

# Prepare - Advent 3

When something important is happening you need to get ready and prepare, and preparing can be part of the fun as you look forward and imagine the good things that are going to happen.

Preparing for Christmas is fun as we count down the days and look forward to the day itself when we have special meals and give and receive presents.

But sometimes we have to get ready and prepare for something that we are not looking forward to, something that is worrying us.

Our story today is about how Mary had to get ready and prepare for the birth of Jesus. The angel told her not to be afraid and that God would look after her.

**Song Time** [Waiting for Christmas](#) - Sue Bleazard

**Craft:** It's time to put the third candle on our advent ring. Follow the instructions for week 3 on the attached sheet.



**Story:** [An Angel visits Mary](#) - Beginners Bible

## Prayer time

Loving God, help us to prepare and be ready for the future.

Help us to do today, all that we need to do, to be ready for tomorrow.

Help us to enjoy looking forward to those things that are good

Help us not to be worried about those things that we are not looking forward to.

Amen.

**Song time:** [Waiting here for you](#) - Kids Praise



**This week:** Make a third special ornament for your Christmas Tree. Find a Christmas card with a picture of an angel and cut around them. Add the word 'Prepare'.

You could continue to prepare for Christmas by making an angel for the top of your tree, or some shortbread or gingerbread angels.

# Advent ring craft

This week add a label which says **Prepare** to the third candle, add it to your ring and 'light' the candle with tissue paper flames and add it to your advent ring.



## Christmas Tree, Shortbread or Gingerbread Angels

Here are some ideas to help you.



Find easy shortbread recipe [here](#)



Find easy gingerbread recipe [here](#)

God's sends a special messenger to prepare Mary

