

Angel Festival at Broadmayne November 2025

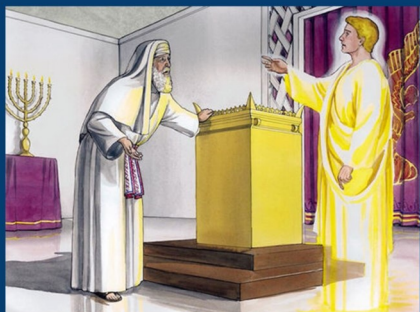
The Christmas story was told through five appearances of angels from Angel Gabriel visiting Zechariah to an angel telling Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and escape to Egypt.



Those visiting were able to follow the story on the specially created boards, read the relevant bible passages and see the display of over 300 Angels. In particular for the First School visits church members were there to relate the story in an exciting and appropriate way for each age group.

1st Angel Appearance

Angel Gabriel appears to
Zechariah
Luke 1 : 11-13

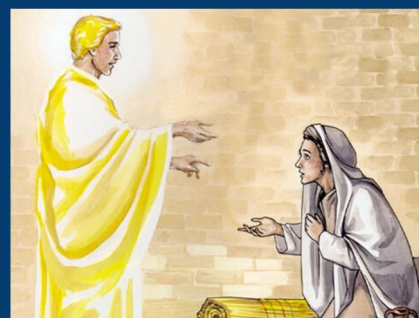


The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and told him his wife, Elizabeth, would give birth to a son and he is to be called John. Elizabeth was Mary's cousin.



2nd Angel Appearance

Angel Gabriel appears to
Mary
Luke 1 : 26 - 32



Six months later, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. She lived in Nazareth and was engaged to be married to Joseph. The angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to a son and he would be called Jesus.



3rd Angel Appearance

An Angel appears to Joseph
Matthew 1: 20 - 21



An angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him to marry Mary. "She will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus." When Joseph woke up he did as the angel told him and married Mary.



It was amazing that there was such a wide variety of angels ranging from knitted, bobbin lace, cross-stitch, wooden, ceramic, paintings and book folding with no duplication! There were even three jigsaws. Those exhibiting were asked to write a little about their angel and it was interesting to read what special and sentimental value many were to their owners - some purchased or made 30 to 40 years ago and still in use today.



4th Angel Appearance

Angels appear to the
Shepherds
Luke 2 : 8 - 12



Some shepherds were in the fields looking after their sheep at night when angels appeared. The shepherds were very frightened. The angels brought them good news: "Today your saviour was born, He is Christ, the Lord. You will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in an animal feeding trough."

5th Angel Appearance

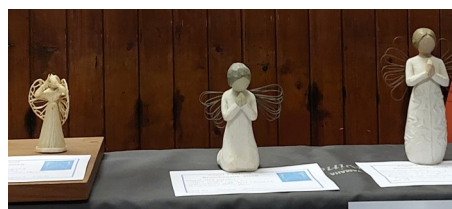
An Angel appears to Joseph for a second time
Matthew 2 : 12 - 14



After the Wise Men had visited Jesus they were warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod. Joseph was told by an angel in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and escape to Egypt as Herod would start looking for Jesus and kill him.



All those visiting were given the opportunity to take home a booklet showing all the appearances together with instructions and material to make their own manuscript angel.



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Angels are Messengers from God

There are five appearances of Angels in the Christmas Story

Read all about their appearances on our information boards

How to make your own paper Angel.
Ask your parents to help you.

In your bag you will find 2 pages of music paper for the angel's body and wings, a small piece of paper for the neck, and two glitter circles for the angel's head. You will also need a glue stick.

This is how you make the Angel Body and Wings

- 1 Take the 2 pages and concertina from the longer edge. The folds should measure about 7 cm.



Fold here

2 Make a fold in both of the concertina pages about a third of the way down. This makes the body and wings of the angel.

Making the Angel Neck

- 3 Using the small piece of paper, fold the long edge up about 1cm. Fold it up again two more times.

- 4 Turn back the last fold and run a glue stick along the top edge and fold it back down.



And finally - Have Angels got Wings?

Whether angels have wings is a matter of belief and varies across religious and artistic traditions.

Some scriptures describe certain angelic beings, like the seraphim and cherubim, as having wings, while others depict messengers appearing as human-like figures without wings. Many modern depictions include wings as a symbolic or artistic convention, though these may not be supported by all religious texts.