

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



THE BIG IDEA

Jesus came to bring joy to the world.

THE BIBLE

The Birth of Jesus Foretold: Luke 1:26-55;
Zephaniah 3:14-20

QUESTIONS

- How did Mary respond to what the angel told her?
- What did the angel say would be special about Mary's baby?
- What happened with Elizabeth's baby when Mary greeted her?
- Read Zephaniah 3:17. What does this verse say about how God sees us?
- How does Jesus bring joy to the world?
- What are some things that might threaten to take away your joy?
- How can we hold onto the joy God gives us? How can we share joy with others?

ACTIVITY

Have kids draw hair and a face on a wood bead with permanent or paint markers. Have them stick the bead on the clip end of the clothespin. Kids can further decorate their angel by wrapping yarn around for the robe, making heart-shaped wings out of felt, and even gluing on a pipe cleaner halo and feathers.

The angel's news to Mary is a wonderful reminder to us that **Jesus came to bring joy to the world.**

Let's make our own angel so that that we can be filled with joy each time we see it!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Luke 2:14 (NIV)

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Looking for sign language? Go to growcurriculum.org/Luke2-14 and get memorizing!