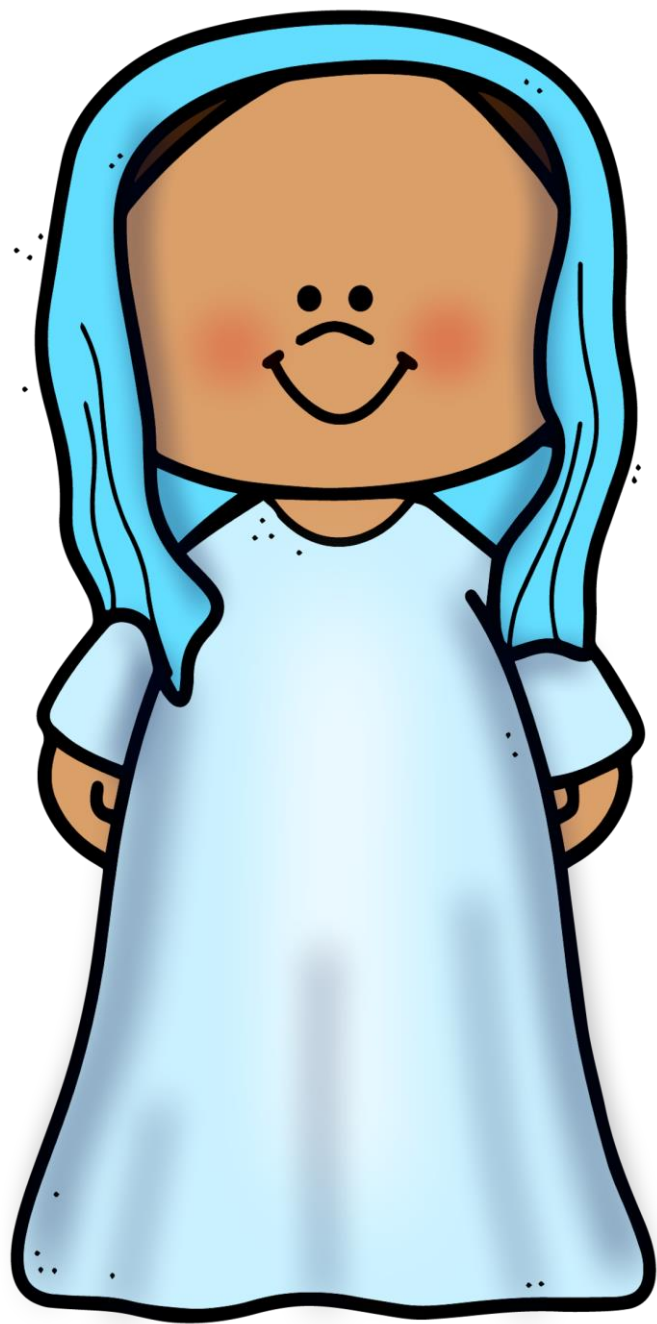


EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

AN ANGEL VISIT

BIBLE LESSONS FOR KIDS



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AN ANGEL VISITS MARY

This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of An Angel Visits Mary from your children's Bible.

Rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "An Angel Visits Mary Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information

A Little About Mary

Mary was the mother of Jesus. Mary was a human.

She is an important person because she loved God, obeyed Him, and gave birth to Jesus. She holds a special place in the Christmas story and in the story of Jesus. She appears many times in the gospels as she connects with Jesus throughout his ministry on earth.

Women got married quite young at this point in history, so she was likely a teenager when Gabriel appeared to her.

A Little About Gabriel

Gabriel is an angel. 'Angel' means messenger. Gabriel is one of only two angels named in the Bible. Michael was the other angel. The name Gabriel means 'God is My Strength'.

Gabriel appears by name three other times in the Bible. He appears twice to Daniel (Daniel 8:15-26 and Daniel 9:21-27). He appears to Zechariah in Luke 1:11-22. Gabriel might have appeared more, but the angels go unnamed in other Bible stories.

Do Not Be Afraid

Angels in the Bible often say "Do not be afraid" or something very similar when they first appear to a human. Understandably, people would be startled or frightened if an angel appeared.

