

City SG - December 8-9, 2018

Bible Story: Someone Like You (Gabriel Appears to Mary) • *Luke 1:26-56 (Supporting: Luke 1:5-25)*

Bottom Line: God can use anyone to meet others' needs.

Memory Verse: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." *John 3:16 (NirV)*

1. Who?

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Lead kids in a game similar to "Guess Who?" where you'll use real people.
- Guide kids to stand in a circle.
- Secretly select one child to be your "mystery" child.
- Invite kids to identify who you chose by asking a series of yes-or-no questions, such as: "Is the person you chose wearing tennis shoes? Is the person you chose wearing boots? Is the person you chose wearing red? Is the person you chose a girl?"
- If anyone standing does not qualify based on the yes-or-no questions ask him/her to sit down in order to eliminate options.
- When kids correctly guess the "mystery" child, begin the game again.

What You Say:

"In our Bible story today, we'll hear how God chose someone for a very special reason. **[Transition] Mary was who God's mystery person was, and He chose her to bring Jesus into this world!**"

2. Angel!

What You Need: Coffee filters (one per child), markers, clothespins (one per child)

What You Do:

- Give each child a coffee filter, and set out the markers.
- Guide kids to trace their hands onto the filters. They can trace them in whatever ways and as many times as they choose. (*Provide hand-over-hand assistance as needed.*)
- Finally, give each child a clothespin.
- Show kids how to scrunch their coffee filters in the middles and insert them into the clothespins. (*Again, provide help as needed.*)

What You Say:

"When God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary, Mary heard a VERY special message. She heard that God wanted to use HER to help meet the world's greatest need—the need for a Savior!

"This week, let your angels and handprints remind you that God can use YOU to meet other's needs, too. What are some ways that God could use you to meet others' needs? (*I can help my little brother get dressed, I can invite someone who's lonely to play with me, I can help clean my classroom, I can help make cookies to give away, etc.*) Great ideas! So remember, **[Bottom Line] God can use anyone to meet others' needs.** And that means He can use you!"

3. Anyone

What You Need: Bible marked at John 3, “Rebus Verse” Activity Pages (one per child), markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an Activity Page, and then invite a child to open the Bible where marked.
- Guide kids to point to the pictures as you “read” the verse together.
- Unpack the word “anyone,” emphasizing that it truly means ANYONE—young or old, boy or girl, rich or poor!
- Guide kids to point to the outline of the person.
- Invite them to color the figure either like themselves or like someone they know who needs to believe in Jesus. As they color, again emphasize that anyone who believes in Jesus will live forever with God.

What You Say:

“God loved the world SO MUCH that He sent His own Son to be born on earth. He did it so that ANYONE who believes in Jesus can live forever with God.

“Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus? (*Pause.*) Knowing Jesus is the greatest need that everyone has. And you know what? God can use you to help meet that need by telling others about Him.

“So how can you tell others about Jesus? (*I can share my Bible storybook with them, I can invite them to church, I can be kind to them like Jesus would, etc.*) Great ideas! So always remember that **[Bottom Line] God can use anyone to meet others’ needs—including you!**”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: “The Greatest Need” Activity Page (one per group, printed on cardstock)

What You Do:

- Show “The Greatest Need” card to each child.
- Invite kids to tell what the child needs (*presents, a hug, a friend, Jesus, etc.*), and then suggest ways they could meet those needs.
- Make sure kids understand they can help meet others’ needs without money. They can draw pictures or make cards or be a friend by playing with someone who is sad.
- Use the conversation below to lead kids into prayer.

What You Say:

“You may feel like God can’t use you to show others His love. But no matter who you are, God can use you. Just think of some of the people in the Bible who God used. There was Moses. He wasn’t very good at talking, but God used him to lead the Israelites out of slavery. And David, remember him? He was only a shepherd boy when God picked him to defeat a giant and become king of a nation. And then there’s Mary. God chose her out of everyone in the whole world to be Jesus’ mom!

“And you know what? God can use you, too, because **[Bottom Line] God can use anyone to meet others’ needs.** Let’s pray.”

Lead kids in prayer, thanking God that He can use anyone to meet others’ needs and asking Him to help you and the kids meet others’ needs this week.

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT “COMMUNION CALL”

HAND OUT “GOD TIME” SHEETS TO EACH CHILD AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF CHILDREN BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE A PRIZE!