

Take-Home Sheet: The Angel Visits Mary

Scripture: Luke 1:26-56

This Week's Key Verse

Luke 1:31 , 'You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus.'

What We Learned

This week's lesson tells the story of how God sent the angel Gabriel to visit young Mary, telling her she would soon become the mother of Jesus. With faith and courage, Mary said "yes" to God's big plan, setting the stage for the birth of Jesus, a gift of love and hope for all families.

Family Activity

Here's a simple, hands-on family activity based on The Angel Visits Mary (Luke 1:26-56), using common household items to engage all ages in a creative, fun way! --- Activity: "Mary's Visitation Craft & Storytime" Objective: Retell the story of the angel's visit to Mary using simple household items, then celebrate Mary's joyful response (Magnificat) with a creative song or dance! # Materials Needed (Gather These!) - Paper plates or large circles of paper (for "sky" or "Mary's face") - Yarn, ribbon, or string (for angel wings or Mary's hair) - Markers, crayons, or colored pencils - Glue sticks or tape - Small toy animals or figurines (e.g., a donkey, goat, or sheep, from the shepherds' group) - A small bell or jingle bell (optional, for "angel's announcement") - Playdough or clay (optional, for "Mary's hands" or the baby's head) - A song lyric sheet (optional: print or write "The Magnificat" verses on paper for kids to recite) (If you're short on materials, use what you have! For example: a sock for an angel's wing, a stuffed animal for Mary, or a spoon for a baby's "mouth" made of clay.) --- Step-by-Step Activity # 1. Storytime (5 min) - Read Luke 1:26, 56 aloud (or have a parent/older child read it). Pause to ask: - "What do you think the angel says to Mary?" - "How does Mary react? How do you think she felt?" - Discuss: "The angel told Mary she would have a baby called Jesus. What do you think that means?" (Let kids share!) # 2. Create the Scene (10 min) For the Angel's Visit: - Make a "sky" (a big paper plate or circle of paper) to hang up the story. - Draw the angel (half-face, like a smiley angel) with wings made of yarn/ribbon. - Place the angel on the "sky" with a message: "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you!" (Use a note or draw it with markers.) For Mary: - Cut out a paper plate or draw a face for Mary. - Decorate her with yarn for hair and a ribbon for her dress. - Glue a small bell or jingle bell near her, "The angel will announce God's news!" For the Baby: - Use playdough or clay to shape a baby's head (or draw it on paper). - Stick it near Mary's side: "She will carry Jesus in her womb!" For the Shepherds: - Place small toy animals around Mary's house. "Shepherds will come to see the baby!" For the Magnificat (Mary's Song): - Write down or draw verses from Luke 1:46, 55 ("My soul magnifies the Lord!"). Have kids act them out: - Jump up and down for "My soul is joyful because the Lord is great!" - Pretend to stretch high for "He is mighty!" - Clap hands for "He has done great things for me!" --- # 3. Celebrate Mary's Joy! (5 min) - Sing a Simple Song: Adapt the Magnificat into a fun chant: "Mary said, 'Yes!' The Lord is great! He will be kind, so full of light! His mercy begins today, He will show us love all day!" (Let kids add their own verses!) - Dance Party: Play upbeat music and have a dance-off! "Dance like the shepherds are running to see the baby!" - Act Out the Angel's Message: - One child is the angel. Give them the bell to ring: "Greetings, Mary! The Lord is with you!" - Mary (another child) bows down and says, "Behold, I am the Lord's servant!" --- # 4. Wrap-Up & Discussion (2 min) - Ask: - "How did Mary feel when the angel visited her?" - "Why do you think she said 'Yes'?" - "What does it mean to trust God like Mary did?" - Share: "This story shows us that God often comes to us in unexpected ways, like an angel, to tell us important news!" --- Why This Works: Engages all ages, kids can draw, act out, and sing! Uses household items, no extra cost. Teaches key themes: - God's surprising love (angel's visit). - Mary's trust ("Yes!"). - The joy of the Magnificat (God's mercy). Creative & interactive, makes the story memorable! --- Tip: If you have a whiteboard or blackboard, write the story's key parts together as a family! Or, record a short video of the kids acting it out for a fun keepsake. Would you

like any adjustments based on what you have at home? Or a simpler/colorful version?

Talk About It

- Here are three thoughtful conversation starter questions inspired by the Luke 1:26, 56 lesson (The Angel Visits Mary), designed to spark meaningful family discussions:
- 1. Faith & Trust
 - "Mary was told by an angel that she would become the mother of Jesus, despite her past and the challenges it posed. How do you think Mary felt when she first heard this? What would you have felt in her situation? How can we trust God's plan, even when it's hard to understand?"
- 2. Courage & Humility
 - "The angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son, and she said, 'May it be with me as you have said.' How did Mary show courage and faith? What's something you've done, or wanted to do, that required bravery or trust in God?"
- 3. Joy in the Unexpected
 - "Mary's song (the Magnificat) celebrates God's kindness and justice. How do you see God's blessings in your life, even when things seem unexpected? What's something you're grateful for that didn't happen the way you planned?"
- Optional Add-On:
 - If the lesson touched on Mary's preparation, you could also ask:
 - "How can we 'practice' receiving God's unexpected gifts, like Mary did, in our own lives?"
 - These questions encourage reflection, gratitude, and discussion about faith, courage, and trust, great for a family that wants to connect over Scripture! Would you like any tailored to a specific age group?

Around the World

Thinking Process: 1. Analyze the Request: Topic: Missions Spotlight for Sunday School. Length: 150-200 words.
Lesson: The Angel Visits Mary (Luke 1:26-56). Theme: God keeps His promises , Jesu

Jesus Loves You

The angel told Mary she would have a baby who would be called the Son of the Most High.