ANGEL VISITS MARY

Bible Reference: Luke 1:26-38

Date:

1st Service

Age: 2's/3's + 3's/4's

Memory Verse:

"God loved us and sent His Son." 1 John 4:10

Theme:

God Sent Jesus to Earth

Schedule

- Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10
- Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15
- Bible Story.....9:15-9:30
- Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:40
- Friends from Afar.....9:40-9:50
- Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:50-10:05
- Snack Time at Tables.....10:05-10:15
- Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:40

Notes and Reminders

We are so excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus! We will be looking at different parts of the Christmas story over the next few weeks as we lead up to December 25th! Help the children to understand that Christmas is about more than just presents- its about Jesus coming to save us!

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Has God ever called you to do something for which you felt utterly unprepared? That is what happened to Mary when she was visited by the angel Gabriel. Mary was young, and Nazareth was an obscure village (population 400). Her knowledge of life beyond her town was limited, yet she had developed a noble character and a remarkable faith.

Luke introduced her, saying only "a virgin pledged to be married" (v. 27). Later, he repeated the fact of her virginity and added her name, Mary ("excellence"). Luke's word for "virgin" is unmistakable in its importance. Mary had never had sexual relations with a man, though she was betrothed to Joseph, descendant of David. The significant subtext was that the birth announced by Gabriel could only be orchestrated by God.

Mary was alone when Gabriel greeted her, saying literally, "Grace to you, graced one." Then he assured her of the Lord's presence with her personally. Mary initially felt confused ("greatly troubled") by this greeting, but she mulled over the words, trying to understand (v. 29). Gabriel explained that she had "found favor with God" (v. 30), and He will use her in an unprecedented way- to carry and raise the Son of God and eternal King of kings.

Mary missed some of the significance of this pronouncement since she focused on the process. "How will this be," she asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" (v. 34). Gabriel answered with a shockingly simple explanation of Holy Spirit conception and a concrete confirmation of another baby, this one born into barrenness. "No word from God will ever fail" (v. 37).

The encounter ended with Mary's humble vow of obedience. We don't know everything she felt. But before the angel left, she declared, "May your word to me be fulfilled" (v. 38).

God still uses the humble and seemingly unremarkable to do His work. Perhaps He is asking something of you today? Ask God for the wisdom and courage to obey.

Pray with Us

The things You lead us to do sometimes don't make sense, God. Give us faith like Mary's- not only to discern Your calling on our lives but also to accept and obey Your will.

Devo from: Kelli Worrall

https://www.todayintheword.org/daily-devotional/seen-and-loved/mary--humble-obedience/

OUTLINE

Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play 8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

Make a Mural

- Over the next several weeks, the children will decorate several posters to create a mural for their room. as children are interested, allow them to decorate/ color a poster and hang it on a wall, with space for the other pictures to be added. This week, the children will decorate an angel during first service and Mary during second service.
- SAY Today we are going to learn about how Mary found out that she would be Jesus' mom. We decorated a poster of the angel who tells Mary this good news! Let's hang it on our wall so that by Christmas we will have a big picture of the Christmas story!

Mary Says Yes!

- Instruct the children to complete motions when you say specific words. When you say 'Mary' the children should put their hands on their heart and when you say 'Angel' they should flap their arms like wings.
- SAY In our story today, Mary hears good news! An angel tells her that she will be the mother of Jesus! As we listen to the story, think about the motions we just did when I say 'Mary' or 'Angel.'

Clean Up and Gather for Story 9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story 9:15-9:30

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
    - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 266-270 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/ 2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

An Angel Visits Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

- God sent the angel Gabriel to visit a young woman. Her name was Mary. She was scared. She had never seen an angel before.
- Gabriel said, "Don't be afraid. You are very special to God You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. you must name him Jesus. He will be called the Son of the Most High God."
- Mary asked, "How can it be so? I am not married."
- Gabriel answered, "with God, all things are possible."
- Mary said, "I love God. I will do what he has chosen me to do."

Craft/Coloring Page 9:30-9:40

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our BIG IDEA of the week is: God Sent us Jesus!

Pass out the picture for the children to color. Help them glue on the wings to the angel.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to complete. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



Friends from Afar 9:40-9:50

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.

Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer 9:50-10:05

Use the music sheet in your bin to teach the children some well known Christmas tunes. There is also a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, thank you for helping Mary to trust you. Help us to trust you like Mary did and listen to what you say. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Memory Verse

- "God loved us and sent His Son." 1 John 4:10
- Teach the children the motions for this verse
  - God- Point up
  - loved us- lay your hands over your heart
  - and sent us- point forward
  - His Son- make a motion like you are rocking a baby
  - 1 John 4- hold up 4 fingers
  - 10- hold up all 10 fingers
- Have the children join you in saying the verse and doing the motions several times to practice. Ask the children if anyone would like to do the verse on their own. If someone needs help, have them pick a friend or do it with them. If no one volunteers, repeat as a class twice more.

Snack Time at Tables 10:05-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. NOTE: some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.

Free Choice Play 10:15-10:40

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!



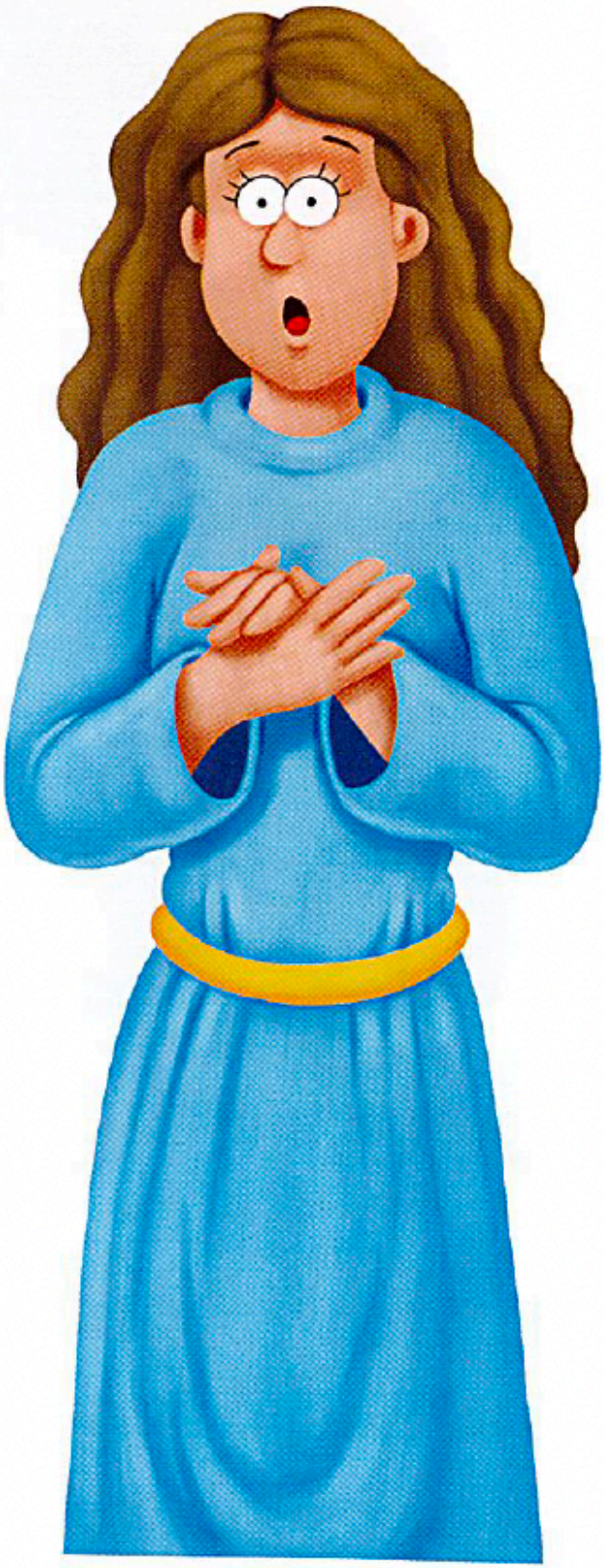
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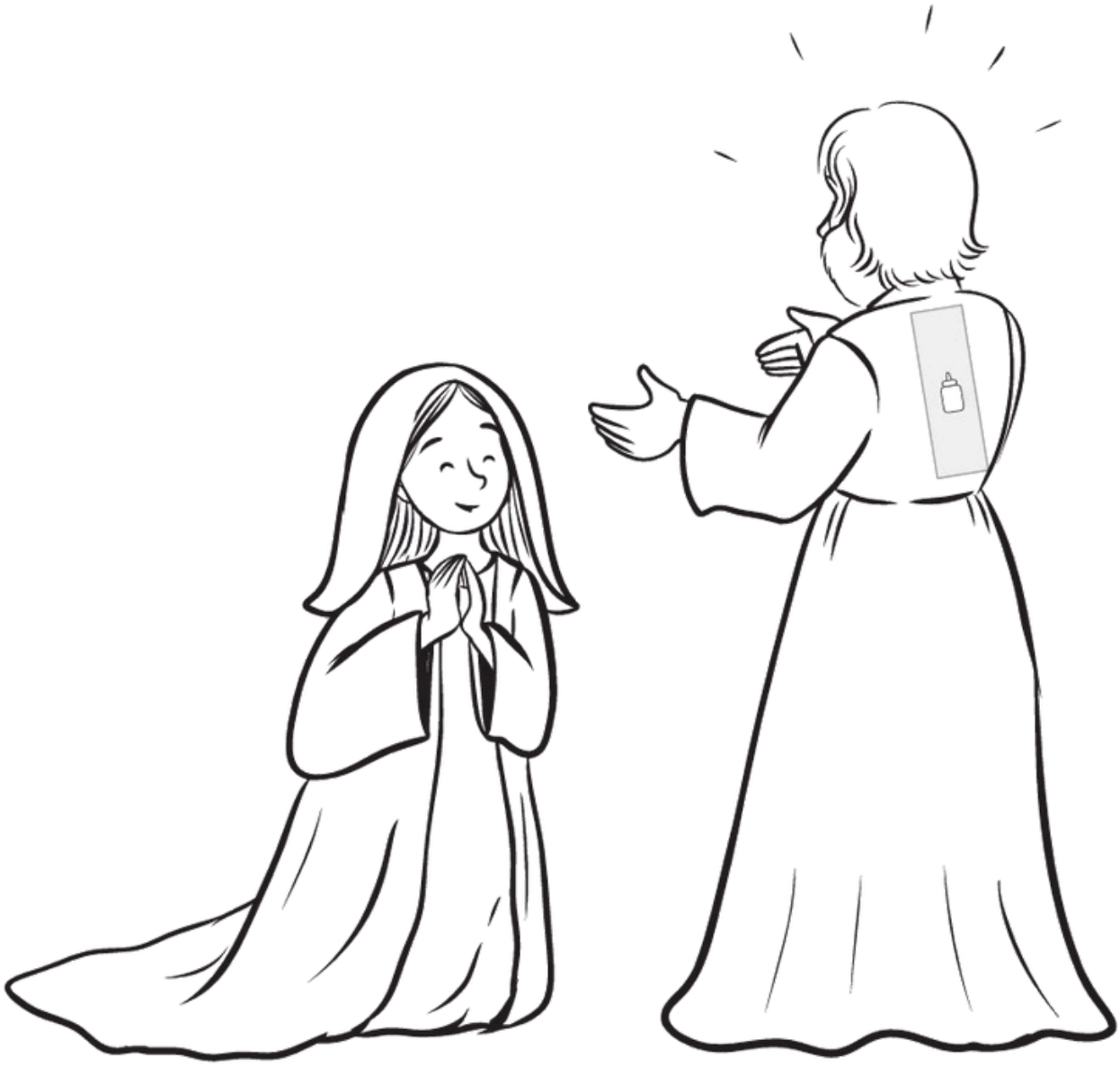


