

Station Three – God’s Message for Mary

Introduction



“God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a young woman called Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her: Good morning! You’re beautiful with God’s beauty, Beautiful inside and out! God be with you. She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, “Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great, be called ‘Son of the Highest’. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. There will be no end, ever, to his kingdom”

Luke 1:26-33

Mary was just an ordinary girl and we think she was quite young when she was visited by the angel. Can you imagine how shocked and frightened she must have been?

But she loved God and chose to take on this huge responsibility, knowing that He would help her through the difficult days ahead

Craft Preparation

Make squares of newspaper about 20cm by 20cm, making sure that the content is appropriate for children to read. Make a sample so that people can see what they are aiming for

- Newspaper squares
- Lengths of string or ribbon

Craft Instructions

The angel came with good news about Jesus for Mary and for the whole world. Follow the instructions below to make a good news angel out of newspaper. What good news do you think Jesus brings now?

Fold the paper backwards and forwards to create a concertina.

Open the paper out and fold in half

Carefully tear along the red line shown above

Open up and re-concertina, pinching it together at the base of the tear

Spread the ‘wings’ either side, and loop the top to create a circle for the head

Tie the ribbon around the base of the tear and use it to hang your angel up

Scene setting

Required

- Introduction sheet
- Craft instructions
- Story – printed/videoed or read in person

Optional

- Earthen pots and a broom to look like the inside of Mary’s house
- A4 picture of Mary kneeling
- Reflection questions

Reflection
questions

- Why do you think we think of angels as white?
- What would be your reaction if an angel turned up at your house?
- What do you think Mary was thinking and feeling after the angel had gone?
- What do the words of Mary's song/prayer from Luke 1:46-55 tell us about her thoughts and feelings after she had had some time to process things?

Soundtrack

The Magnificat

Story

Extra ideas

Provide angel wing templates and feathers for the children to make a simple tree decoration to decorate a tree at this station, and/or take home. The simplest way to make it Covid secure is to stick strips of double-sided sticky tape on to the cardboard before hand. When they are to be used, the top of the strips can be peeled off and the feathers stuck to them

- [Angel Crafts from Baker Ross](#)
- [Feathers from Baker Ross](#)
- [Angel wing designs from Esty](#)
- [Small wooden angel wings from Etsy](#)