

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: Jesus is God's son.

Bible Story: A message for Mary, a message for Joseph (Big Bible Storybook pg. 120, 123)

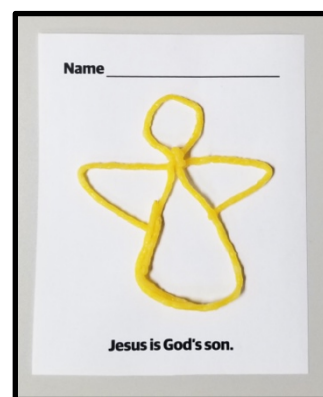
Supplies needed: play dough, cards printout, scissors, marker, angel activity page, crayons, optional – tinsel and white feathers, glue

Music: "It's Christmastime" (Little Praise Party: Happy Day Everyday)

Start: Create an Angel

Supplies: play dough, cards printout (1 card per person), scissors, marker, crayons

- **Prep:** cut out the cards and draw an angel outline.
- Give everyone a card and some play dough. You can color the angel outline, and then use the play dough to try and create a 3D angel, or simply the shape of the angel on your page.
- As you work, explain that an angel brings an exciting message to Mary in today's story from the Bible.



Video: watch this week's video at www.themeetinghouse.com/kidmax

Pray & Discuss:

- What was your favorite part of the video/story?
- Do you remember our Big Idea? **Jesus is God's son!**
- **Pray:** "Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent your son, Jesus, to be with us. Help us to love you and show others how to love you, too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Craft: Angel Coloring Page

Supplies: angel activity page, crayons, optional – tinsel, white feathers, glue

- Give everyone an activity page to color and decorate as they wish. If available, you can use tinsel for hair and white feathers for their wings.
- As you work, review today's stories and emphasize the angel's role as a messenger.
- Emphasize the Big Idea: **Jesus is God's son!**

Additional Activities

Angel Messenger

Supplies: scissors, angel cutouts (enough for each family to find 2-3), marker.

- **Prep:** cut out the angels, and write JESUS on the back of each one. Hide the angels in your group's space.
- Tell each family that they have a job to do: to find 2-3 angels in your space! The best way to look it to use your hands to form binoculars.
- Once family's find their angels, have them bring them back. Ask if they know what's written on the back?
- Remind everyone that in this week's story the angel Gabriel had a message to share: **Jesus is God's son!**

Angel Actions

Supplies: angel actions printout, scissors (if you want to get real fancy, the actions can be on the back of an angel cutout, and put inside a Christmas gift bag).

- **Prep:** cut out the angel actions (and place on the back of angel cutouts if desires), place in a Christmas gift bag or some other container.
- Explain that in this week's story an angel gives Mary a special message about a baby.
- Hold up the gift bag and pull out an action. Read it aloud, and lead everyone to do the action.
- Continue until all actions are done.

Small Group

Supplies: small group activity page (1 per family), markers

- Give each family an activity page and some markers.
- Review what the angel's message was in this week's story. Remind everyone that the angel told Mary and Joseph that they would be the parents of Jesus – God's son!
- Have families write or draw their responses to the following questions on their activity page:
 - If an angel talked to you, how would you feel?
 - What do you think an angel might tell you?
- Once they're done, share with one another what you wrote.