

# Art Extra - Angels Visit

## My Own Nightlight

Kids make a tin can nightlight as a reminder that Jesus is always near and they have nothing to fear.

### Supplies:

- Small tin cans, one per kid
- Water
- Freezer
- Nails
- Hammers
- Safety goggles
- Small tealight candles, one per kid
- Tealight candleholder, one per kid (optional)
- Paper (optional)
- Pencils (optional)

### Set Up:

Fill the cans with water and freeze them before class. Make sure you have several hammers and nails for kids to use. Practice the nailing technique so that you can explain it to the kids.

### Instructions:

**The Bible tells us that God used angels to deliver messages about important things, and to help people not to be afraid. Even Jesus' father had an angel show up, telling him to "fear not." Are you ever afraid? Allow all answers and reflections. Is God with us when we are afraid? (Yes!) Today, you're going to create a nightlight to keep in your room as a reminder that God is always with you, even at night and even when you are afraid.**

- 1. I have frozen water in these cans to make it easier for us to hammer holes in them and create our nightlights. You can hammer holes in any pattern you like, or you might want to make a design like a cross on one side.**
2. Demonstrate how to hammer through the sides of the cans and then into the ice.
3. Have kids put on safety goggles, then allow the hammering to begin.
4. When kids are happy with their designs, have them run warm water over the can to melt the ice and let it plop out. Dry the cans.
5. Ask kids not to put their own hands inside when you insert a tealight candle into each kid's empty can. Light one candle to show the kids how these soft nightlights glow.

**Now you have a nightlight reminder that Jesus is with you and that you don't need to be afraid. Remember to always have an adult's permission to light a candle in your room. And as the angel told Joseph, "Fear not!"**

If you have less time . . .

Purchase small tealight candle holders and let kids personalize or decorate them with stickers or other embellishments.

If you have more time . . .

Have kids draw a "dotted" design on paper first, then tape it around their cans before they begin punching holes. They can reproduce their designs by pounding nails through the "dots" on the paper.