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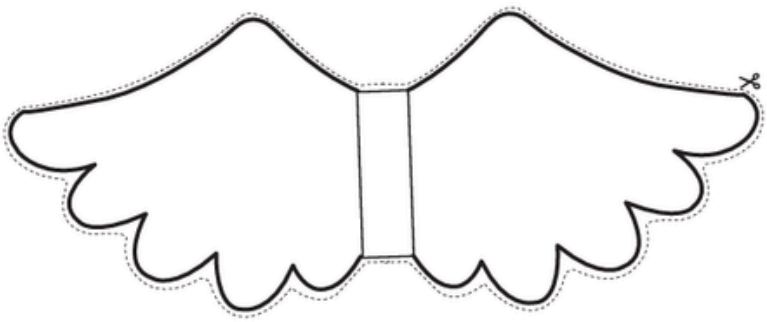
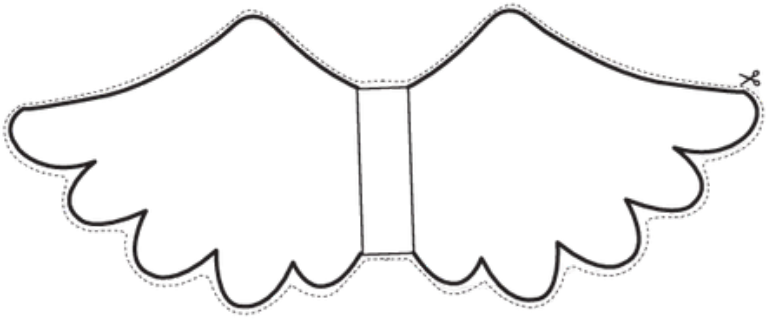
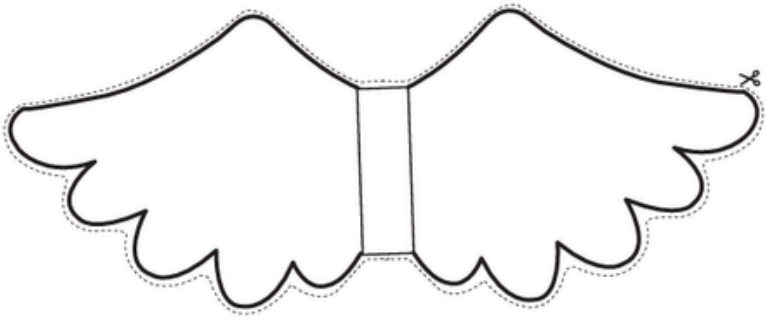
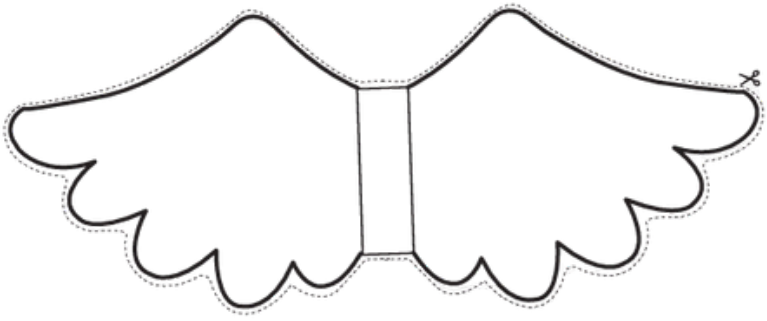
