

SEASHELL ANGEL ORNAMENT

(25-30 MINUTES)

Materials

- ◆ ⅜-inch (.3125-cm) satin ribbon
- ◆ curly doll hair
- ◆ tiny shells
- ◆ black and red fine-tip permanent felt pens

For each child—

- ◆ one medium-sized scallop or other fan-shaped shell
- ◆ one small bowl-shaped shell (such as small clamshell)
- ◆ one 16-mm fake pearl

Standard Supplies

- ◆ craft glue
- ◆ hot-glue gun and glue sticks
- ◆ scissors
- ◆ ruler

Preparation: Cut ribbon into 12-inch (30-cm) lengths—two for each child. Plug in glue gun out of reach of children.

Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- ◆ With teacher's help, apply hot glue to the edge of the pointed end of bowl-shaped shell. Glue to the larger scallop shell as shown in sketch a.
- ◆ Wrap a ribbon around neck of shell angel and tie in a knot or bow (sketch a).
- ◆ Slide the other length of ribbon through the neck ribbon at the back of angel. Tie around neck ribbon and then knot ends together to make a hanging loop (sketch b).
- ◆ Glue ribbon loop to the back of the small shell, so angel will hang upright.
- ◆ On pearl, use black felt pen to draw dots for eyes and eye-brows. Use red felt pen to draw mouth and cheeks (sketch c).

- ◆ Glue pearl to the inside of small shell.
- ◆ Cut a small amount of doll hair and glue around pearl for hair.
- ◆ Glue tiny shells on angel robe or "halo" to decorate, if desired. Allow to dry.

Bible Bits: How did Jesus' mother, Mary, find out she was going to have a baby who would be God's Son? (An angel told her.) Who else heard about Jesus' birth from angels? (The shepherds. Joseph.) When Jesus was born, it was very good news. God sent Jesus to tell us about God's love for us. God loves us so much He sent His Son to earth to live and die so that we can be with God forever!