Here are some instances: Genesis 21:8-21 (an angel appears to Hagar), Luke 2:1-12 (an angel appears to shepherds), Matthew 28:1-10 (an angel appears outside Jesus' empty tomb), and Acts 27:13-26 (an angel appears to Paul).

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Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

An Angel Visits Mary: Quickly map out the 3 main parts of the story.

- An angel appears and Mary is frightened
- the angel tells her not to be afraid and gives her the message
- Mary accepts the angel's news

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Who was Gabriel?	QUESTION #2 Why did Gabriel appear to Mary?
QUESTION #3 How did Mary respond to this message?	QUESTION #4 Why was this baby going to be so special?

Step Three: Do the craft.

Before the lesson: Print out a set of angel craft pieces (body, wings, head) for each child. Gather yellow pipe cleaner, scissors, glue, and coloring materials.

Give each child a set of craft pieces. They should cut out the body, wings, and head.

Bend a piece of pipe cleaner into a circle. Set it aside.

Bend the body into the shape of a cone and attach it using glue.

Tape the wings and head to the body.

Complete the angel by drawing a face and attaching the halo.

Want to take it a step further?

Use glitter on the wings. Allow kids to use watercolor paint or markers on the pieces before assembly (Liquid pants will also work but they likely won't dry before your class is over).



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The coloring page 'An Angel Visits Mary' is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Kids will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. - Luke 1:31 (NIV)

Big idea suggestion: God can do anything.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

Who was Gabriel?

