

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 2.13: THE ANGEL APPEARS TO MARY — Luke 1:26-56

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Luke 1:26-56.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

Long ago, in a land called Judea, the people were waiting for something. They had heard a promise that some day the Lord would come to earth to save them from evil. They had been waiting a long time for this, and they didn't know when it would happen.

Now in the land of Judea, in a city called Nazareth, there lived a young woman named Mary. Mary was a good person, who worshipped the Lord and always tried to do what was right. She was planning to get married to a man named Joseph, but they were not married yet.

There came a day, when Mary was in her house, that God sent an angel named Gabriel to her. When the angel had come into Mary's house, he said to her: "Rejoice!" (That means "be happy!") "The Lord is with you!" He told her that she was a very lucky woman.

But when Mary saw him, she was afraid. She didn't understand what he was saying. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary." He told her that God knew she was a good person, and had chosen her for a very special job.

The angel told her that soon she would conceive in her womb — that means that soon a baby would start to grow inside of her. And the baby boy that would be born to her would be the most special baby that was ever born. Do you know who that baby would be? (The Lord!) The angel said to Mary, You will "bring forth a Son, and shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest: ...and of His kingdom there will be no end." The angel was telling Mary that this baby, Jesus, would be the very greatest King, and He would be the King forever and ever, because the Lord Jesus Christ is the King of heaven and earth, isn't He?

When Mary heard this, she asked 'How can I have a baby when I'm not even married yet?' She was not married to Joseph yet, so she knew that Joseph wouldn't be the baby's father. A baby needs a mother and a father, doesn't it?

The angel Gabriel told Mary that the Lord would be the baby's Father. The Lord is so amazing that He can be the baby Jesus and be the baby's Father at the same time! Isn't that amazing? When Mary heard this, she told the angel that yes, she wanted to serve the Lord, and she wanted this wonderful thing to happen to her. Then the angel went away from her and went back into heaven.

Christmas is coming in just a few weeks. Then we will celebrate the day when this wonderful baby - the baby Lord Jesus - was born.

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and you say it after me.

“And behold
you will conceive in your womb
and bring forth a Son,
and shall call His name Jesus.”

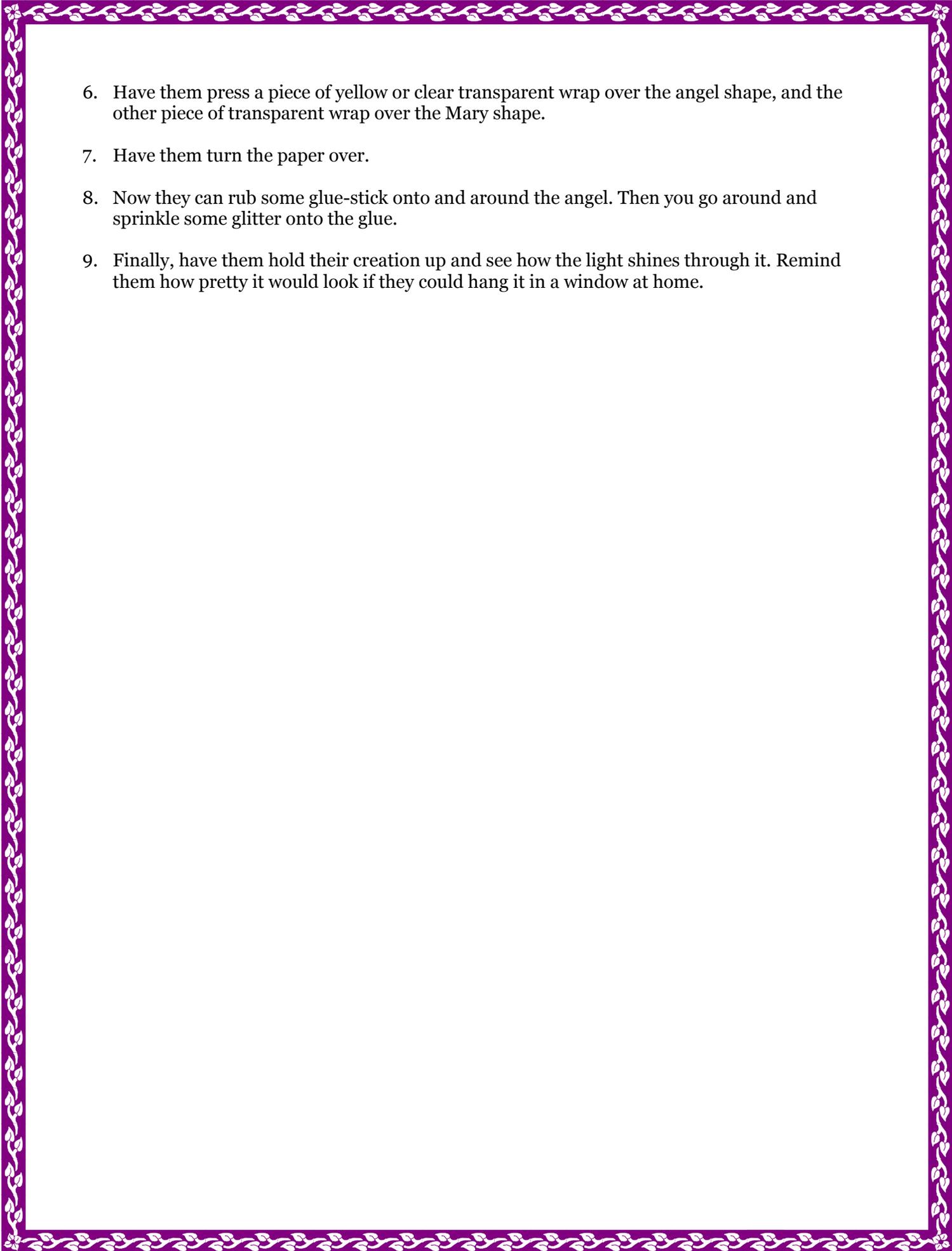
PROJECT: A “Stained Glass Window”

