

## Activity 1 – Group acting

**Choose one of the following passages involving an angel and act it out in a small group.**

1. The parable of the lost coin  
Characters: the woman, her friends, heaven!  
Luke 15: 8-10
2. Peter's miraculous escape from prison  
Possible Characters: Peter, 2 soldiers, the angel, Rhoda and his friends praying, other soldiers, Herod  
Acts 12: 1-19
3. The angels appearing to the shepherds  
Characters: angels and shepherds  
Luke 2: 8-20

For older young people:

4. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane  
Characters: Jesus and an angel, possibly also disciples  
Luke 22: 39-46

## Activity 2 – 'Hot seat'

Invite each member of the class to imagine themselves as the main character in one of the following stories. As the story is read, stop at various points and ask a child to say how they feel at this point in the story.

1. Daniel (and/or the King)  
Daniel 6: 3-27 – Daniel in the lions' den
2. Peter  
Acts 12: 1-19 – Peter's miraculous escape from prison
3. Moses  
Exodus 3: 1-12 – Moses and the burning bush
4. Mary  
John 20: 1-18 - at Jesus' tomb, discovering he has risen
5. Mary  
Luke 1: 26-38 – being told she will give birth to Jesus

## Activity 3 – Dance/Movement

**Option 1** – linked to music – a group could plan appropriate music to accompany the telling of the story; choosing instruments, pitch, volume etc. Some members of the group could play the music whilst others dance.

**Option 2** – without music – movement and dance can be worked out to show the changes in how the characters feel. Numbers 1-3 have significant variety, number 4 concentrates on praise.

**Option 3** – if you wish, you could find a piece of music with lows and highs to which a character dance could be done to fit the stories below. Perhaps a dramatic reading of the passages could also accompany the music and dance.

### Passages:

1. Paul shipwrecked at sea  
(where he is a prisoner for being a Christian)  
Acts 27: 13-26
2. Mary at the tomb of Jesus  
John 20: 1-18
3. Mary when the angel tells her she will give birth to Jesus.  
Luke 1: 26-38
4. Psalm 148: 1-14  
(either as people worshipping according to the song or with different actors/dancers moving as stars, lightning, mountains, creatures etc.)