QUESTION #2

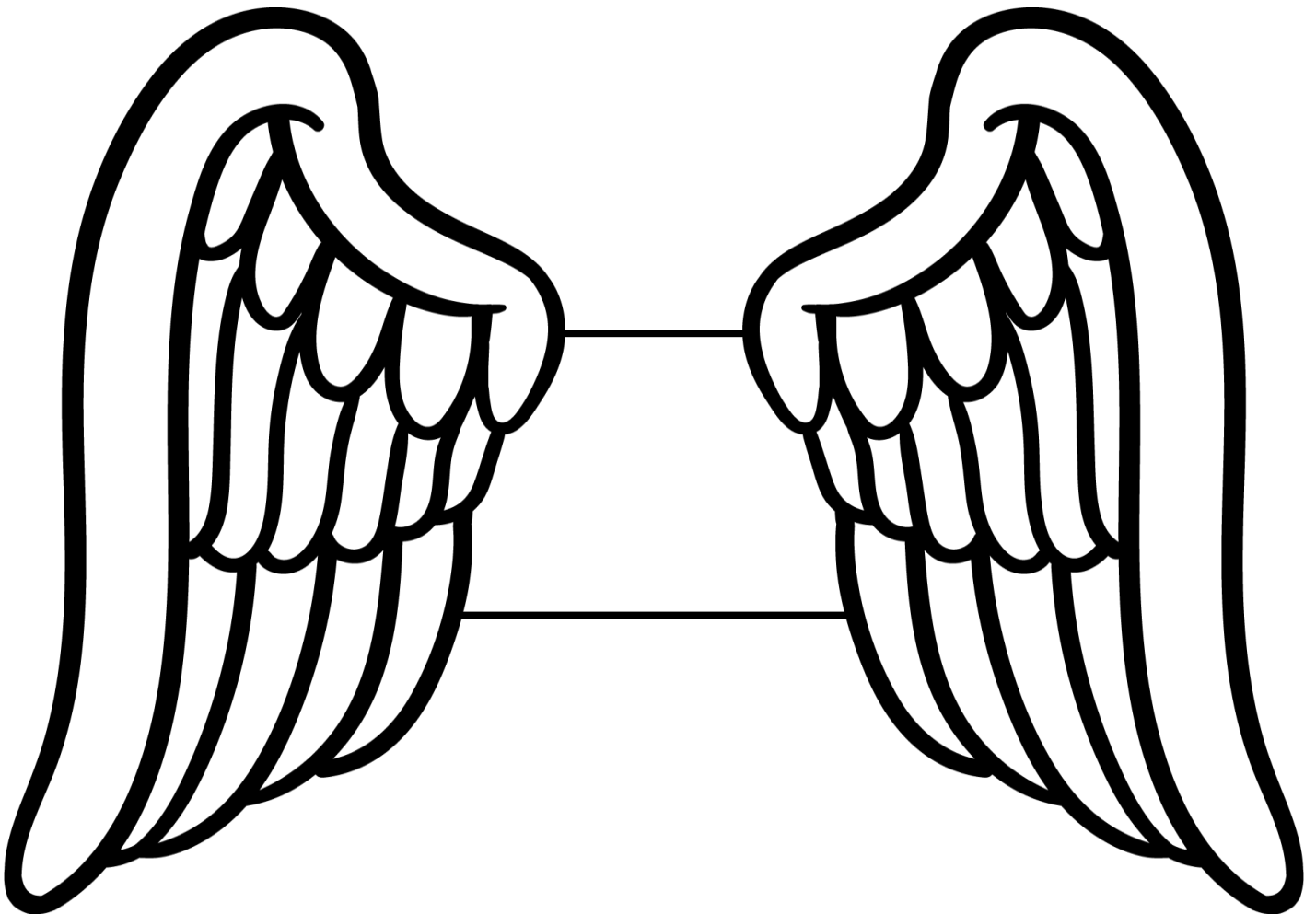
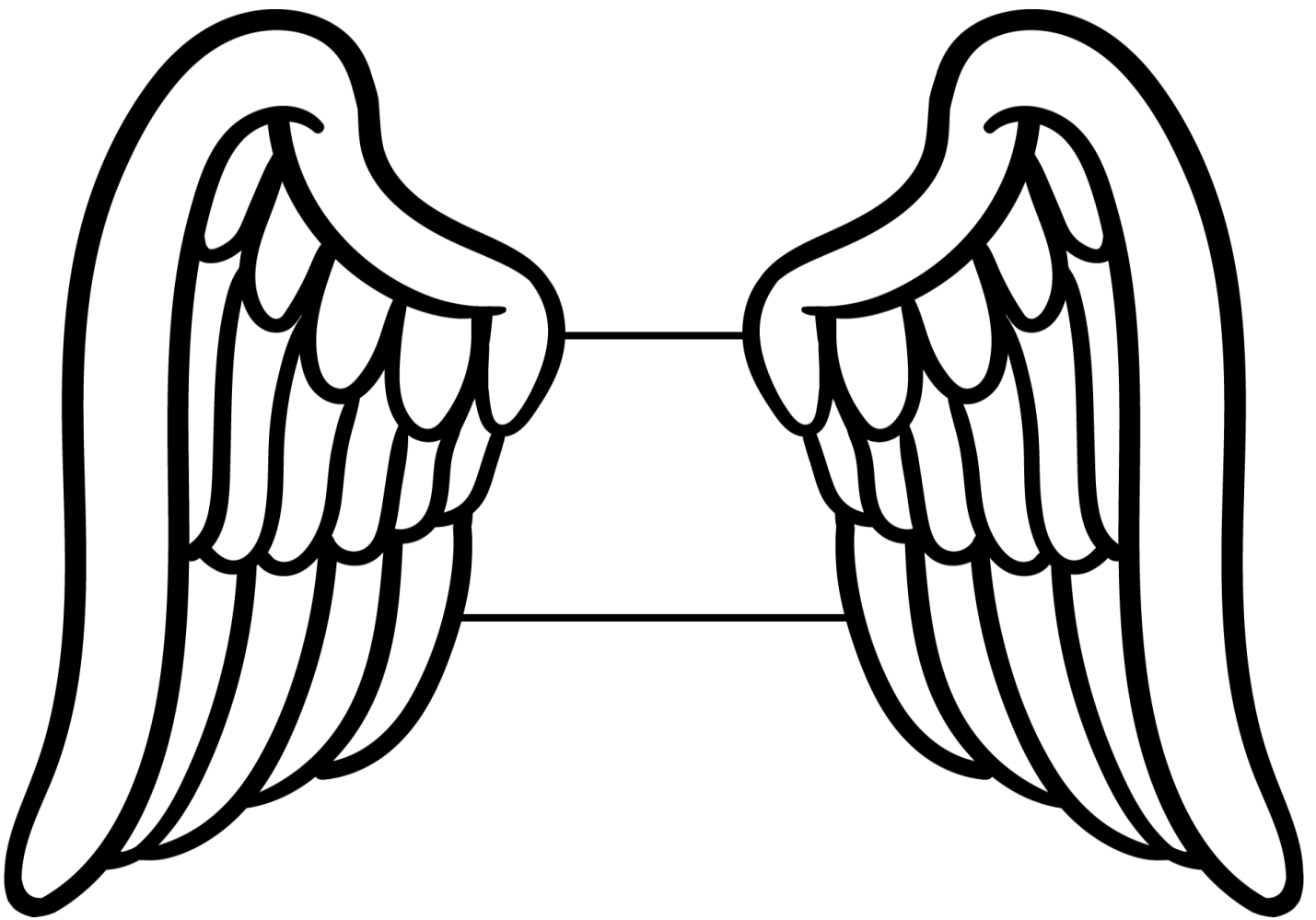
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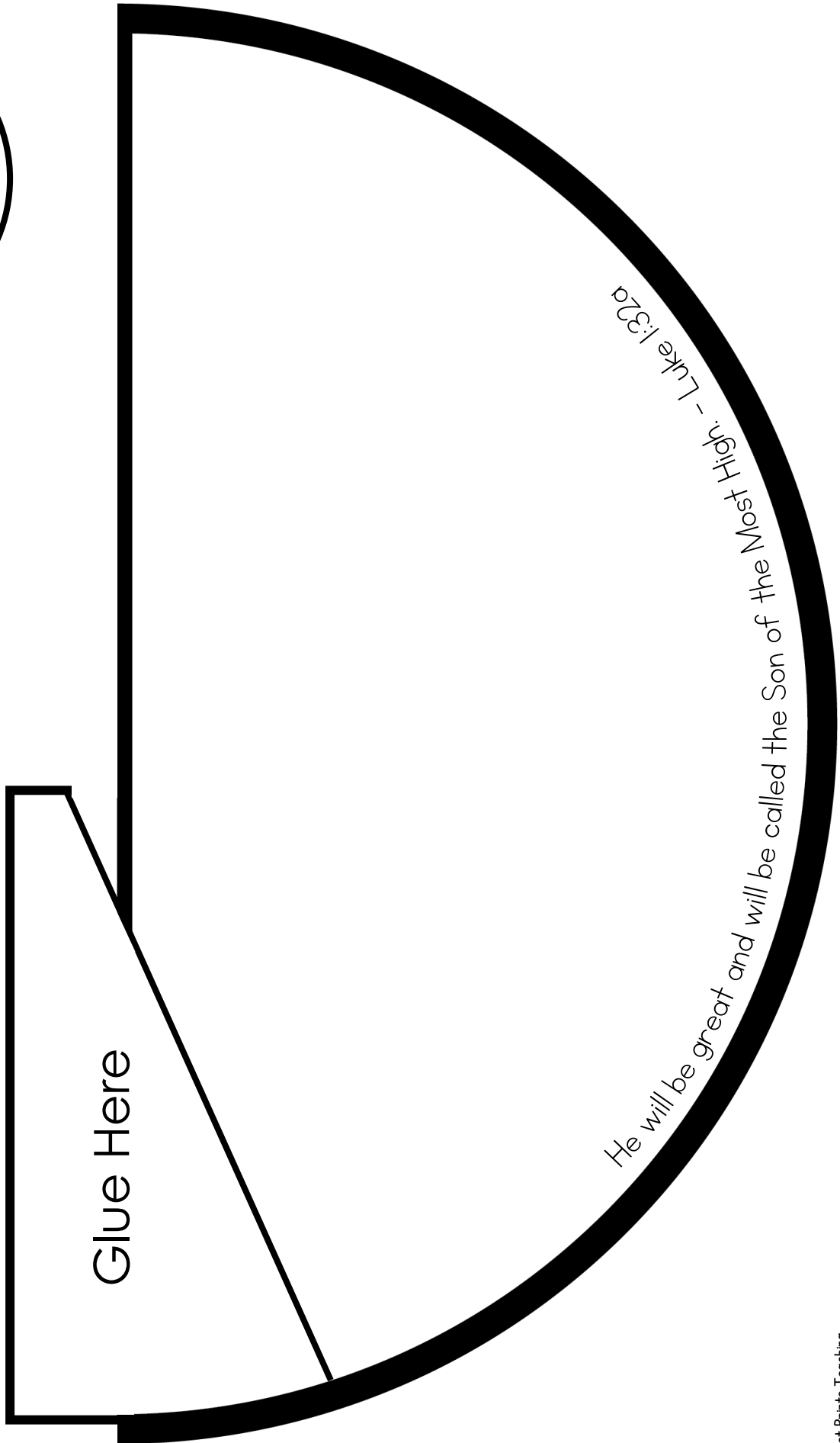
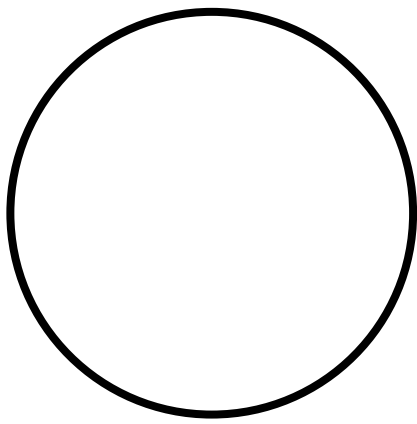
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How did Mary respond to this message?

