

Thursday 7th January 2021

T: Can I recognise the important role played by angels in the different parts of the Christmas story?





At what points in the Christmas story did an angel appear?

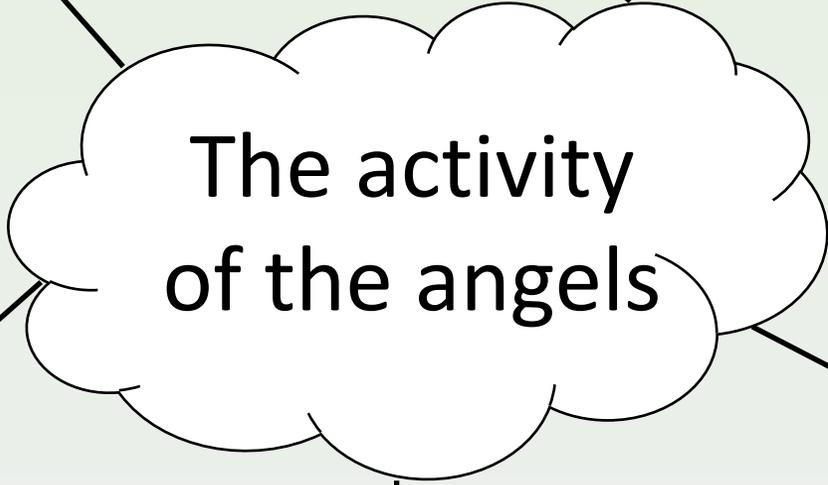


The annunciation to Zechariah:

Angel Gabriel told Zechariah his wife Elizabeth was going to have a baby.

The annunciation to Mary:

Angel Gabriel told Mary God had chosen her to have a baby who would be the Son of the Most High.



The dream of Joseph:

Before travelling to Bethlehem, Angel Gabriel visited Joseph in a dream and told him to not be afraid.

The warning given to Joseph to go to Egypt:

An angel visited Joseph in a dream to go to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt because it wasn't safe to return home.

The shepherds in the field:

The angels appeared to the shepherds in the field to reveal the Good News of the birth of Jesus.

Today's activity: Complete the table

1. Look at the event
2. Describe what the angel said
3. How did they respond? Think about how the character was feeling and what they did after receiving the message.
4. Think about how you would respond. What would you have done if you received this message?

If you have a Bible at home, you can look up the different parts of the Christmas story. If you are unsure about any of these events, you can find the links to YouTube videos on the next slide.

Event	The message given by the angel	How did they respond?	How would you respond?
The annunciation to Zechariah			
The annunciation to Mary			
The dream of Joseph			
The shepherds in the field			
The warning given to Joseph to go to Egypt			

The annunciation to Zechariah:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJapAoSzkBY>

The annunciation to Mary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrYvuYwPAvU>

The dream of Joseph:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmgW-LloLsc>

The shepherds in the field:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGak3d7HOck>

The warning given to Joseph to go to Egypt:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkwOTa_7DTM



Conclusion



The angels are messengers from God. Christians are often described as messengers of God's Good News. How can you be a messenger of God's Good News? Think about how you could be a messenger of this news at home or in the world. Write down one sentence.

