

MATTHEW 1, LUKE 1 - ANGELS SPOKE TO MARY AND JOSEPH

KIDS' LIFEGROUP GUIDE

WEEK: 12/8/19 - 12/15/19

OVERVIEW:

- **Part 1:** Catch Up On Life (15 Minutes)
- **Part 2:** Kidtown Lesson Review (15 Minutes)
- **Part 3:** Reflection (15 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3a: Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3b: Snack (5 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3c: Sing (5 Minutes)
- **Part 4:** Prayer Time! (20 Minutes)

PART 1: CATCH UP ON LIFE (15 minutes)

Setting: Sit in a circle with kids and adults interspersed! Adults sitting amongst the kids helps everyone engage and pay attention. Parents - you are always responsible for your kids, but you're also looking to engage with other kids in your group.

- *Leader Note: If your group eats dinner with your kids, this is the best part of the guide to do together while you eat. Add 15 minutes for everyone to get their plates and start eating. Then shift into intentional conversation as the kids are starting to finish their food.*

Vision: God calls the church -- and our LifeGroup -- to be family! Because of this, we want our kids to know our adults and our adults to know our kids. The best way to get to know each other is to ask each other questions and tell each other about our lives.

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, you can ask kids if they remember why we ask each other questions. Help them to remember that God's making us family, so we want to get to know each other.*

Questions:

- 1.) What was your high and low from the week?
- 2.) **Kids Pick!** Let each kid ask the adults in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Kids to ask Adults if they're having a hard time thinking of any.
- 3.) **Adults Pick!** Have each adult ask the kids in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Adults to ask Kids if they're having a hard time thinking of any.

PART 2: KIDTOWN LESSON REVIEW (15 minutes)

Vision: God uses the Bible to show Himself to us. He also uses it to help us love Him and others better. We don't only want to learn *about* the Bible; we're also called to apply it to our lives -- to change the way we think (Head), what we love and value (Heart) and what we do (Hands).

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, ask kids if they remember why we study the Bible.*

Lesson: Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph

Bible Passages: Matthew 1, Luke 1

REVIEW:

- 1.) **Kids what do you remember from the story you learned about on Sunday?** (Pause and let them think of what they can remember.)
- 2.) **Can anyone remember the main characters?**
 - God/Jesus! (*Leader Note: Almost always a right answer. Helps reinforce that the entire Bible is about God and points forward to Jesus*)
 - The Angels (Gabriel and one other)
 - Mary
 - Joseph
- 3.) **Ok, does anyone remember any of the story points?**

Story Point #1: God sent angels to speak to Mary and Joseph.
Story Point #2: Mary and Joseph were afraid and confused at first, but ultimately obeyed and trusted God.
- 4.) **Awesome! And can anyone remember how this story connected to Jesus?**

Christ Connection: Like God sent the angels to speak to Mary and Joseph about Jesus, God sent Jesus to tell us about God!

Transition: That was awesome! Ya'll did a great job remembering. Ok let's watch the video and see if we remember anything we forgot or notice anything new this time.

WATCH THE VIDEO STORY:

Click [here](#) to watch the Gospel Project Video Story.

TALK THROUGH THE STORY POINTS:

Leader Note: If your kids are younger, it helps to give them journals. For each question, have them write their answers first and then go around the circle and share.

Leader Note: Say each story point and have the kids repeat it.

Story Point #1: God sent angels to speak to Mary and Joseph.

- Question: What did the angel tell Mary?
- Question: What did the angel tell Joseph?

PART 2: KIDTOWN LESSON REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Story Point #2: Mary and Joseph were afraid and confused at first, but ultimately trusted and obeyed God.

- Question: What do you think you would do if an angel appeared to you?!
- Question: What are you afraid of or confused by? (Adults answer first, then kids!)
- Bible: Turn to Luke 1:46-55 and read Mary's song out loud from the International Children's Bible.
- Question: Why do you think Mary said some of the things that she did in her song?

REVIEW THE CHRIST CONNECTION AND APPLY IT:

Christ Connection: Like God sent the angels to speak to Mary and Joseph about Jesus, God sent Jesus to tell us about God!