Ahead of time:

1. For each child, have a red piece of construction paper. Lay it in front of you with the long sides going horizontal.
2. Take the left side and fold it in so that the fold is about 3½” from the edge of the paper.
3. Take the right side and fold it in so that the fold is about 2½” from the edge of the paper.
4. Take the patterns of Mary and the angel (below). Put the angel pattern on top of the folded paper on the left side so that the straight edge of the pattern lines up with the folded edge. Trace around the pattern.
5. Do the same with the Mary pattern on the right side.
6. Cut pieces of transparent wrap (yellow or clear for the angel, any color for Mary) so that the pieces will be bigger than the holes when the children cut out the angel and Mary shapes, but not so big that they will show out of the other cut out hole.

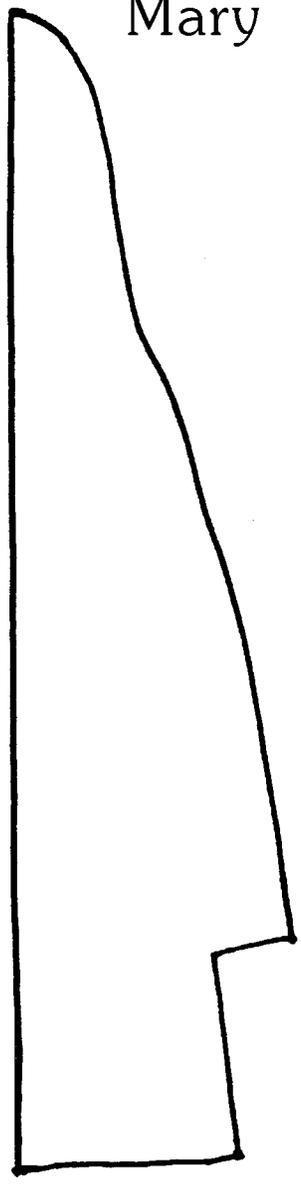
Doing the project:

1. Give to the children the papers that have been folded and traced onto.
2. Tell them they will be making a special picture of Mary and the angel to hang in a window.
3. Have them cut along the traced lines. (Some will need a lot of help with the cutting, but whoever wants to do it all by themselves, don't worry about the cuts not being along the lines — perhaps have some Scotch tape handy to repair any major damage.)
4. Have them open up the folded paper and see the shape that they cut.
5. Next, have them rub some glue-stick all around the outside of the shapes they have cut.

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6. Have them press a piece of yellow or clear transparent wrap over the angel shape, and the other piece of transparent wrap over the Mary shape.
 7. Have them turn the paper over.
 8. Now they can rub some glue-stick onto and around the angel. Then you go around and sprinkle some glitter onto the glue.
 9. Finally, have them hold their creation up and see how the light shines through it. Remind them how pretty it would look if they could hang it in a window at home.

Patterns

Mary



Angel

