

Peace Angels

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- *This document can be saved as text, or copied and pasted into a word document. Feel free to make changes necessary for your needs.*
- *Opportunities for additional songs have been suggested.*
- *In place of finger plays I have included scripture passages for the children to rhythmically chant.*

Narrator One:

Our world is a world of fear and anxiety. Everything from terrorists, to illness, to job security, creeps into our hearts to create a life of fear. Children have fears, too. They worry about tasting new things, about getting shots at the doctor, and are afraid that family members might not come back at the end of the day to pick them up. Their parents and teachers play the part of angels to chase away their fears and leave them with peace. Five angels of the Christmas story are here to do the same for us. They remind us that the Baby Jesus came to bring peace.

Narrator Two: *John 14: 27*

Group One: DO NOT BE AFRAID

Group Two: JESUS COMES TO BRING US PEACE

Narrator One:

We walk with angels in our journey tonight: angels that bring amazing news, angels that bring the message, not of fear, but of peace. Our first angel visits an elderly priest, Zachariah who thought the angel's news was impossible. This story reminds us that with God all things are possible.

Narrator Two: *Luke 1:11-13*

Children:

For (God) is our peace. Ephesians 2:14 (children repeat the verse several times while waving brightly colored ribbons.)

Song:

Group One: DO NOT BE AFRAID

Group Two: JESUS COMES TO BRING US PEACE

Narrator One:

Our second angel is Gabriel. He has been assigned to gently break the news to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus. Mary responded by singing of the blessings of God. We are blessed, too. Because of Jesus, we are children of God and He looks on us with favor. Just as He took away the fear of Mary, He takes away our fear, also. He leaves us with hearts filled with peace.

Narrator Two: *Luke 1:26-31*

Children:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him
Romans 15:13 (children repeat the verse while ringing small jingle bells)

Song:

Group One: DO NOT BE AFRAID

Group Two: JESUS COMES TO BRING US PEACE

Narrator One:

Joseph received the visit from the third angel of peace. His life was in turmoil when he discovered Mary was with child. The angel's words from God reassured Joseph that he did not need to fear doing what God asked him to do. God had already blessed his life and family. God expects much of us, also. We are to worship Him, follow His commands, raise our children in the wisdom and love of God and tell others about God's love. Our lives are full of busyness, inadequacy and fear but God replaces these with forgiveness and peace.

Narrator Two: *Matthew 1:20-23*

Children:

I have told you these things,XX so that in Me you may have peace.XX In this world XX you will have trouble. XX But take heart! XX John 17:7

XX(Children repeat the verse several times, with two claps in between phrases)

Song:

Group One: DO NOT BE AFRAID

Group Two: JESUS COMES TO BRING US PEACE

Narrator One:

The shepherds loitering in the fields were surprised by our fourth and most famous Christmas angel of peace: the angel who first told the news of our Savior's birth. Think of the range of emotions the shepherds experienced in a matter of minutes. They went from boredom to terror to amazement and then joy as the fullness of the words of God settled on them. Think about what you have experienced over this past year. Maybe your life brought fear and worry. Maybe your life contained joy and amazement. Through it all, God has been with you bringing you the good news of grace and peace.

Narrator Two: *Luke 2:8-11*

Children:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests. Luke 2:14 (children repeat verse while waving hands in the air)

Song:

Group One: DO NOT BE AFRAID

Group Two: JESUS COMES TO BRING US PEACE

Narrator One:

If you know the Christmas story well, you may be wondering who the fifth angel of peace might be. Christmas is not the end of the story. Our sin separated us from our Heavenly Father. He sent Jesus, His Son, to be a baby. Jesus is our Savior. He died on the cross and rose again on Easter

morn. The fifth angel waits at the empty tomb to once again show us that God takes away our fear and puts His peace in its place.

Narrator Two: *Matthew 28: 1-10*

Narrator One:

The angel's words filled the women with joy but did not take away their fear. Fear is a powerful thing. Only God can take away fear. Jesus' words and presence took away their fear and left their hearts full of joy and peace. Fear is gone. Peace has come. Joy is here. Spread the Good News.

Children:

May God Himself, (point to God) the God of peace, (hands over heart) sanctify you through and through. (hug self) I Thessalonians 5:23 (repeat)

Song:

Group One: DO NOT BE AFRAID

Group Two: JESUS COMES TO BRING US PEACE

Closing:

The sincere praise of these little children of God has brought joy to our hearts this evening. May the blessing of a Savior of the grace and forgiveness, peace and joy that He made possible be yours today and always.

Blessing:

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. Romans 5:1