

Skit for Whole Group

Gabriel's Announcements

Checklist

- Christmas lights
- empty glass, labeled “us”
- glass 1/3 full with water, labeled “good works”
- glass 1/3 full with a mixture of half water and half bleach, labeled “Jesus”
- glass 1/3 full of iodine, labeled “sin”
- baby doll
- pillow
- Bible

Story:	Gabriel's Announcements
Focus:	Jesus came into the world to be our Rescuer.
Object:	Christmas Lights
Intro:	Does your family like to drive around and look at the different Christmas lights on people's houses? Do you look at the Christmas lights when it is sunny, or when it is dark? You don't have to wait till nighttime for it to be dark right now. This is the time of year when the sun sets earliest. Which means that there is more darkness than during the rest of the year. So it's perfect that this is when we decorate for Christmas, because all the pretty lights help to light up the dark nights. The Bible calls Jesus the Light of the World. He came to light up our dark nights and shine in our hearts.
Skit (all ages)	
For safety, have one adult handle the glasses of chemicals and then guard them while another adult leads the skit. Keep them a safe distance to make sure children do not get near them or bump and spill them.	
volunteers:	Gabriel, Mary, Joseph
props:	us, good works, Jesus, and sin glasses, baby doll, pillow, Bible
hold up "us" glass	Remember Adam and Eve back in the Garden of Eden? They had been given this perfect world to live in, and they messed it up by sinning.
pour "sin" glass into "us" glass	When sin came into the world, it crept into the hearts of every person on earth.
pour some of "good works" glass into "us" glass	Many people tried to get the sin out by doing good things. But the sin was just as strong.
hold up Bible	God had a plan. It was the plan people talked about and wrote about in the Bible. God's plan was to send His Son to earth, to do what no human could ever do.
baby doll	To be fair, God the Son would live a human life like all of us, to really show us He understands us. He would start as a little baby, and grow up, just like all of you are growing up.
Mary and Joseph	God the Father wanted to choose the best parents for His Son. He found a couple that was engaged and getting ready to get married.
Gabriel taps Mary on shoulder	God sent one of His angels, named Gabriel, to visit Mary. He just appeared in her bedroom one day. She was shocked!
Mary gasps & lifts her hands	Gabriel told Mary she would be the mother of God's Son. Then she was even more shocked. But Mary believed and praised God. She called herself God's servant.
Joseph sleeping, angel taps	Then, Gabriel went to visit her fiance, Joseph, in a dream. He told him to give the baby the name Jesus, because He would save people from their sins.
hold up "good works" and "Jesus" glasses next to each other	On the outside, doing good things and following God can look a lot alike. But they aren't the same thing. Only one has the power to get rid of sin.
pour "Jesus" glass into "sin" glass	Because Jesus is God, sin in the world wouldn't get to Him. He is stronger than sin.
pour "Jesus" glass into "us" glass	When people decide to believe in Jesus, He washes away their sins. He replaces the old sin in their hearts with Himself.
love fruit	God loves all of us so much. That's why He wants to come and live in our hearts. His love is the best Christmas present of all.

Us

Good
Works

JESUS

Sin

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Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw a picture of themselves serving God, with the Holy Spirit guiding them.

Modeling dough:

Encourage children to make something from the story, like Mary, Joseph, or Gabriel.



Game:

Mary said she was God's servant. Serving others is an honor. Help children find ways to serve each other in class (picking up toys, sharing, offering to help someone who is sad). Act them out.

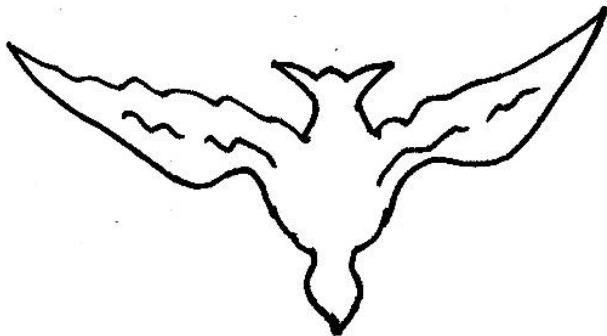
Song:

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Name: _____



I can serve God.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo
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