

Game: Christmas hum

Hum Christmas songs and ask people to guess the song. The person who gets the right answer can have a go at humming the next song. Christmas song suggestions: Jingle bells // Rudolf the red nose reindeer // Santa clause is coming to town // Silent night // Away in a manger

**Quiz: I don't believe it**

Read the passage from Luke 1:26-40. Now see if you can answer these 5 questions about the passage you have just read:

1. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary? a=Gabriel
2. What was Mary's response to the angel appearing? a=She was troubled and unsure
3. What words did the angel use to comfort Mary? a=Do not be afraid
4. What was the message the angel was bringing? a=Mary was going to have a baby
5. Mary was unsure this could happen, but the angel said with God what? a=Nothing will be impossible.

Watch: The Story of Christmas (Jesus and the Shepherds)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJIC57EvYFo&fbclid=IwAR03tIBW7j6nRhFYffmBCTU162TNYYjDPIIEGoqwsOI50Y4nhbSOM1xUTnY)

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Story: Heavenly messengers

There is an angel called Gabriel. Gabriel's job is to give messages to people, in fact it's the job of every angel when God sends them. A girl called Mary is expecting a baby, and he is the Son of God.... Jesus.... a miracle baby. God told the angels that Jesus was born and that they needed to go to Bethlehem and tell a group of shepherds that they have been chosen to be his visitors. The angels listened to God and off they went to deliver the important message. As you can imagine the shepherds were shocked. The angels shared the very important message telling the shepherds that the messiah had been born-Tonight-In Bethlehem. God wanted them to go and visit the baby. The shepherds couldn't believe that they had been chosen to hear this special message and then told they could go and visit baby Jesus. Off they went to see God's son.

What is an angel's job? (Messenger)

Why did God send the angel to see the shepherds? (To tell them about Jesus)

Why did want the message to go out? (So people knew about Jesus)

Who else had the angel visited - do you know from the story? (Mary, Joseph, Zechariah)

How do you think it feels to be an angel?

How does it feel to be visited by an angel?

At the first Christmas it was the angel's job to tell people about Jesus... Whose job it is now? Ours!

**Craft: Angel** Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-LETUk63RU>**Response & Craft: Christmas card**

Think about someone you know who needs to hear the Christmas message. Write a Christmas card for a friend, family member, neighbour or teacher at school to share the real meaning of Christmas. You might even want to make your own Christmas card with a nativity scene on the front.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for sending your only son, Jesus. Thank you for showing us how much you love the world and everyone in it. Amen.