Advent Activity: Joyful Angels

In the Nativity story, God sends his angels to Mary and the shepherds, with the good news that Jesus will be born for us! God sends us out too, to be good news for the world and to share the joy of Jesus's birth with others.

Today we are going to create a symbol of this by making Joyful Angel decorations. The angels will remind us that through our words and our actions we can share God's love in the world.

For this activity children need:

- Three paper plates.
- Pencils/pens
- Scissors
- Sticky tape, glue or stapler.

1. Take a paper plate, with a ruler and pencil draw a line through the middle vertically and horizontally. Cut out this quarter of the plate and save it for later.

2. Trim the cut-out quarter by removing the frilled edge of the paper plate. Discard the frilled edge. Save the remaining quarter for later.

3. Invite the children to write a prayer on the plate. The prayer should be focused on how they could share the good news of God's love with others e.g. *Dear Jesus, remind me to say thank you for all the good things I receive and to share what I have with those less fortunate.*

4. Ask the children to help one another draw the outline of their hands on two additional paper plates (or white card).

5. Cut out the hand outlines, leaving a section near the wrist to attach the hands/wings onto the angel.

6. Take the plate and twist it into a cone shape, with the prayer visible on the outside. Secure with sticky tape, glue or staples.

7. Take the saved quarter section. Draw an angel's face onto the remaining quarter, attach to the top of the cone with tape. You should now have a wingless angel!

8. Lastly, secure the hand shapes onto the back of the angel's body, again using tape, glue or staples.

9. The joyful angels are now ready to display! Don't forget to share photos of your creations with us on social media @Missio_UK