a Son to us." Isaiah 9:6**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "After the shepherds saw baby Jesus, they ran to tell other people that God's Son, Jesus, had been born. Let's make a list of people we can tell: 'Jesus is God's Son.' When I call your name, tell me **one person you can tell: 'Jesus is God's Son.'**
 - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, we know You love us because You gave us Your Son, Jesus. Help us tell (read the list) that Jesus is God's Son. We want everyone to know You love us so much that You gave us Your Son, Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*