

Angel Gabriel Announces Christ's Birth



This super easy angel Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus. It will help your students remember that a very special messenger announced the birth of Jesus to Mary. (Option: Read/review Luke 1:26-38, copied on next page, with your students as they work.)

“ . . . blessed are you among women!” (Luke 1:28)

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Paper plate (1 per student)
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Crayons (silver and gold are best, but any colors will do!)
- Optional: Bathroom Tissue Roller (1 per student)

PREPARATION BEFORE ACTIVITY

- Pre-cut construction paper circles approximately 3 to 4 inches in diameter.
- For very young students you can pre trace and cut handprints for the wings.
- Older students may be able to quickly do this step in class.

WHAT TO DO

Step 1. Give children a paper plate and instruct them to color one side one color and the other side another color. At the bottom, students may write, *“Blessed are you among women!”* Guide children in folding the paper plate to create a point at the top; the bottom will create the angel's gown. Glue or tape the folds down to hold in place (see image).



Step 2. Give students the construction paper circle and instruct them to draw the angel's face. Glue the circle to the top of the angel's gown (see image).



Step 3. Guide students in tracing and cutting their own handprints or give children cutout handprints. Glue the handprints to the back of the angel's gown to create wings.

Optional: Secure the cardboard roller to the very bottom of the back of the angel's gown with glue, a staple or tape, if being used as a tree topper or stand-up decoration, (see image).



Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!"^l

²⁹ But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* ³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.