



# KIDS HOUSE PARTY

## PARENT GUIDE

December 13<sup>th</sup>

### Life App Definition

Christmas — celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

### Main Idea

This week we will discover more about the angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary to announce that she would be Jesus' mother. This must have come as quite a surprise to her. After all, Mary wasn't married yet, and she had a different plan for her life.

Gabriel reminded her that nothing is impossible with God. Mary could have been overwhelmed by this startling news, but she chose instead to respond with a song of joy. We pray that all kids would discover the joy that comes from believing in Jesus and God's plan for them.

### Memory Verse

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:11 NIRV).

### Bottom Line

You can have joy because God has a plan for you.

### Monthly Profession

I will walk in peace because I am taught of the Lord.

### Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- To whom was Mary engaged?
  - Joseph
- What was the name of the angel that visited Mary?
  - Gabriel
- How did Mary feel when she first saw the angel?
  - She was really scared.
- What did the angel tell Mary she was going to become?
  - She would become pregnant and have a son.
- Whom did Mary go visit?
  - Her cousin

- What did Elizabeth's baby do when he heard Mary's voice?
  - He jumped for joy.
- What did Mary believe?
  - She believed that she could find joy in God's plan.
- What did Mary do because she was so filled with joy?
  - She wrote and sang a song to God.
- Where does real joy come from?
  - It comes from knowing that God has a plan for your life.
- What promise from God can you believe when you trust Jesus?
  - That He is with us always

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- Bibles
- Candy cane

### Activity

- Open a Bible to Luke 2:11 and read it aloud.
- Talk about the second phrase found in the first sentence of the verse: "A Savior has been born to you."
- Ask . . .
  - Who is the Savior? (Jesus)
  - Do you know what the word "savior" means? (A person who saves someone or something. God sent Jesus to save us! Because sin—stuff we do that we know is wrong—separates us from God, He sent Jesus so that everyone who believes in Him can be a part of God's family forever!)
- Hold up a candy cane so that it makes a J and point out how the word "joy" starts with a J.
- Hand the candy cane to your child.
- Repeat the words of the verse together.
- Share with your children that the angel told Mary she would have a baby. Mary wasn't sure how everything would work out, but she chose to trust God's plan. God sent His only Son, Jesus, as our Savior because He loves us. That's a huge reason to have joy.
- Remind your children that every time they see a candy cane this Christmas, they can turn it around to see the J and remember that **you can have joy because God has a plan for you.**

## **Prayer**

Take a few minutes to pray with your children. Spend time together thanking God that you can have joy because God has a plan for you.

Dear God,

Thank You for the plan You had for Mary. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us. Thank You for the joy we can ALWAYS have when we remember that You have a plan for us. We know that Your plan is the best plan ever. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.