

CITY SG – December 6th- 7th, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Gabriel Visits Mary • *Luke 1:5-66*

Today's Bottom Line: God always had a plan to send Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse: *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."* • Luke 2:11 NlrV

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Christmas activity sheets

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid an activity page.
- Discuss what the kids are excited for this Christmas season.

Say, "In our true story from the Bible today, we'll look at one part of the Christmas story, when an angel visited a woman named Mary to share some INCREDIBLE news with her about Jesus. Let's go find out more!"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Angel Ornament

Bible Story Review

What You Need: angel ornament (one per kid), string (one piece per kid), markers, gems

What You Do:

- Say, "In our Bible Story today, we heard about an angel who came to announce God's great rescue plan! First, God sent the angel Gabriel to Zechariah to tell him about baby John, who would prepare the way. Then God sent Gabriel to Mary, a young woman from a small town, with the biggest news of all: She would have a baby, and that baby would be Jesus, God's Son!"
- Give each child an ornament and string.
- Place the markers and decorating supplies out on the table for kids to share
- Encourage the kids to think about the Plan the God always had to send Jesus to rescue us!

2. Verse Postcards

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: "Postcard" Activity Page (one card per kid), Pens, Markers

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:

- Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
- Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
- *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."*
 - Luke 2:11
- Give each kid a postcard from the "Postcard" Activity Page.
- Set out the coloring supplies, the writing materials, and the opened Bible where the kids can refer to it.
- On the front, read the phrase: "God always had a plan to send Jesus!"
- Instruct the kids to decorate the front of their postcard.
- On the back of the postcard, encourage each kid to write out Luke 2:11.
- Invite the kids to think of someone they'd like to give the postcard to and write their name in the blanks.
- Think of someone you can give this to to share the good news with them, like the angel shared with the shepherds. God loves that person so much that Jesus Himself came to pay for sin so that person could choose to be close with God again!

3. Trust Moves

Application Activity

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to spread where they have space to move.
- Explain: "I'm going to say a statement. If you think it's true, show me a *trust move*! That means take one big step forward and then step back to your spot."
- Practice together once with a fun statement like: *"Christmas cookies are so yummy!"*
- Read through statements one by one, giving kids time to respond with their "trust move."
- Mix Christmas fun questions with Bible truth to keep it light and engaging.
- After the final statement,

Trust Move Statements

- Hot chocolate tastes better with marshmallows.
- God sent Gabriel to Mary with good news.
- Decorating a Christmas tree is fun.
- Mary trusted God's plan, even when she didn't understand it all, because she trusted God.
- Singing Christmas songs makes you happy.
- **[Bottom Line] God always had a plan to send Jesus**
- You'd rather get toys than socks for Christmas.
- For years and years, God worked on His good plan of sending Jesus, and God is working on something beautiful in your life too!
- Say, "In our Bible Story, we learned that Mary chose to trust God. She didn't know how everything would work out, and she might have been nervous, but she said yes to God's plan because she trusted God. That's what trust looks like: choosing to follow God because you know He is good even when you don't see the whole picture."

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- “God, thank You that You love us so much that You worked for years and years to send Jesus to rescue us so we could be close friends with You again. Thank You that You always had a plan to send Jesus. Help us to share that good news all throughout this Christmas season and beyond—that You love everyone so much that You sent Jesus. We love You, God! We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show off their angel ornaments. Challenge the kids to recite Luke 2:11 to their grown-ups!