

## *We Believe Workshop objectives*

### Advent: The Angels

The **Art Workshop** explores Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 through creative art experiences.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- See depictions of angels in art.
- Hear the angel's words to Joseph from Matthew 1:18-24.
- Hear the angel's words to Mary from Luke 1:26-38.
- Make a book reminding them of the angels' messages to Mary and Joseph.

The **Audiovisual Workshop** explores Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 through audiovisual media that is heard, viewed or made.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Know where to find in the Bible the stories of the angels announcing Jesus' impending birth to Mary and Joseph.
- Watch a video depicting the birth of Jesus, paying particular attention to the role of the angels, God's messengers.
- Reflect on what the messengers said and how Mary and Joseph might have felt.
- Reflect on how God is with us and speaks to us today and how we respond.

The **Computer Workshop** explores Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 using computers. Sometimes computers are used to tell the story, and sometimes they are used to respond to it.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Define the word angel.
- Talk about the angels' messages to Mary and Joseph.
- Use the computer to explore the angel stories on Fluffy & God's Amazing Christmas Adventure.

The **Drama/Storytelling Workshop** explores Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 by retelling the story in ways that help children remember it.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Find Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 in their Bibles.
- Retell and discuss the stories of the angel visitations to Joseph and Mary.
- Enact the angel visitations to Joseph and Mary.
- Talk about the role of angels as messengers from God.

- Talk about the faith and obedience of Joseph and Mary.

**The Games and Puzzles Workshop** explores Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 by having children play biblically related games or puzzles.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Discover who God's messengers were that appeared to Mary and to Joseph.
- Learn about the messages that the angels delivered to Mary and to Joseph.
- Create a fun way to share the message of Advent with others.

**The Music and Worship Workshop** explores Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 through music and makes the connection to worship in PC(USA) congregations.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the angels' special role as messengers from God.
- Hear songs about angels and sing "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came."
- Consider what the message of the angels means to them.

**The Bonus: Bible Detective Workshop** explores Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38 with activities that help children discover the stories of the angels' message to Mary and Joseph.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Learn the messages God delivered to Joseph and Mary.
- Look at the similarities and differences of the two Bible passages, Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 1:26-38.
- Make a fun tool to help remember the angelic visits to Mary and Joseph.