



An Angel Talks to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

WEEK 1

POINT ➡ WE CAN BE GOD'S CHILDREN.

Open your Bible to Luke 1:26-38, and show children the words. SAY: **The Bible is God's special book. It tells us about baby Jesus and his mother, Mary.**

Group children in pairs. SAY: **Before Mary became baby Jesus' mother, an angel came to visit her. The angel, Gabriel, suddenly appeared right in front of Mary. He said, "Greetings!" She was surprised. Show your partner what your face looks like when you're surprised.** Pause.

Gabriel told Mary not to be afraid. Show your partner what it looks like to be afraid. Pause.

Gabriel had an important message from God. He told Mary she was going to have a baby and that she should name the baby Jesus. Mary didn't understand how this could happen. She was confused. Show your partner what it looks like to be confused. Pause.

Gabriel told Mary that God can do anything! He told her that her baby would be God's Son. Mary said, "May everything you have said about me come true."

ASK: **Tell about someone you know who is having a baby.**

God gave Mary a baby. What has God given to you?

SAY: **Jesus was Mary's child, but he was also God's Son. God sent Jesus so that ➡ WE CAN BE GOD'S CHILDREN. When we believe in Jesus, God makes us a part of his family.**





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Lead kids in singing ● "Mary's Boy Child" (track 3) on the [CD](#). Lead kids in the motions below as they sing.

SING:

Long time ago in Bethlehem

(point over your shoulder with your thumb),

So the Holy Bible say *(hold hands like a book),*

Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ *(point up),*

Was born on Christmas Day. *(Pretend to rock a baby.)*

(Chorus)

Hark now, hear the angels sing *(put hand to ear):*

A new King born today *(hold hands like crown on head),*

That folks may live forevermore *(jump)*

Because of Christmas Day. *(Pretend to rock a baby.)*

Now Joseph and his wife, Mary *(hug yourself),*

Went to Bethlehem that night *(walk in place)*

And found no place to lay their head *(shake head)—*

Not a single room was in sight.

(Look around and shrug.)

(Repeat chorus.)

While shepherds watched their

flocks by night *(point to eyes),*

They saw a bright, new, shining star. *(Twinkle fingers.)*

And from the East there came

three men *(hold up three fingers)*

Bearing gifts from afar. *(Hold out hands.)*

(Repeat chorus.)

"Mary's Boy Child" by Jester Hairston.

SAY: **God sent an angel to tell Mary**

that she was going to have a baby.

That baby was Jesus. Just as we

sang, we celebrate his birth on

Christmas Day. But before Jesus

was born, his parents had to get

ready for him.

ASK: **How do most parents get ready for a new baby?**

Show the picture on the back of this card. Have kids identify items parents need in order to prepare for a new baby.

SAY: **Just as parents get things**

ready for their children, God got

ready for us to be his children by

sending Jesus to earth. ➡ WE CAN

BE GOD'S CHILDREN because

Jesus came to earth for us.



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SAY: God had a very special gift to give: Jesus. He chose Mary to be Jesus' mother. Jesus was born so God could call each one of us his children. God loves each of us. The Bible says that God adopted us into his own family through Jesus Christ (adapted from Ephesians 1:5). That's how ➡ **WE CAN BE GOD'S CHILDREN.**

Have kids shape something using the *Buzz Play Foam*. They can make any kind of sculpture. While they work, review the Key Verse, stressing God's love for each child by saying, "God adopted [child's name] into his own family through Jesus Christ."

When kids have finished, **SAY:** God made you just the way you are. You made something special with the play foam, just as God made you special. And God loves you just the way you are. Have kids share about their sculptures with each other.

ASK: What does God do to show his love to us?

How can we show that we also love God?

SAY: Your parents probably do nice things to show that they love you. God shows that he loves you too, because he made you! He loves us all and wants us to be his children by believing in Jesus.



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Form two groups, the Angels and the Marys. SAY: **Let's sing a song about Mary's visit from the angel.**

Help kids join hands in a circle, alternating Angels and Marys. Have kids walk in a circle to the right while singing the following song to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" (not on the CD).

SING:

The angel came to see Mary (*wave arms like wings*),

See Mary, see Mary. (*Point to eyes.*)

The angel came to see Mary (*wave arms like wings*),

To give a special message. (*Point to mouth.*)

When the song ends, have the Angels turn to the Marys on their right and say, "Mary, you're going to have a baby." Have the Marys respond, "That will be great!" Then have everyone shout, "Hooray!"

ASK: **What's a special message you've heard?**

SAY: Now let's practice spreading another special message: ➡ **WE CAN BE GOD'S CHILDREN.** Run around high fiving people and telling them this special message!

ASK: **What makes that message so special?**

Who can you tell that special message to this week?

SAY: **When the angel told Mary the special message that she was going to have a baby, he was bringing a special message to everyone! Because Jesus came to earth, ➡ WE CAN BE GOD'S CHILDREN.**

If time allows, repeat the song, circling to the left and letting the children reverse roles.



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SAY: Let's cheer that ➡ **WE CAN BE GOD'S CHILDREN.** Repeat after me. Lead children in the following army cadence-type cheer, with kids repeating each line after you:

**God is giving; this is true.
He gave Jesus for me and you.
Now we each can be a part
Of this family from God's heart.
God is
Giving!
God is giving...we're his children!**

ASK: **What's good about being in God's family?**

How can we show God we're glad he loves us so much?

SAY: **Being in God's family means we get to have God by our side all the time. And it means someday we'll go to heaven and be with everyone else in God's family. That's why it's so wonderful that ➡ WE CAN BE GOD'S CHILDREN.**