

## Put the Bible stories in order!

### Task:

To put these stories in order. Each of the Bible stories (and references) involves an angel!

### Note for teachers:

Some children, who know their Bible reasonably well, may be able to put the stories in order even without the Bible references. They are given below with *and* without the Bible reference.

Alternatively, you may wish to ask them just to identify which events happened in the Old Testament and which in the New Testament. Again, these are given with and without references.

References relating to the birth of Jesus (Christmas) have also been set out separately, so that you could ask them to remember that story and to sequence the events.

See the following pages for the variety of options on this theme.

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Pages 2 & 3	Putting the Bible stories in order (no references given)
Pages 4 & 5	Putting the Bible stories in order (references given)
Page 6	Putting the Christmas story in the right order
Page 7	Blank squares for picture version of Christmas story
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## **Put the following parts of the Christmas story in the right order**

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- B The angel Gabriel appears to Joseph in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to marry Mary because the baby she is going to have is from God.
- C The shepherds visit the baby and then tell everyone what they have seen and heard
- D Jesus is born
- E Lots and lots of angels appear in the sky singing praises to God.
- F The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her that she is going to have a very special baby son and to call him Jesus

If you have time, why not use the extra sheet to draw 6 pictures, one for each part of the story? You could also write part of the story underneath the pictures.

## The birth Of Jesus

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### Putting the Bible quotations into Old and New Testament:

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### Ordering the Christmas story:

F    B    D    A    C    E