- Question: What did the angels say about Jesus? (He will be great, the Son of God, a king, the great-great-great-great grandson of King David. That His Kingdom would never end. He would save the people from their sins. His name would be Immanuel which means, "God is with us.")
- Question: What does Jesus tell us (and show us) about God? (Everything!)
- Teach: The Bible says that Jesus is exactly like God, and in fact, that He is God! In Jesus we see God's kindness, humility, power, grace, and every other aspect of who God is. God wants us to know Him, so He sent Jesus to show Him and lead us to Him.

Main Application(s): Because God sent us Jesus, we can have hope even when we are afraid and confused.

- Adults first then kids - Again, what are you afraid of or confused by? How does Jesus give you hope in the midst of that?
- Adults first then kids - What can you do to grow in hoping in Jesus?

PART 3: REFLECTION (10 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child or tell them to get their journals. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- What is one thing I need to do in light of this story? (Help the kids think of ways they can grow, how they might pray for help or practical steps of repentance they can take.)

After the kids have had time to write down their reflection questions, go around the circle and share one at a time (kids and adults).

OPTIONAL - PART 3a: LESSON ACTIVITY (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Draw Family Pictures

Set out paper and encourage preschoolers to draw a picture of their families. Ask kids about their family members as they work.

SAY • God chose you to be part of your family. Did you know that Jesus had a family? In today's Bible story, we will hear how God chose a family for Jesus. Jesus is God's Son, and God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother and Joseph to be Jesus' earthly father.

OPTION 2: Who would you choose?

Invite kids to answer the following questions. Discuss why each kid chose the person she chose.

- If you were the captain of the football team, who would you choose to be your quarterback?
- If you were the president, who would you choose to be your vice president?
- If you were going to an amusement park, who would you choose to go with you?
- If you could go skydiving with anyone, who would you choose to jump with you?

SAY • Those were some great reasons to choose each person. There's a lot to consider when picking a person to do a job. Today we will learn that God chose Mary and Joseph to be Jesus' earthly parents.

OPTION 3: Deliver the message

Invite kids to sit in a circle with you. Whisper in the ear of the kid at your right a special message, such as the story point or big picture question and answer. He will whisper in the ear of the kid next to him, who will whisper in the ear of the next kid. Continue around the circle until the message reaches the last kid, who will stand up and say the message aloud.

SAY • Each one of you got to deliver a message to your friends. Does that remind you of anyone from our story? Just like you delivered my message, the angel delivered God's message to Mary and Joseph. And do you remember that message? God chose Mary and Joseph to be the earthly parents of Jesus

OPTIONAL - PART 3b: SNACK (5 minutes)

If your group doesn't eat dinner together, now is a great time to stop for a snack break before spending time praying together and talking about living on mission. For Kidtown we keep snacks simple with Goldfish for most kids and Gummy snacks in case a kid has Gluten allergies.

OPTIONAL - PART 3c: SING (5 minutes)

Play one or more of these videos and sing and dance along!

- [Child of Glory](#)
- [Go Tell It On the Mountain](#)
- [Away in a Manger](#)

PART 4: PRAYER TIME! (20 minutes)

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER: (10 minutes)

Vision: God calls His people to love each other, pray for each other and help each other carry burdens.

Questions to Ask (pick 1):

- How do you need prayer this week?
- What is one thing you need Jesus to help you with this week?
- What is one way you're hoping Jesus will help you grow this week?

Pray: Invite each kid to write down the other kids' prayer requests. Then have each kid pray for the person on their right!

PRAY FOR JESUS' MISSION: (10 minutes)

Vision: God calls His people to share with others the good news of Jesus. This means that we try to love others with our actions and with our words. We want all our friends to know about Jesus and His great love for them.

Questions to Ask (pick 1):

- What friends or neighbors of yours can we pray for today?
- How can you show God's love this week to someone who might not know Him?
- Who could we invite to do something fun with our LifeGroup friends this month?

Pray: Invite each kid to pray for their friends or someone else's friend to come to know Jesus. Have one adult close out the time, thanking God for how we get to be family together and asking God to bring more people into His family!