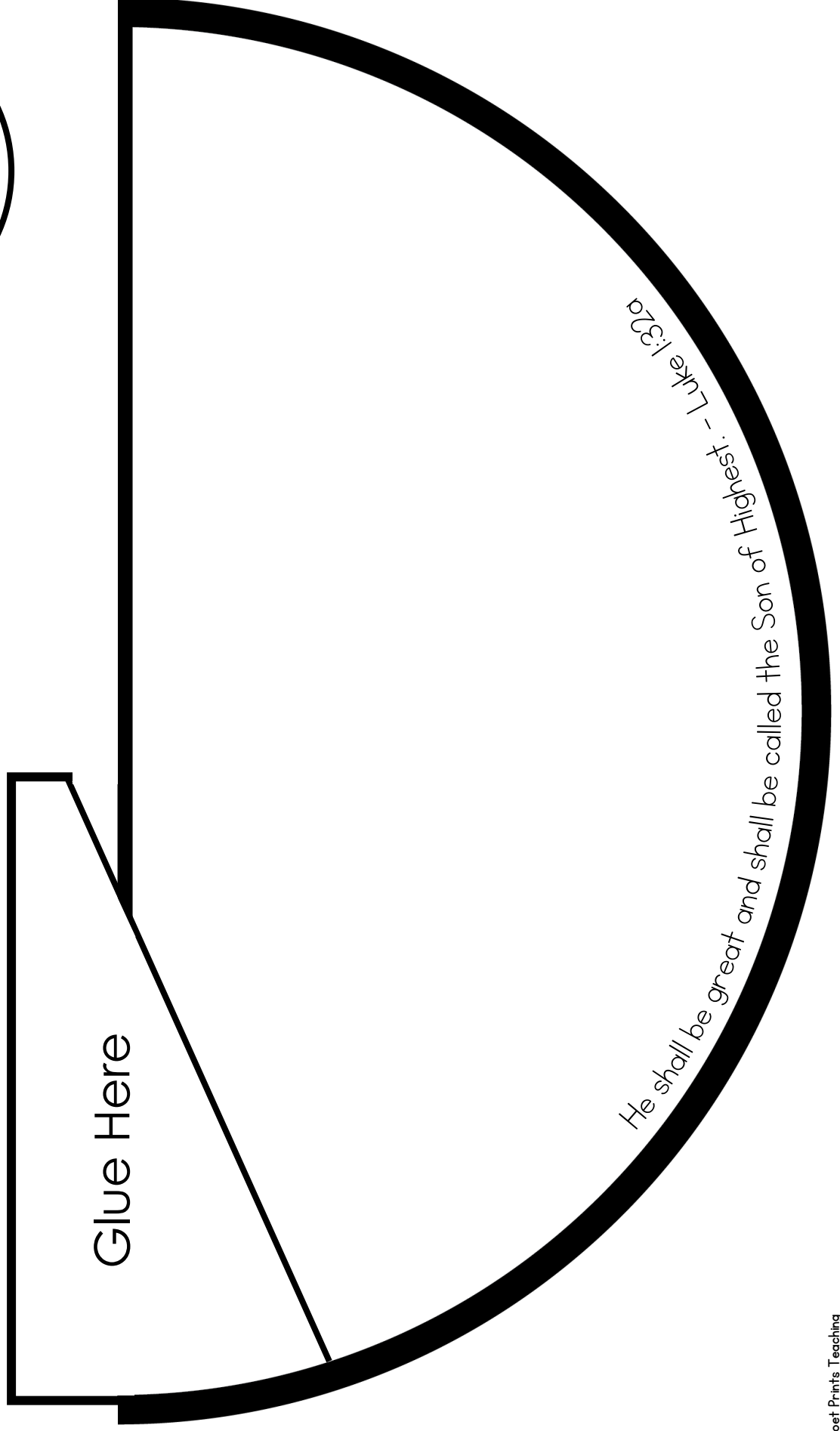
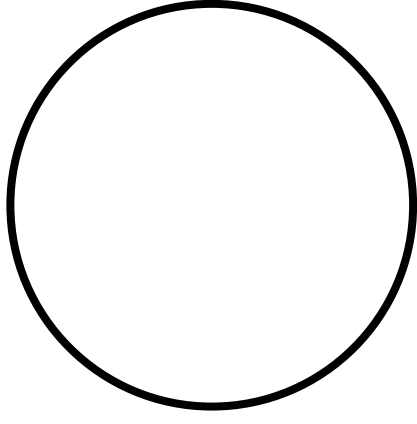
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Why was this baby going to be so special?





