

# Adventures with GOD!

## MARY SERVED GOD (A.3.FALL.1)

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| Biblical Reference     | Luke 1: 26-38   |
| Key Verse              | Luke 1:36   |
| Key Concept            | I must serve God with a servant's attitude.   |
| Educational Objectives | At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define what it means to serve God.</li> <li>2. Say the name of the angel who visited Mary.</li> <li>3. Describe the encounter between the angel and Mary.</li> </ol> |

### Life Application

The story of Mary, the mother of Jesus, helps children understand what it means to serve God. When the angel appeared to Mary, she was just a young woman who loved and trusted God. The angel gave her a message from the Lord, and she gladly served Him by doing what he asked of her. We highlight her servant heart in this lesson; it is an attitude of service that we should imitate. During the week children will seek opportunities to serve God by helping their parents, sisters/brothers and friends.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

| Activity          | Materials                 | Time       |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Opening Prayer    | Candle                    | 1 minute   |
| Introduction      | Angel Illustrations       | 10 minutes |
| Bible Exploration | Bible, illustrations      | 15 minutes |
| Craft             | Crayons, scissors, string | 10 minutes |
| Prayer/Snack      |                           | 10 minutes |
| Closing Prayer    | Candle                    | 1 minute   |

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

**Prayer:** God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

**Introduction:** Decorate the classroom with illustrations of angels; place them in different areas within the classroom. If possible print illustrations of Mary, the mother of Jesus and paste near angels. Ask questions related to angels. For example: Have you seen an angel? How do you imagine angels? What do you think they talk about? The point is to engage in conversation while telling the story.

**Bible Exploration:** Tell the story of Mary with emotion and describe what happened to her was an important and memorable event. Very few people in the world have had this wonderful experience of receiving a message from God himself through an angel. When the angel appeared and said to her that she would have a son named "Jesus" (which means Savior), Emphasize the obedience of Mary and how she became an important part of God's plan by believing and trusting in the words of the angel. Thanks to his obedience, today we have a Savior who has delivered us from sin and we can have eternal life through Jesus Christ. Talk of God's people (i.e. people who have put their faith in Jesus Christ) who had the desire to serve God by helping others. Mary wanted to serve God. She did it with joy. Children who love Jesus should also serve to God by helping others.

Ask questions: What would you do if God asks you to do something by serving others? Will you obey? No matter what your answers, listen carefully to what they say.

**Craft:** Make copies of angels and have children color and cut out. For younger children, help them glue a piece of string on top (head) so they can hang. There are also some illustrations to color and then take home to share with their parents and family.

**Prayer/Snack:** Give each child a snack and talk a little about how beautiful it is to share. Thank God for the story of Mary and that her example of obedience can imitated by obeying their parents, teachers and adults. Finally, encourage them to share the story and message of obedience to their parents and playmates.

### Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle.

**Prayer:** Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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Color and tell the story



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Joseph and Mary



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Mary and baby Jesus



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## Craft - Angel

Copy for each child to color and then help glue a piece of string at the top (as seen in picture) so they can hang.

