



CHRISTMAS SHAPES | WEEK 1 | DECEMBER 7, 2025

## Preschool Lesson

# The Angel and Mary

**Bible Story:** *The Angel and Mary* • An angel tells Mary about Jesus • *Luke 1:26-33,38*

**Memory Verse:** “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.” John 3:16GNT

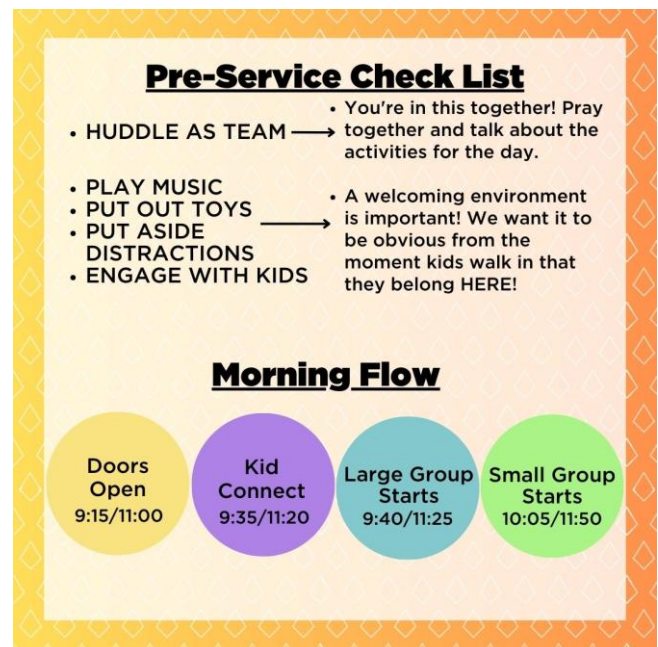
**Key Question:** How do we know God loves us?

**Bottom Line:** God gave us Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God’s family forever.

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*Christmas is such a special time of year. It’s filled with wonder and excitement! There are so many things to see and do at Christmas that it’s easy to miss what Christmas is all about. That’s why we want to use shapes that preschoolers already know to help them remember the most important thing they will ever know: God gave us Jesus. The shapes we’re talking about this month are so much more than just hearts, squares, circles, and stars. They are fun ways to help preschoolers remember the true story of Christmas. Hearts remind us that “God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son” (John 3:16, GNT). Squares look like a gift, and Jesus is absolutely the best gift ever. Circles remind of us fluffy sheep, and God sent angels to announce His great gift to shepherds who were watching their sheep. Then God put a special star in the sky to lead wise men to come worship young Jesus. Join us as we pray that Christmas will become a time when preschoolers and their families remember that God gave us Jesus. We hope they will begin to see reminders everywhere of the true story of Christmas.*



**Story Focus:** God loves us so much that He sends an angel to a young woman named Mary with amazing news. The angel tells her not to be afraid, because she will have a baby—God’s Son—whose name will be Jesus. Mary is surprised but listens, and God’s great gift of love begins with this promise. How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.

## KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

### OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

*Transition to Large Group...*

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

### SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

**LGL:** "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do, let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?"

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

*Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.*

'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.)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: SILENT NIGHT, WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT)**

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Story Box with Beginner's Bible, Stuffed Ollie the Owl, Christmas Gift Bag with Chipboard/Little People Prop for the Current Week (W1 Angel, W2 Baby Jesus, W3 Sheep))**

*LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.*

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

*Pull out the Bible*

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story.

There is something else in our story box today. Let's see what it is!

*Pull out Ollie and the Christmas Gift Bag with Prop for Current Week*

Hello Ollie! Can everyone say, "Hello Ollie!" *(Pause for responses.)* What does Ollie have with him today? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's a PRESENT! Do you know what holiday is coming soon? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, CHRISTMAS! I love Christmas! At Christmastime we receive gifts from family, but the best gift we've EVER received is God's gift of Jesus! I wonder what our story is about today? Do you think this present will give us a clue? *(Pause for responses.)* Let's open it! *(Take out the prop for the current week).* What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's an ANGEL! Do you think there is an angel in our story today? *(Pause for responses.)* Let's get ready to watch and find out!

Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"What a great story! There was an angel in our story today! What did the angel do? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, the angel sent a message to Mary from God. The angel told Mary she was going to have a baby. The baby is God's son. The baby's name is Jesus. That was good news! This month we are learning that God loves us so much he gave us Jesus.

When I ask you, 'How do you know God loves us?' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'God gave us Jesus.' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses.)* 'How do you know God loves us?' *[Bottom Line]* 'God gave us Jesus.' YES! *[Bottom Line]* 'God gave us Jesus.'

## SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God's family forever'. God sent us Jesus so we can be part of his family forever.

## PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them, close them, open them, close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

Dear God, thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus. Help us to celebrate Jesus every day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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### ANGEL ORNAMENT (2’s-5’s)

(4-5-inch Heart cut out, 3-inch angel cut out, “Heart Angel Label” printed on label paper, and 6-inch string- 1 of each per child, glue and crayons)

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Heart Angel Label” on label paper, one label per child. Cut ribbon in 6-inch lengths, one per child. Gather 3-inch angel cut outs and 4-inch heart cut outs, one of each per child.

*During the Activity:* Glue the Angels to the hearts. Then encourage children to color their angel body. Ask children to turn their angel over and place their label on the heart. Create a loop with a piece of ribbon and tape to the back of the heart. Or hole punch the hearts and tie the ribbon on.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Hello friends! Come join me, we are going to create something super special to remember today’s true story from the Bible.”

*During the Activity:* “Today in our Bible Story, we learned that God sent an angel to give Mary a special message. We are going to make a fun Christmas Ornament with these two cutouts (hold up the angel and heart cutouts.) Hearts make us think of love, and we learned that God loves you and God loves me SO much. God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever! Glue your angel cutout to the heart. (Pause.) Great! Now you can color your angels and decorate them however you want! (Pause.) Wow! Super job! Now turn them over and add this label to the heart. (Pause.) Now I’ll tape a loop of ribbon to the back so you can hang your special angels like a Christmas ornament.”

*After the Activity:* “The true story of Christmas begins with God’s love for us. God loved you even before you were born! God loves us SO much; God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever!

“It all started a long time ago when 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 all of us by sending His Son Jesus. And that is what we celebrate at Christmas! [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus.”

### GOD GAVE US JESUS (2’s-5’s)

(No Supplies- kids will use the ornament they made in the previous activity)

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Gather children in your Small Group Area.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to hold up their ornament when they hear you say, “God gave us Jesus”.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.



### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Let's play a game! This is going to be fun, but you have to listen for the special message I say."

*During the Activity:* "I am going to say a lot of words. Some might be silly, and you can laugh, but when I say, "God gave us Jesus," I want you to hold your Angel Ornament above your head. Are you ready? Do you have your listening ears on? Great! Here we go! Sheep, mail, pickles, cupcakes... **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!** (Pause as children hold up their ornaments.) Great job! Ornaments back down in your laps, are you ready to play again? Baby, cheese, cow, diaper ... **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!** (Pause as children hold up their ornaments.) Great job!" [Repeat a few more times as time and interest allow.]

*After the Activity:* "In today's Bible Story, Mary listened when the angel told her she was going to have a baby. Mary was going to have a baby! 'The baby is God's Son, and you will call him Jesus.' God showed us how much He loves us all by sending His Son, Jesus. And that is what we celebrate at Christmas **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus! How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!**"

## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse with motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

'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.*)

## PRAY

"Let's pray together. (*Have kids "put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap."*)

Dear God, you are the best. You love us so much, and you gave us Jesus! Thank you so much, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

## PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – READ THE STORY

(The Beginner's Bible)

### What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (An Angel Visits Mary, page #266) and read it to your small group.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.