

CHILDREN'S SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY



Seeing Angels • Let's Go to Bethlehem

• Let's Go See with Shepherds • See His Star • See the Savior

Let's Go See the Savior

Seeing Angels

A Children's Sermon for the First Week of Advent

Needed: angel figures from nativity sets and other angel Christmas decorations

We all know that Christmas is a very busy time of year! We go shopping for Christmas presents. We decorate our homes and bake cookies. We go to parties and concerts and sing Christmas carols. We go to special church services—just like we are right now! We have so much to do as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior.

We are not the only ones who are busy at Christmas. When it was time for the first Christmas, God's angels were very busy! Maybe that is why we have so many angel decorations at Christmas. (Show the angel decorations; tell about the ways they are used.) The angels sang when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but even before that first Christmas Eve, the angels were busy. When it was time for God's Son to be born, God sent his angels to help people get ready to welcome the Savior.

God sent the angel Gabriel to give a message to a priest named Zechariah. Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth would have a baby named John. When John grew up, he would tell people that Jesus the Savior was coming. Jesus would die on the cross to take away their sins. Next, God sent Gabriel to a young woman named Mary. The angel's news for Mary was important! Mary was going to have a baby, and her baby would be the Son of God! The angel even told Mary her baby's name! What was that name? Do you know? *(Let children answer.)* The baby's name would be Jesus!

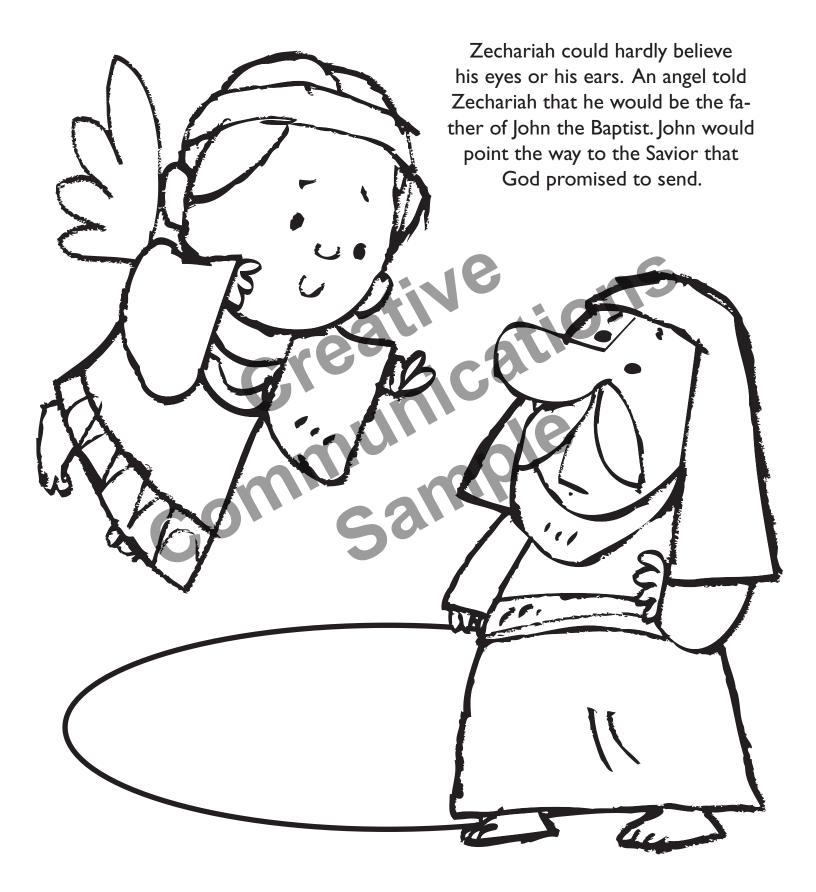
But even after that big news, the angels had more work to do. Mary was going to be married to a man named Joseph. So God sent an angel to Joseph, too. The angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife. The angel told Joseph what name to give Mary's baby. Do you know that name? (*Let children answer.*) The baby's name would be Jesus!

So now during Advent, and when Christmas comes, when you are so busy and excited, remember the angels at the first Christmas. The angels were busy and excited too, because they had good news to share. Let's get busy like the angels and tell people the good news: Jesus our Savior was born in Bethlehem!

Let's pray: Lord Jesus, the angels told people about your birth. Help us to be busy like the angels and tell people that you love them and that you came to die on the cross to take away their sins. Amen.



Coloring Sheet for the First Sunday of Advent Seeing Angels



Coloring Sheet for Christmas See the Savior!

I can be an angel, a shepherd, a star! I can lead others by saying, "Let's go see the Savior!"

Draw yourself in this Christmas scene!