

December Week 1
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CRAFT WEEK 1

Angel Ornament

SUPPLIES: Heart cutout, round clothespins, metallic pipe cleaners, ribbon, Liquid glue, crayons, baby wipes

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a round, wooden clothespin and a metallic pipe cleaner. Demonstrate for them how to wrap the pipe cleaner around the notch and then wrap more of it around your finger to make a halo.**
 - *“Come to the table and let’s create a super special Christmas ornament. We’re going to make an angel ornament to help us remember the special message that God sent to Mary. Wrap the straight end of your pipe cleaner around the notch on your clothespin like this. (Demonstrate.) Adjust the halo over the top of your clothespin.”*
- ⇒ **Once the children have added the halo, give each child a heart cutout with a ribbon already tied to the hole punch. Encourage them to put a line of liquid glue down the center of the heart (or put the glue on for them) and then set the clothespin on the heart.**
 - *“Now run some glue down the middle of the heart and press your angel on top of the glue. We’ll let these dry and you can take them home.”*
- ⇒ **Review the story and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“We used the heart for the angel’s wings because hearts remind us of love. The true story of Christmas begins with God’s love for us. God loves us so much, God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever!*
 - *“God sent an angel to give Mary a special message. Mary was afraid but the angel said, “Do not be afraid Mary. I have good news! God wants you to know that you’re going to have a baby. The baby is God’s Son, and you will call him Jesus.” When God sent the angel to Mary, God showed us how much He loves us all by sending His Son Jesus. And that is what we celebrate at Christmas!*
 - ***How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!”***



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ACTIVITY #1

Angel Message

SUPPLIES: Envelope with images inside

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather the children and hide the envelopes around the room.**
 - *“Hey, friends! Come stand by me. We’re going to play a game!”*
- ⇒ **Encourage children to search for envelopes and as they find them, open the envelopes to see if the message is from the angel.**
 - *“In our Bible Story, God sent an angel to give Mary a special message. The angel told Mary she was going to have baby Jesus! There are lots of messages in envelopes all over the room. When you find a message, we’ll open it together and see if you find the angel’s message! Ready? Let’s go look for the messages! (Pause.)*
 - *“[Child’s name(s)] found a message! Let’s open it and see what’s inside! (Open the envelope and hold up the picture.) What is this? (Pause for responses.) Yes, this is a [picture], but it’s not the angel’s message. Let’s keep looking. (Continue until you find baby Jesus.) We found another message, let’s open it and see what’s inside. (Pause.) Look! It’s baby Jesus! This is the angel’s message! God loved the world so much **God gave us Jesus!** Let’s play again! Close your eyes, and I’ll hide the messages. (Repeat as desired.) That was fun looking for the special message God gave Mary.”*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Friends, God loved the world so much [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!*
 - ***How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Look and Find Bows

SUPPLIES: Gift Bows in box

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"In our Bible story today, we learned about a very special baby who was going to be born! Jesus was the most special present ever because God gave us Jesus!"*
- *Look at all these bows I have! Where do we put bows? Right! On presents! These bows will help us remember that Jesus was the best present ever."*

⇒ **Scatter the bows around the room.**

- *"Let's find the bows and see if we can find them all! Bring them back to me!"*

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

- *"Great work, everybody! You found all the bows.*
- ***How do we know God loves us?***
- ***God gave us Jesus!"***

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"God gave the most special present in His Son Jesus!"*
- ***How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!***



Please keep the
gift box with
bows all
month.

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Award Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *"Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *"First, let's say it once together."*
 - **'God** (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) **loved the world so much** (cross arms over chest) **that he gave his only Son,** (rock arms like a baby) **John 3:16.** (Open hands like a book.)
 - Now let's try it...
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *"Nice work, my friends! God loved us so much that He gave His son!"*
 - ***How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!***

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READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

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PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Christmas Angels* by Crystal Bowman

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***How do we know God loves us?***
 - ***God gave us Jesus!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - ***“God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son.”***
John 3:16

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ “Since the angel told Mary that God gave us Jesus, let’s make a list of people we can tell that God gave us Jesus! When I say your name, tell me **one person you can tell God gave us Jesus.**”
 - *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, Thank You for the true story of Christmas, about how You loved the world so much You gave us Your Son, Jesus. Wow! That’s a lot of love! Please help us tell (read the list the children made) that **God gave us Jesus!** We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*