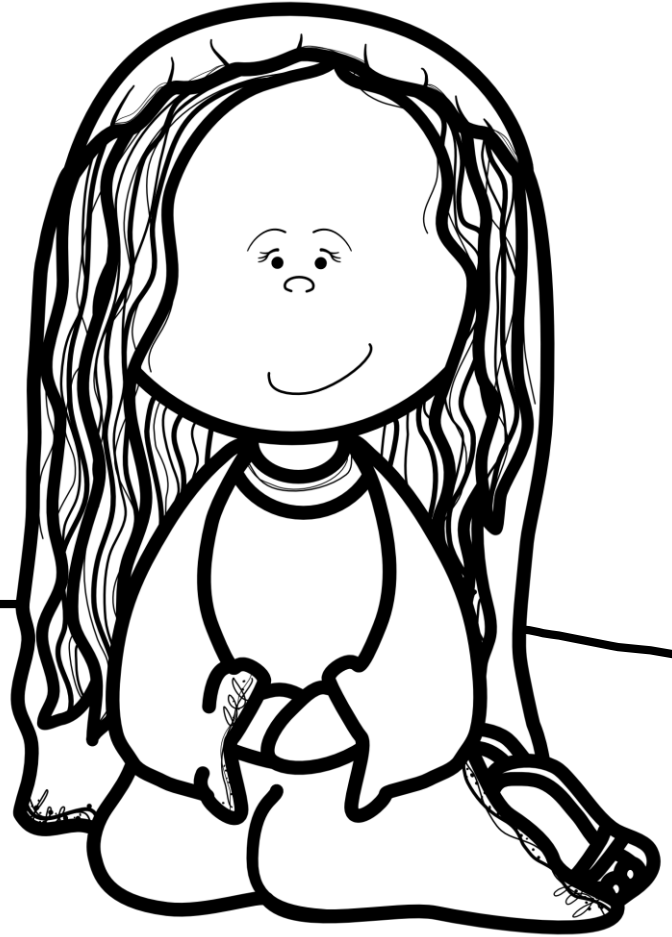
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He shall be great and shall be called the Son of Highest: - Luke 1:32d

