### **Leader Info**

This week, we will look at our second week of the Christmas lessons. We will focus on Mary and her reaction to the angel's message. This passage can be found in Luke 1:26-38. Some of the key points we will look at are--

- Nothing is impossible for God.
- God works in ways we don't understand.
- We can ask wise people for advice and counsel.

#### Introduction:

**SUPPLIES**: Mary Story Cards, Nativity Set (you will use this weekly and set up a little bit each week).

Explain to kids how God often gave important messages to angels to deliver for him. Try to remember some from the Old Testament. Abraham and Jacob are examples.

Ask kids if they know who Mary is. Explain that Mary was a simple Jewish girl who honored God. Talk about how God chose her to give birth to His Son. Point out that people would be mean to Mary for obeying God, but she obeyed Him anyway. Mary sang a song to praise God. Talk about how God loves it when we sing praises to Him. Ask kids to list some of their favorite songs that praise God.

Read the Mary Story Cards, or have older kids volunteer to take turns reading. Read Isaiah 45:15-19 and Ephesians 3:20-21 together.

Point out that God works in ways we don't understand. Talk about how God reveals some things to us, but others, only He understands. Share how God had also allowed Elizabeth to have a baby, even though she was too old and had waited a long time. (*They learned this in RBKids today!*) Speak how God has a plan for people of all ages. You are never too young or too old for God.

As it is the second week, add Mary and Joseph to the nativity scene you are building. Point out that the time for Jesus' arrival is getting close!

**Practice saying Isaiah 9:6 together**. See how many kids can say it without looking. **Practice saying Ephesians 3:20 together. Challenge kids to memorize this verse!** 

**Pray for each other:** Take prayer requests and have kids spend time praying for each other in small groups. Pray with kids, thanking God that nothing is impossible for Him. Ask Him to help you always obey Him

# Week 2: Activities

### **CRAFT: ANGEL**

**SUPPLIES**: Angel Template (1/kid), coloring utensils, tape

Have kids color the template and then cut out the elements. Show kids the example and help them tape it together as needed.

Play this video while kids are working on their Nativity sets.

The Story of Christmas (Mary and Joseph) - Saddleback Kids <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEpSXxL4Nn4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEpSXxL4Nn4</a>



## **BONUS ACTIVITIES**

**SUPPLIES**: Bonus Activities (1/kid), coloring/writing utensils

Allow kids to complete activity pages if they choose.

