

UNIT 1
SESSION 2
Bonus Teaching
Hour for
3s-Pre-K

ANGELS VISITED MARY AND JOSEPH



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Guide the preschoolers to skip to group time. Remark that today we will learn that God chose Mary and Joseph to be Jesus' family.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

**ANGELS VISITED MARY AND JOSEPH—BASED ON LUKE 1:26-38;
MATTHEW 1:18-24**

- » Ask the children who takes care of them. Challenge them to listen to hear who God chose to take care of Jesus. Open the Bible to Luke 1 as you summarize the Bible story.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » One day a young girl named Mary heard some news. God sent the angel Gabriel to tell her, "Mary, God loves you. You are special."
- » At first Mary was frightened. Then the angel said, "Do not be afraid. God has chosen you to be the mother of a special baby boy who is God's Son. You will name Him Jesus."
- » Mary asked the angel, "How can I have this special baby?"
- » The angel said, "This is part of God's special plan."
- » Mary said, "I will do what God wants me to do."
- » One night when Joseph was sleeping, an angel told him in a dream to marry Mary. She was going to have a special baby. The angel said, "The baby is God's Son. You will name Him Jesus. He will help all people."
- » Joseph did what God told him to do. He married Mary and they waited for the day that Jesus would be born.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » Who told Mary the good news? What would the baby's name be?
- » Did Mary and Joseph do what God wanted them to do?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Say that God planned for Jesus to be part of a family.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Angels told Mary and Joseph that Jesus would be born.

LIFE POINT

God planned for Jesus to be part of a family.

UNIT VERSE

God will send a child to be born. *Isaiah 7:14*

WEEKLY VERSE

You will give birth to a son and name Him Jesus. *Luke 1:31*

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb":

Jesus had a family.

Family, family.

Jesus had a family.

God planned it just that way.

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Guide the girls to say: "You will give birth to a son."
Lead the boys to say: "and name Him Jesus." Direct both groups to say: "Luke 1:31." Repeat several times.

PRAY

Mention that God planned for Jesus to be part of a family. God sent Jesus to earth as a real person. Tell the preschoolers we can thank God for sending Jesus when we talk to Him. Invite a few children to pray. Close in prayer. Thank God for sending Jesus.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: God planned for Jesus to be part of a family.

1. **Build a town.** Remark that Mary and Joseph lived in a town called Nazareth. Encourage the boys and girls to use the blocks to build the town of Nazareth. Suggest some preschoolers build roads. Lead the children to use the people figures to play in their town.
2. **Write names.** Instruct the boys and girls to use the chalk to write their names on the black construction paper. Assist them in writing the name Jesus on their papers. Guide them to use the chalk to draw pictures or write other names on their papers. Explain that their families gave them their names. Remark that the angels told Mary and Joseph that Mary would have a baby. The baby's name would be Jesus. God planned for Jesus to be part of a family.
3. **Make a mural.** Spread a long piece of butcher paper on the floor. Direct the boys and girls to use the crayons or washable markers to draw their families on the paper. Be sensitive to different families. Suggest that some children draw extended family members or guardians. Mention that God gave us families to help take care of us. God planned for Mary to be Jesus' mother. Mary chose to do what God wanted

her to do. God planned for Joseph to be Jesus' father on earth. Joseph did what God told him to do.

4. **Play a game.** Place the following items in a cinch sack: keys, toy pot, pencil, baby blanket, sock, Bible. Invite a preschooler to choose an item from the bag. Guide the children to state which family members might use the item. Acknowledge that several different family members might use the objects. Continue until all the items have been chosen. Comment that family members help take care of us. God planned for Mary to be Jesus' mother and for Joseph to be Jesus' father on earth. Mary and Joseph did what God wanted them to do.

CLEAN UP

Give a few children pairs of tongs. Suggest they use the tongs to pick up items off the floor. Encourage the boys and girls to share the tongs as they clean up the room. Praise the preschoolers for doing a good job.

WHISPER GOOD NEWS

Cut cardboard tubes into 2-inch lengths to make whispering tubes. Distribute a whispering tube to each child. Hold a tube to your mouth and whisper into the ear of the child beside you: "God will send a child to be born." Instruct that child to use his whispering tube to whisper the same thing in the ear of the child sitting next to him. Continue until the phrase has been passed around the circle. State that the angels told Mary and Joseph the good news that Jesus would be born. God planned for Jesus to be part of a family. Encourage the preschoolers to take turns whispering other phrases to the other children.

DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.

