



Advent Pause Day, Messengers of Hope

We are learning to that angels are God's messengers of hope in the Bible. We are learning to reflect on the events and messages in the Nativity story and wonder what messages God would want to send this year. We are learning to spread 'Hope for the future and all that it brings' to each other and our community.

Input + Reflection

Read the story of the first Christmas and reflect on the messages the angels brought and why (to tell people about exciting events and to warn them of dangers so that they can stay safe).

Ask some wondering questions to provoke deeper thinking, eg:

"I wonder how Mary felt when she heard the angel's message?"

"I wonder why God sent angels to the poor shepherds?"

"I wonder how the shepherds felt when they got to be the first visitors to see Jesus after he was born?"

Response

Our school vision is:

*Our school community **lives life in all its fullness:***

Through a love of learning,

By having a sense of unity,

Understanding right and wrong,

Being able to persevere through life's challenges

With dignity and respect for ourselves and others

*And **with hope for the future and all that it brings.***

How could we spread **hope for the future and all that it brings** to the people in our school, our families and our town, to help us all live life in all its fullness?

School:

- ♥ Decorations for the classroom.
- ♥ Decorations for other parts of the school.



Family:

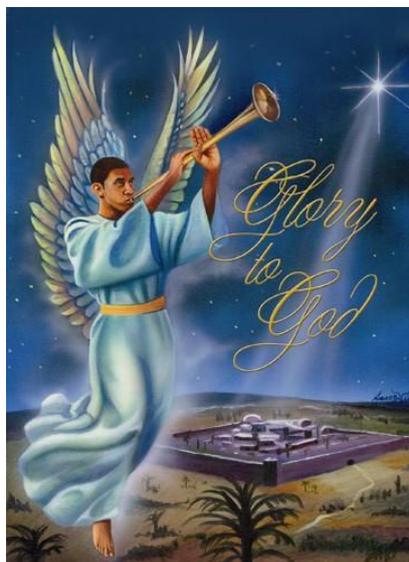
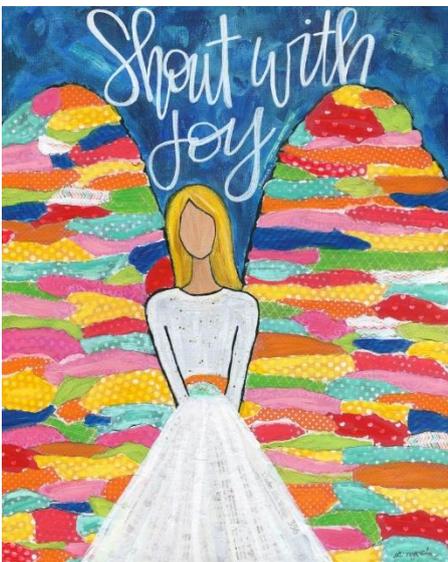
- ♥ Paint rocks as outside decorations for our families to see.
- ♥ Practise Christmas play songs to bring joy and hope to our families when they watch our film.



Community:

- ♥ Make Christmas cards for residents of Pilgrim Wood Care Home, Mount Place and CAP clients.
- ♥ Prepare the angel figure for the Cathedral display (painted calico for clothing; prayers of hope; messages of hope) + one for the church.
- ♥ Make (draw, write/decorate) heart shapes to send to Pilgrim Wood, Mount Place and CAP clients.





Prayer Space prompt poster:



Advent Prayers

In the Bible, God says,
*“Do not be afraid. I am your shield,
your very great reward.”*

Genesis 15:1

You can always tell God how you are
feeling. You can ask God for things you
hope for.