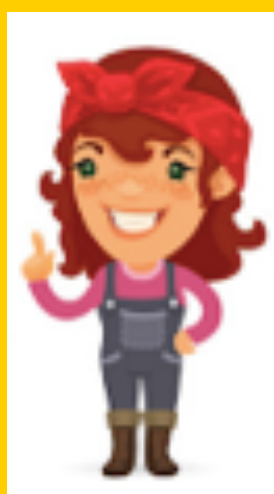




STORY TIME

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



DIRECTIONS

Choose one activity out of each section on the next page. When you complete your chosen activity in a section, place a sticker on your sticker chart.

Having fun and don't want to stop? Do more than one activity in your favorite section(s)!



REFLECTION SECTION

Questions for Grown-Ups

1. The first thing that the angel says to Mary is that she is highly favored. She is troubled by this. How do you react when people say good things about you? What types of things do people compliment you on or thank you for? Could those be a clue to God's calling for your life?
2. Mary is headed into a time of great disruption, so the angel says "do not be afraid." We're all in a time of great disruption. Where are you hearing messages of "do not be afraid?" Who needs to hear that from you?
3. When God asks you to do big things, how might you step into it despite your fear?

Questions for Young Disciples

Did you know that you are favored by God? Actually you are even more than favored; you are beloved and made in God's image. Wow. That's a lot to take in. How do you know that this is true? How does God show his favor for you through other people? The angel Gabriel also says to Mary "do not be afraid" because God wants us to trust in God and know that God is always with us. Sometimes it's hard to not be afraid especially if what you are going through is new or scary. How can you put your trust in God? Who can help you?

Questions for Younger Disciples

God sent the angel Gabriel to ask Mary to do a big job! When have you been asked to do something big? What kind of big things have you been asked to do? Maybe you have to go to school by yourself or learn how to care for a pet. Often we find things scary just because we haven't tried to do them before. We can put our trust in God and know that God is with us.



IMAGINATION STATION

Option One:

Complete today's Angels Craft.

Option Two:

Color the Angels Coloring Page.

Option Three:

Take digital photos of something that calms your fear and reminds you that God is present. Save them to an album on your phone or create a Pinterest board.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Option One:

Take a quiet walk and think about times you were afraid and how you got the strength to move forward.

Option Two:

Continue your digital photo hunt to find signs of God's comfort and presence.

Activity for Families:

Act out the Bible Story with the people in your own backyard.



MISSION MOMENT

Option One:

Think of someone who you admire. Write them a text, email or letter and let them know what gifts you see in them.

Option Two:

Consider what organizations or churches have been helpful while you shelter in place. Make a donation to help them continue to serve others.

Activity for Families:

Sometimes it is easier to tell another person what they are good at than it is to recognize it in ourselves. Take turns telling each other what they are good at!

You're done! Be sure to head inside and celebrate your progress on your Sticker Chart, and then let us know what you discovered in the Facebook group!

VBS FOR BACK YARDS Week One: Angels

No popsicle sticks required.



Soda Can Angels

You need:

- Empty Soda Cans
- Paint
- Sharpie Marker
- Glue
- Printouts of Sheet Music, attached below
- Scissors
- Printer
- **Wings:** Cupcake liners, small paper plates
- **Halo:** Pipe cleaners, wire
- **Hair:** Fake hair, Spanish Moss

Step One: Remove the pull-tab from the empty soda can. Paint the outside of the can a color of your choice. Repeat layers of this color until the original can design is covered. Paint the top of the can skin colored. Wait for that to dry, and draw two eyes above the “mouth” and lips around the “mouth” if you so choose. The hole edges can be a bit sharp, so use extra caution!

Step Two: Carefully and slowly bend your soda can so that it faces forward but doesn’t tip over. Practice on some plain empty cans before bending your painted ones.

Step Three: Decorate the can with any other paint, markers, ribbons, etc. you would like.

Step Four: Attach sheet music from printable below with glue, so it looks like your angel is holding the music.

Step Five: If using a cupcake liner, completely flatten two liners and then fold in half to create two wings. If using a paper plate, cut the plate in half (or to appropriate wing size proportionate to soda can body) to create wings. Attach to the can with glue.

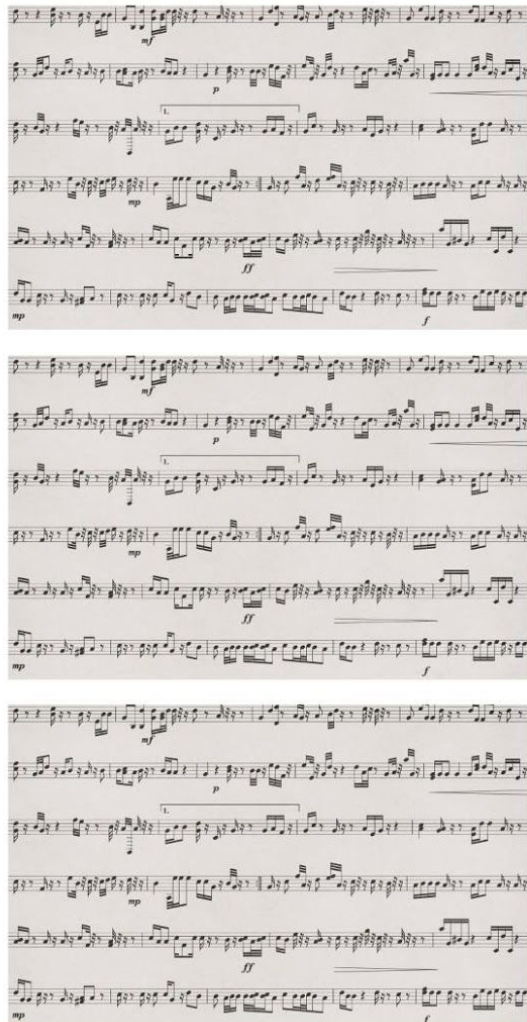
Step Six: Create a circle with a line going downwards out of wire or pipe cleaners to create the halo. Attach to the back of the can with glue. Attach Spanish moss or fake hair to the top of the head if you would like your angel to have hair.



Retro Soda Can Angel Carolers

Print the sheet music and cut it out. Fold in half and glue directly onto to your angel as shown in the post photos.

The song quote can be used in a variety of ways, if desired.



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