

CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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Mary and the Angel

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson.

Vocabulary: (Write the bold words on the board and discuss words with class).

Nazareth- a town in Israel where Jesus spent most of his life (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Galilee- region of ancient Palestine, now part of northern Israel. Galilee is between the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Engage- to be married to

Carpenter- someone who makes things out of wood

Angel- a messenger of God

Plan:

1. Read story: "Mary and the Angel" and ask questions.

1. Who was Mary engaged to be married to? Joseph
2. What did Joseph do for a living? He was a carpenter.
3. Who told Mary that she was going to have a baby and he was going to be the son of God? The angel Gabriel.

2. Introduce craft: Who told Mary that she was going to have a baby and he was going to be the son of God? The angel Gabriel.

Jacob's Ladder- Just make the angel that is in this craft using cupcake liners and construction paper. You can also make the angel into a magnet by putting sticky-backed magnets on the back of the angel. (Crafts from Your Favorite Bible Stories by Kathy Ross, pages 16 & 17).

Or

Christmas Angel- A cute craft of an angel that is made from using the child's handprints. (From The Hands Of A Child by Anthony Flores, page 25).

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Or

Paper Plate Angel-

<http://tac.shopnetmall.com/www.funroom.com/holiday/pprangl.html>

Make this cute angel out of a paper plate and metallic chord.

Or

Angel- <http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/sglass.html>

This project produces decorations that look like stained glass that can be hung on any wall. This project is fairly easy to do for children ages about 7 and older. It involves permanent markers and requires a bit of patience. You could also not use the paper plate and do it on transparencies (for overhead projectors). To make it easier for younger students, just have them color the angel, cut angel out, and glue on a small paper plate and decorate edges of paper plate with glitter. Other neat tips for this project are posted at Kidsdomain.com

3. Introduce game: Mary had some good news to tell. What was her good news?

Mary Tells Her Good News- http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible_themes_-_jesus.html

Scroll down to this activity.

4. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the Mary puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from July 23 - 27).

An Angel Tells Good News (dot to dot)- Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 9.

5. Introduce snack: Who told Mary that she was going to have a baby and he was going to be the son of God? The angel Gabriel.

Almond Angel Cookies- <http://www.pasterywiz.com/dailyrecipes/recipes/358.htm>

Holiday Angel Cookies- <http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/ShowRecipe.aspx?rid=41570>

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