
Christmas Angels & Shepherds

Crafts for Sunday School

Tidings of Joy! Craft Ideas for The Shepherds and Angels

The Nativity story of the shepherds receiving good news is an exciting and tremendously joyous one. It lends itself to great songs and wonderful exclamations...as well as some fun craft possibilities! Angels are always quite craft-able, and these simple options can be used for all ages, and double as fun ornamentation, too. For the shepherd staff, you may wish to add an extra element of fun by inserting a candy cane within the pipe cleaners. You might also wish to create a [sheep craft](#) to accompany the shepherds!

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Verses or Captions to Consider...

Christ has come...rejoice! The angels sang...the shepherds ran...the world celebrated a new kind of king!

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. -Luke 2:10-11

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" -Luke 2:14*



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Craft one: “Angelic Plate”

You will need:

- Scissors
- Paper plates
- Construction paper
- Glue, tape, or stapler
- Markers or crayons (optional)
- Hole puncher
- Pipe cleaner or string



Procedure:

1. Decorate the plate with markers to make an angel face. You can add google eyes and a paper mouth as well, if desired.
2. Cut one paper plate in half to create “wings” for the angel.
3. Decorate wings, if desired. Add glitter if you’re feeling brave.
4. Attach the wings behind the angel’s face. A stapler is recommended, but glue or tape would work as well.
5. Punch a hole at the top of the angel and attach a string or pipe cleaner “halo.” This doubles as a hanging device!



Craft Two: “Cup of Gladness” Angel

You will need:

- Scissors
- Tape, glue, or stapler
- Styrofoam or paper cups
- Decorative materials
- Pipe cleaners
- Coffee filters
- Jingle bell (optional)



Procedure:

1. Decorate the cup to be an angel, using markers or stickers for a face and features.
2. Fold a coffee filter in half to make wings (or use paper or cupcake liners if desired).
3. Attach the “wings” with a stapler, tape, or glue.
4. Insert a pipe cleaner into the top of the angel for a “halo” and hanger. *Option: add a jingle bell for fun and festive noise!
5. Attach a verse or caption. Display your angel and make a joyful noise!



Craft Three: “Shepherd Staff”

You will need:

- Pipe cleaners (assorted colors)
- Candy cane (optional)

Procedure:

1. Allow students to select at least three pipe cleaners in their choice of colors.
2. Help children twist and braid pipe cleaners together, crossing over in an alternating left/right pattern as a braid.
3. Wrap around a candy cane, if desired.
4. Hook the pipe cleaners into the shape of a shepherd staff.
5. Attach a verse via hole punch, if desired.



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