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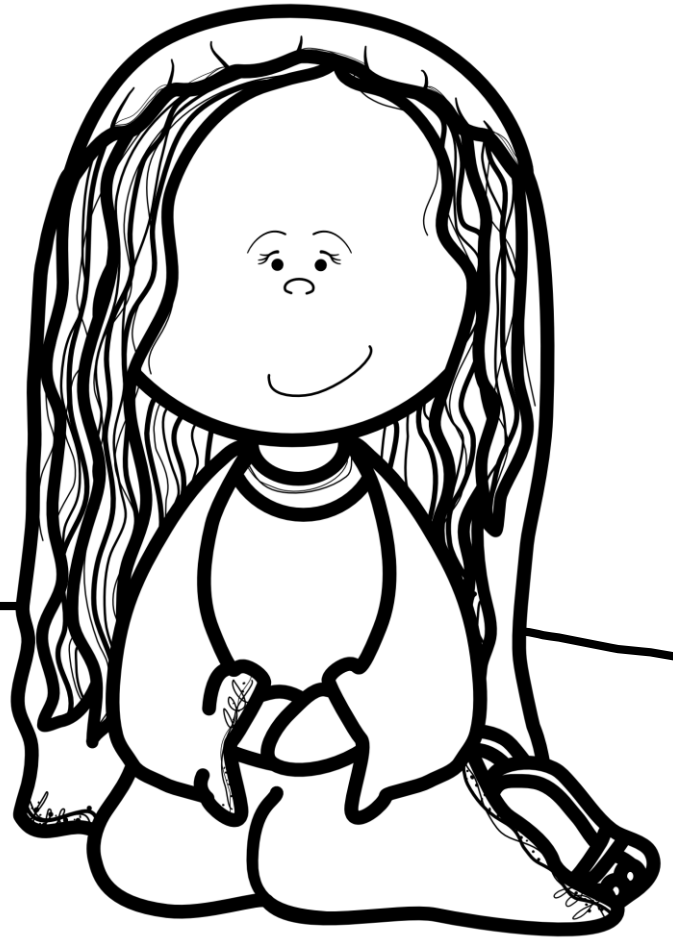
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MEMORIZE THIS:

