

# Christmas Story Bracelet

Grace Church  
**Kids**





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**Big Idea:** God sends the angel Gabriel to Mary, who is engaged to marry a man named Joseph.

**Scripture:**

*You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!*

Luke 1:31-33

**At Home Connection:**

Make an angel ornament for your tree. Using simple, household supplies, make an ornament to remind your child of the angel Gabriel.

**Supplies:** two coffee filters, washable markers, clothespin, ribbon, and a squirt bottle

**Instructions:**

1. Lay out the filters and color them with the markers.
2. Using the squirt bottle, spray the middle of the coffee filters and watch the colors spread.
3. Allow the filters to dry.
4. Fold the coffee filters in half and clip the clothespin in the middle creating the angel and wings.
5. Add a ribbon to the top of the clothespin and hang on your tree.



**Big Idea:** The Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, has a command for the Roman Empire. He issues a decree that a census, a count of all the people in the land, needs to happen. Everyone returns to the towns their family is from in order to register for the census.

**Scripture:**

*All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.*

Luke 2:3

**At Home Connection:**

Take a census of your household by answering the following questions:

1. How many people live in our household?
2. What is the age of the youngest person in our household?
3. What is the age of the oldest person in our household?
4. Where does our family live?



**Big Idea:** Joseph is a descendant of King David who was from Bethlehen. Joseph is engaged to be married to a girl named Mary.

**Scripture:**

*And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.*

Luke 2:4-5

**At Home Connection:**

Lego Nativity Scene

Joseph is a carpenter—he builds things. Build the nativity scene using legos. Take a picture and post it to your Campus Facebook Group.



**Big Idea:** Mary is very pregnant and travels to Bethlehem with Joseph.

**Scripture:**

*This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, who became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 1:18

**At Home Connection:**

Act Out the Story

Use items around the house (robes, sheets, towels, etc.) to dress up as the characters from the nativity story. Character Ideas: Gabriel, Caesar Augustus, Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, donkey, the shepherds, the wise men.



**Big Idea:** While in Bethlehem, Mary gives birth to her son. She wraps him in strips of cloth and lays him in the manger because there is no lodging available for them. They name him Jesus just as the angel instructed.

**Scripture:**

*So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

John 1:14

**At Home Connection:**

Have an Experience

Gather outside as a family tonight. Under the stars, read "He's Here" from the Jesus Storybook Bible and think about the night that baby Jesus was born.



**Big Idea:** An angel of the Lord appears to shepherds near Bethlehem. A host of angels fill the sky with the Lord's radiant glory, and they tell the shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth.

**Scripture:**

*Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified.*

Luke 2:9

**At Home Connection:**

Share The Good News of Jesus' Birth

Bake and decorate gingerbread cookies to symbolize the angels. Share the cookies with someone and tell them about the Good News of Jesus' birth.



**Big Idea:** Shepherds are watching their flocks when a host of angels appears to tell them about Jesus. The shepherds immediately go and find baby Jesus lying in the manger. They are amazed, worship him, and go tell everyone they know.

**Scripture:**

*But the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”*

Matthew 2:11

**At Home Connection:**

The Greatest Gift

The wise men bring gifts to Jesus, knowing that he is a very special gift to the world. Take time on Christmas morning to remember the very best gift of all we’ve been given is the gift of Jesus Christ.



**Big Idea:** A star is shining in the sky so brightly and uniquely that it catches the attention of three wise men.

**Scripture:**

*The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy.*

Matthew 2:9-10

**At Home Connection:**

Decorate With Lights

The star was a guide for the wise men, it shone brightly and led them to Jesus. Add Christmas lights outside of your house as a reminder of the star. Plug the lights in at night and thank God for his gift of the star.



**Big Idea:** During the reign of King Herod, some wise men from eastern lands see the star. After consulting the king, they travel to Bethlehem to find the child. The wise men are overjoyed to see Jesus, bow down in worship, and give him gifts. They are filled with joy because they have seen the Messiah.

**Scripture:**

*The wise men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

Luke 2: 10-11

**At Home Connection:**

Learn & Sing the Song -“Go Tell It On The Mountain”



**Note:** Add the remaining clear bead behind the crown shaped bead as a spacer.

**Big Idea:** Jesus comes from God, but is born a baby, just like you and me. He is fully God and fully human. He comes to save us from our sin. This is a gift of God—showing God’s grace and how much he loves us. We have the opportunity to respond in worship to what God has done for us. We can believe that Jesus is our Savior and trust that he did come to save us from our sin.

As you celebrate this Christmas, remember the true meaning of the holiday. It is about far more than getting toys and gifts. It is about sharing the love that God poured out to us with those around us, and remembering that God sent his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to save us from our sin.

**Scripture:**

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Matthew 2:9-10

**At Home Connection:**

Celebrate Jesus’ Birth

Bake and decorate a special cake. On Christmas morning, light a candle, and sing happy birthday to Jesus. Be intentional about keeping the focus of Christmas on the best gift of all—Jesus Christ.