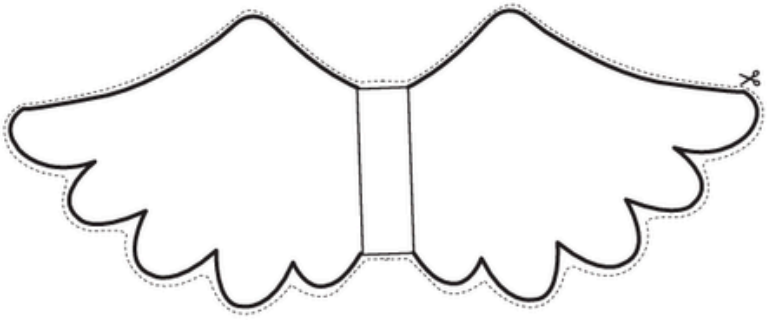
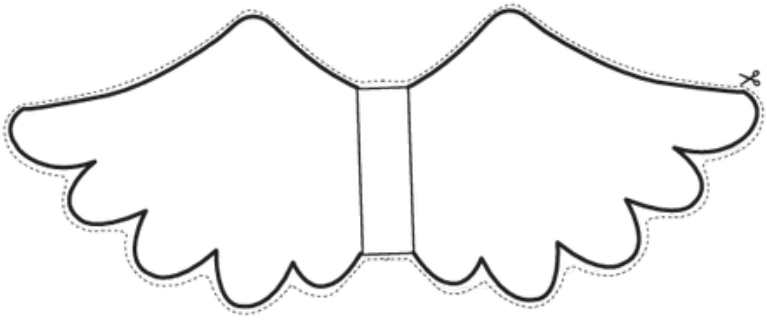
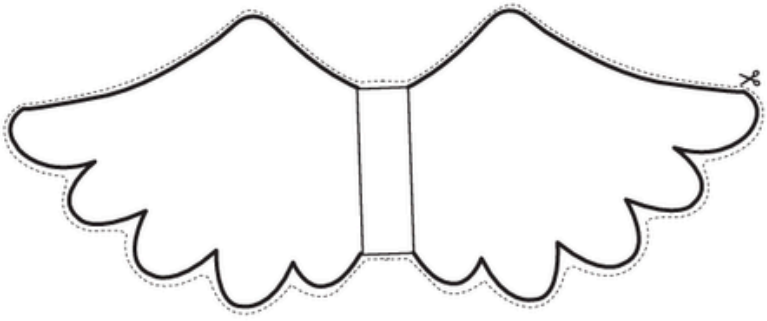
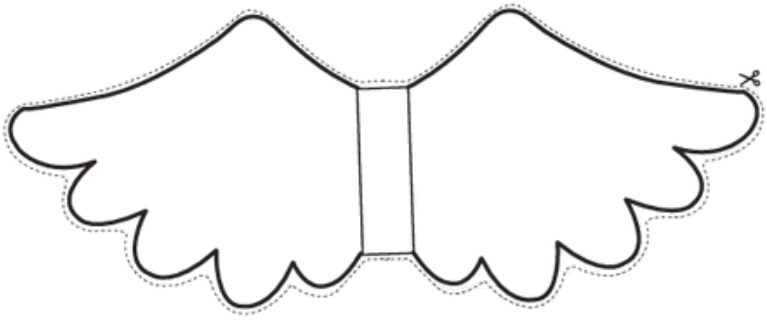
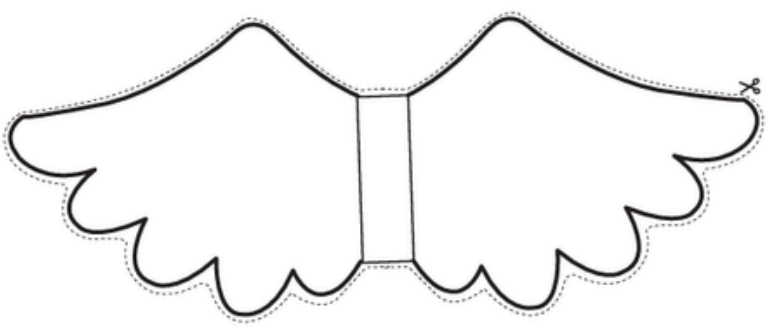
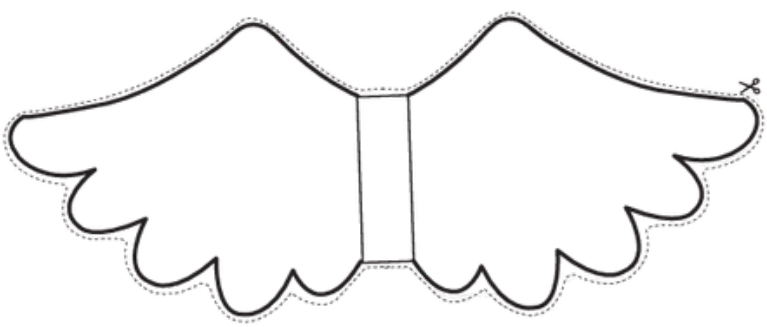


