

MAIN POINT:

Jesus is God's Gift; I Will Trust Him

MEMORY VERSE:

"Glory to God is the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests." Luke 2:14

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

God told Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a son in their old age, and they were to name him John. When Zechariah didn't believe God, he was unable to speak until all that he had been told came true. When the baby was born, everyone thought he would be named after his father. But Zechariah wrote on a tablet that the baby's name was John, and his tongue was immediately loosened so he could speak again. During this same time, an angel came to Elizabeth's cousin Mary and told her that she would give birth to Jesus.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

Search: CSC Children's Ministries on YouTube to find our channel.

DO IT → ANGEL ASCENDING CRAFT

SUPPLIES

- Angel template (1 per child, see last page)
- 1-inch straw piece (2 per child)
- String or yarn (40 inch length per child)
- 2 pony beads
- Small coin or washer
- Pencil crayons, markers, crayons
- Scissors
- Tape

Activity Instructions:

Print out the craft template and colour as desired.

Tape the straw pieces vertically on the back of the angel template, where the wings attach.

Thread the yarn through the straws by going up through one, across the top and back down through the other. When you're finished, both ends of the string should be hanging down at the bottom of the angel.

Tie a pony bead on the end of each piece of yarn.

Tape a penny or washer near the bottom of the angel for weight.

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Hook the loop at the top of the angel over a secure object, like a hook or cupboard handle (preferably above the child's head). Hold the yarn ends in each hand, spread arms to make the angel ascend and bring back together to descend.

The Point

This craft can remind you of the story.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

- 1. When the angel appeared to Zechariah, he didn't believe what the angel said. Have you ever heard news that seemed unbelievable?** (Maybe something that you thought had been cancelled, wasn't, and it was exciting. Or your parents told you that you were going on a fun trip to a place you've always wanted to go. Or maybe someone ended up in the hospital, even though you had just seen them the day before and everything was fine.)
- 2. When God tells us something, He wants us to trust Him. We can see in the Bible that God always keeps His promises, which means He is trustworthy. What sorts of things have you seen, we call them God sightings, that help you remember that you can trust God?** (Sunrises that happen every morning, rainbows that remind us of the flood, answered prayers, miracles etc.)
- 3. Is there anything in your life that you have a hard time trusting God with?** (Allow children to share if they're open to discussing, but don't push. If they share something, assure them that everyone struggles with trust because PEOPLE always let us down. But God will NEVER let us down. We can trust that no matter what happens, He is in control. Ask them if you can pray about their situation and then make sure you pray about it in your prayer time.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, Thank You for showing us that You keep Your promises and that we can always trust You. Thank You for giving us Jesus. In His name we pray, amen.

OFFERING:

Our offering project will go to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to help with shipping costs of the shoeboxes.

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