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

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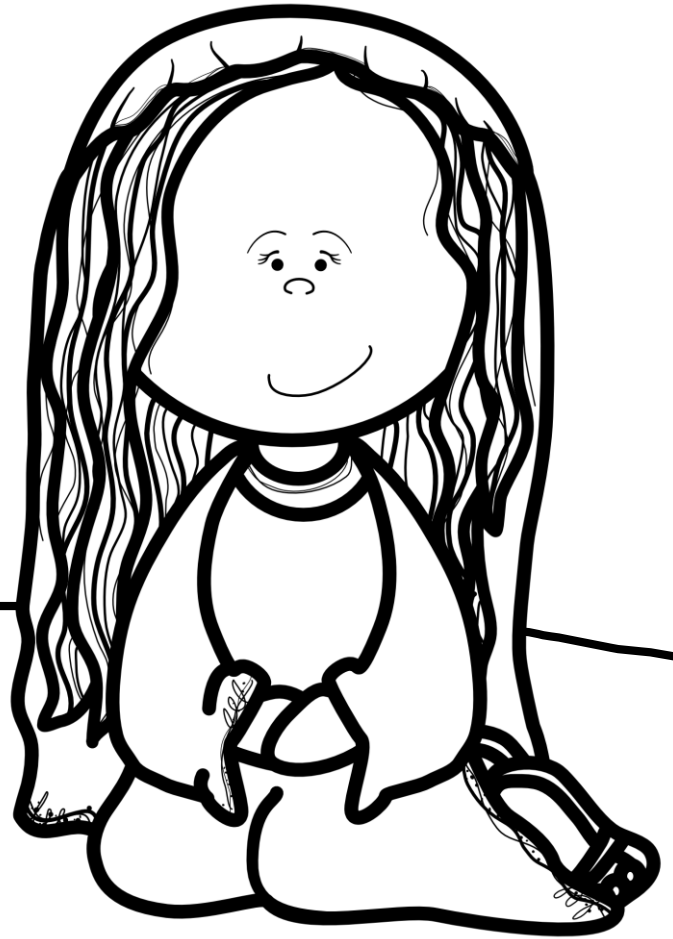
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THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

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MEMORIZE THIS:

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luke 1:31 KJV

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

God can do anything.