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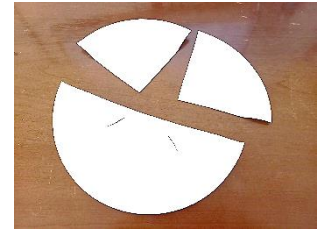
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Bend the half plate round to form a cone and use tape to stick it in place. Slip the pointed ends of the quarter pieces through the two slits to form wings and tape in place on the inside.

Cut a circle out of thin card and draw an angel's face on it as though singing. Glue it at the top of the cone. You could use a piece of pipe cleaner or tinsel to form a halo.

Cut out two hands and use a folded piece of paper to make a song book and glue those in place. Where will you put your lovely angel ornament? Maybe at the top of the tree! Or you could attach a loop of ribbon or wool and hang it up for all to see.



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As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were impressed.

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