

Explore It FOR ME

CHRISTMAS
SESSION 01

HOW CAN I BE JOY-FILLED THIS CHRISTMAS?

 **Luke 1:26-38 An angel appears to Mary**

Here are some ideas and activities you could do on your own



Write

Paper chains make great Christmas decorations and can also be a good way to help you think about the Christmas story. Look back at today's Bible story and write some of the key verses on each link of a paper chain. Each week add the next part of the story to a new chain.



Create

Keeping Jesus at the heart of Christmas means we can be joy-filled remembering and celebrating his birth. Create some Christmas decorations to put on your tree to help you remember the birth of Jesus this Christmas. You could do simple drawings, or get creative with crafty pieces like pipe cleaners, lolly sticks, and mince pie foils.



Build

Make an Advent wreath. Can you do some research to find out how to make one and what each candle means? Can you find out what the dates of Advent are this year? When you have made your Advent wreath choose a special time to light the first candle with your family.



Draw

Draw a poster or write a list full of all the things you are grateful for.



Make

Make an angel shape potato cut-out with the help of an adult. Grab some coloured paint and use it to stamp on some brown parcel paper to make angel wrapping paper for Christmas.



Serve

We all love receiving Christmas cards. Remember how the angel delivered important messages from God? Make some Christmas cards and deliver them to your local care home (check with an adult how to do this safely). Ask the staff to give them to residents who maybe otherwise wouldn't receive any. We can remember that Christmas is for everyone, young and old. (In the Bible Zechariah and Elizabeth thought they were too old.)



Memorise

Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said' (Luke 1:38 CEV).

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