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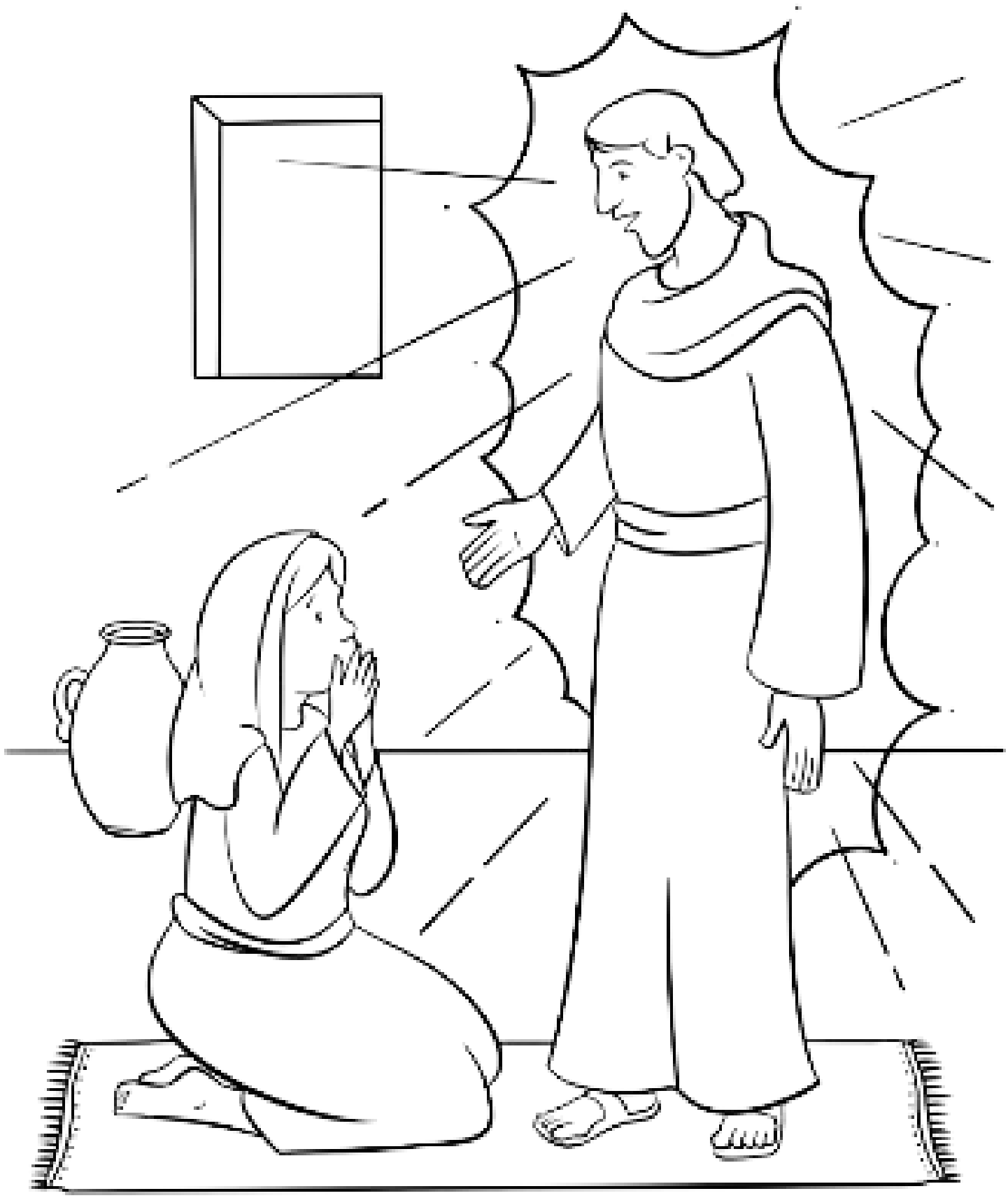
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God wanted to tell a girl named Mary some good news. When you tell someone good news, you might call on the telephone or write a letter. But God sent an angel to talk to Mary!

One day Mary was alone. She looked up. Standing right there beside her was an angel! Mary had never seen a real angel before. Mary was surprised to see the angel. She was afraid.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God loves you. He has chosen you to be the mother of a very special baby. You will name the baby Jesus. This special baby will be God's own Son!"

Mary was glad to hear this promise. She praised God.

Preschool Christmas Songs

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

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Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with You there.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest![Refrain]

