

## WEEK 3

### LESSON GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

Jesus makes  
everything new.

### BIBLE

**An Angel Appears to Joseph in a Dream:**  
Matthew 1:18-25

## WELCOME TIME

### MUSIC | Songs of the City

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead kids in worship with any songs of your choice, but here are some suggestions that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
  - "Christmas is Jesus" (Go Kids Music)
  - "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Love to Sing)
  - "Jesus, Savior of the World" (KidSpring Children's Ministry)
  - "Joy to the World" (Love to Sing)

### ACTIVITY | Angels We Have Hidden on High

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Hide an angel figurine somewhere in the room. Let the kids know the only way to invite our angel friend to our group is to complete this morning's movements! Once complete, give kids hints in case they're not able to spot the angel on their own.
- Sometimes, we have friends who are shy. The best way to make them comfortable is to wiggle around and give them a big invitation!
- We have an angel friend somewhere in the room. Let's see if we can get them to come out of hiding!
  - **Can you crouch down really low?**
  - **Can you jump up really high?**
  - **Can you touch your toes?**
  - **Let's repeat our motions!**
- Okay, I think they're ready! Let's hunt for our angel friend!

### ACTIVITY | New and Improved!

- **Raise your hand if you've ever been to a big city — one with tall buildings and lots of people.**
- Well, one thing big cities usually have is lots of art, too!
- Today, we're going to take ordinary bags of mismatched colors and make something brand new out of them.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For each kid, fill a Ziploc bag with primary color paints, making sure the colors don't mix. Next, seal the bag with duct tape and tape the bag to a table. Give kids the opportunity to use their fingers to make fun images out of the paint.

## STORY TIME

### SCRIPTURE | Matthew 1:18–25 (An Angel Appears to Joseph in a Dream)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set up your neighborhood scene like last week. Invite two volunteers to stand up at the front as Joseph and an angel (dressed as a mail carrier) carrying an envelope as you tell the story. Joseph can be “sleeping” on a makeshift cot. Select one or more of the illustrations for this week to use as a visual aid, if you'd like (located in the Teaching Videos folder inside your preschool content).
- Sometimes, we make plans and those plans become something totally different or new. Like maybe you were going to go to the park, but it rained so you stayed home and played with puzzles instead.
- **Raise your hand if you've ever had a plan change.**
- Joseph thought he had to cancel his plans, too. He was supposed to be married to Mary but when he found out she was going to have a baby, he wasn't sure it would be the best idea anymore.
- Here's Joseph now! But shh, he's sleeping. While Joseph was sleeping, an angel came to deliver a message to him. (*Angel holds up an envelope with Joseph's name on it*).
  - **Angel:** Hey Joseph!
  - **Joseph:** [*Sleep talking with eyes closed.*] Hey angel buddy. What's up?
  - **Angel:** Look I know you've been worried about whether or not you should be married to Mary.
  - **Joseph:** [*Eyes still closed in a sleepy voice.*] Married to Mary. Yeah.
  - **Angel:** You don't have to be afraid to take that step, Joseph. The baby that Mary is carrying in her belly? That baby is from God! His name will be Jesus and he's going to save everyone one day.
  - **Joseph:** [*Wakes up.*] Wait, what? That's awesome! Hey Mary! You won't believe this dream I had!
- So when Joseph woke up, his plans were made new. Joseph stayed by Mary's side, and when she gave birth to the baby, Joseph named the baby, Jesus, just like the angel said. And Jesus would change everything!

### BIG IDEA | Jesus makes everything new.

- Every big city has lots of cars, and when we want to get somewhere, sometimes we honk our horns. Let's get in our cars and honk for the Big Idea!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask kids to pile into cardboard “cars,” and give each of the kids a horn. Have them all honk as the Big Idea sign is being brought to the front. Countdown from five and turn the sign around to reveal this week's Big Idea. You can also use a traffic light animation (like [this](#)) before projecting the Big Idea image onto a screen.
- Today, we talked about how sometimes, our plans change. But our plans are made new when we trust Jesus!
- Our Big Idea is . . . **Jesus makes everything new!**

### VIDEO | City of Angels, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).

### ACTIVITY | A New Picture

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the coloring page on poster-sized paper. Then, cut the page into as many pieces as there are kids and give each kid a small piece. Have kids quickly color their piece however they'd like. Then, work with kids to place the pieces in the right place (on the floor or wall).

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Give each toddler a puzzle piece to color. Once colored, piece the picture together for them to see the full picture. Or you can use an image already colored in and cut it up into four to six pieces for them to put together with you.

- Sometimes, we can't see how God is going to make everything work out, especially if it feels like things are broken apart. If we're patient, we can see **Jesus makes everything new!**

## PRAYER

- Okay, everyone! Let's pray about what we talked about today. Repeat after me:
  - Dear God,
  - When things don't make sense,
  - Help me remember . . .
  - That **Jesus makes everything new.**
  - Amen.

## SHARING TIME

### SNACK | A New Recipe

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Lay out a veggie/fruit platter for kids to choose from, lining them up to collect their favorite munchies buffet style! Students can choose from stickers to decorate their gift boxes.
- On the table, these look like ordinary veggies. But we can make them new by putting them in our gift boxes and trying a new combo!
- What's one way we can notice **Jesus makes everything new** this week?

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass around the angel figurine from the Angels We Have Hidden on High activity while kids take turns answering questions.
- Let's practice taking turns as we think about today's story! When you are passed the angel, it's your turn to answer a question. When you're done, choose a friend to pass the angel to.
- **Who was visited by an angel?**
- **What was the message the angel passed on to Joseph?**
- **When we're afraid, what can we remember?**

### ACTIVITY | New-Old Angel Craft

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a paper cup and have them decorate it using crayons or washable tempera paint. Have them draw a face or print photos of each kid beforehand and cut them out. Place two [heart-shaped doilies](#) (or hearts cut out of construction paper) tip-to-tip to create wings. Turn the cup upside down and attach the wings to the back of the cup, and the angel face to the front. The finished product should look a little [like this](#).
- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Have the angel fully constructed beforehand then give toddlers stickers to place around the paper cup.
- **Jesus makes everything new.** Even before Jesus was born, Joseph knew that everything was going to be okay because Jesus, God's Son, was coming to Earth.
- Let's make something new out of this plain old cup to help us remember that anything can be made new by Jesus!

### MEMORY VERSE | Luke 2:10 (NIV)

- **"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people'."**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this week, read the whole memory verse to the kids, then practice memorizing it all together. Apply these hand motions as kids repeat after you:*
  - **But the angel said to them** (hands cupped around mouth)
  - **Do not be afraid** (wave pointer finger)
  - **I bring you good news** (palms facing up, outstretched, in front of chest)
  - **that will cause great joy** (spin once)
  - **for all the people** (point to everyone in the room)

## PLAY TIME

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*

### ACTIVITY | Fix-It City

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Using giant building blocks and construction toys, encourage kids to build skyscrapers, cars, or any other item they might find in the city!*

### ACTIVITY | City Mapping

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print this week's tangram pieces printable and help kids cut and arrange the pieces into the shape of a different angel (a diagram of how this is supposed to look is included with the printable.). Have kids glue the pieces onto 11x17-inch paper. Once they're done, have the kids design a dream city scene behind their angels filled with flying cars, unicorn street patrol, milkshake lakes, and whatever else they'd like to add.*