

Mad Dash Message

Materials

- ☐ Whiteboard or paper
- ☐ Whiteboard or regular markers
- ☐ Masking tape

Instructions

Divide class into two teams. Divide the board in half or use a table with a paper laid on top for each team. Place markers by the board/papers. Use tape to make a start line across the room. Write the message, "Jesus is coming!" on the board or a large piece of paper as a reference.

When you say "Go," the first students in line will race to the board/paper and write the first letter of the message (J). They will leave the marker and race back to tag the next teammate in line, who will then race to the board and write the next letter (E). Continue with each student adding a letter until the message is complete. The first team to finish and return to the start wins.

You may repeat the game with a new message based on the lesson, such as "Zechariah would have a son" or "Gabriel was God's messenger."

Suggested Discussion

You had to do a lot of work to complete your messages in our race!

- ❓ Who delivered God's messages in our lesson? *The angel Gabriel.*

Gabriel didn't have to run around like we did. He just appeared! He told both Zechariah and Mary not to be afraid. He had good news for both of them; they would each have a son! Zechariah's son would be the messenger to prepare the way for the Lord, while Mary's son would be the promised Messiah, Jesus!

We can share the exciting message about Jesus and why he came to our friends and family.