

Children and family talk for 28th November 2021

Good morning, its lovely to have you with me as we praise God and learn more from the Bible together. This week is the start of Advent and some of you will have received an Advent box from us to do together with your families. Inside there are lots of things to do together as a family, so I thought we'd have a go at one of these each week in the lead up to Christmas.

But let's start by reading from **Luke 1 verses 26 to 38**

During Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you." But Mary was very confused by what the angel said. Mary wondered, "What does this mean?"

³⁰ The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. ³¹ Listen! You will become pregnant. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and people will call him the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of King David, his ancestor. ³³ He will rule over the people of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end."

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I am a virgin!"

³⁵ The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you. The baby will be holy. He will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Now listen! Elizabeth, your relative, is very old. But she is also pregnant with a son. Everyone thought she could not have a baby, but she has been pregnant for six months. ³⁷ God can do everything!"

³⁸ Mary said, "I am the servant girl of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!" Then the angel went away.

and Matthew 1 verses 18-24.

¹⁸ The mother of Jesus Christ was Mary. And this is how the birth of Jesus came about. Mary was engaged to marry Joseph. But before they married, she learned that she was going to have a baby. She was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man. He did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly.

²⁰ While Joseph thought about this, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby in

her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son. You will name the son Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this happened to make clear the full meaning of what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a son, and they will name him Immanuel.” This name means “God is with us.”

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord’s angel had told him to do. Joseph married Mary.

Now let’s sing this traditional and beautiful carol, join in with me if you can; **The angel Gabriel from Heaven came**

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as
flame;
‘All hail’, said he, ‘thou lowly maiden
Mary, most highly favoured lady.’
Gloria!

For known a blessed Mother thou shalt
be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers
foretold;
Most highly favoured lady.’
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her
head,

‘To me be as it pleaseth God’, she said,
‘my soul shall laud and magnify his Holy
name’:
Most highly favoured lady.
Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
An Christian folk throughout the world will
ever say
‘Most highly favoured lady’.
Gloria!

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I’m going to show you how to do the craft activity to make an angel sun catcher.

You will need:

- The angel wing template (See below if you don’t have the advent box)
- PVA glue and a small paintbrush
- Plastic food wrap, or a plastic bag (I am using a plastic bag I have used and washed out)
- Glitter and sequins
- Ribbon or thread
- Scissors.

What to do:

1. Cut out the angel wing template. Get a piece of clear plastic two or three times bigger than the angel wings and lay this on top of the angel wings
2. On the plastic, outline the shape of the angel wings in PVA glue
3. Fill in the shape with PVA glue. On the wings, sprinkle glitter and place sequins on to the layer of glue. Use a different colour glitter on the heart and halo.
4. Allow to dry. Then fold over the plastic to strengthen it.
5. Carefully lift this off the template. Cut around the outline carefully, and create a small hole in the halo so you can thread through the ribbon or thread. Hang it from your window to catch the sun.

Maybe Mary caught her first glimpse of the angel as the light caught on its wings. Angels in the Christmas story are God's messengers. They bring good news to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. Perhaps you could be an angel this week and bring hope and love to someone you know. Maybe you could share some good news with them, or help them out with a problem or task.

As we look forward to Christmas, let's all try to be angels bringing love and hope to others.

Let's talk to God now;

Fantastic God,

We are looking forward to celebrating Jesus' birthday and are excited to count down the days to Christmas. Help us this week to bring your love and hope to others that we know and meet, by helping where we can, and sharing joy and love.

Amen.

Let's finish by saying the grace together:

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if receiving a present)

The Love of God (Cross your hands over your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (hold hands together)

Be with us all, now and for evermore, Amen. (Bring thumbs together).

Angel suncatcher craft, week 1



Below are the links for the activity sheet and a pdf of the roots at home.

[activity-sheet-28-november-2021.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/23235/roots-at-home_116_28th-nov.pdf)

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