

BIG IDEA

Angels help us even if we don't notice.

CHARACTERS | WEEK 3 OF 4

Angels

GOD STORY

Angels and Demons
A walk through the whole Bible; Romans 8:38–39

KEY VERSE

I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us.
Romans 8:38 (NIRV)

LEADER TIP

This series covers God, Satan, angels and demons, and us! If you'd like, prepare by listening to The Meeting House's series "Deliver Us from Evil" from 2015.

My Story

1 | CONVERSATION STARTER (2 minutes)

Discuss people who help us and how they do it. Introduce today's Big Idea.

2 | INTRO ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Pair up to describe and draw what the kids think angels might look like.

God Story | Life Story

3 | WEEKLY VIDEO (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

My Story

4 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY (12 minutes*)

Work in pairs to look up passages from the Bible and describe angels.

5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY (8 minutes)

Practise saying the Key Verse together as the kids toss around a disc.

Our Story

6 | DISMISSAL

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust the timing for other activities.



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My Story

1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

LEADER TIP

- This is meant to be a casual conversation as the kids arrive. Move on quickly to the Intro Activity so you have enough time for it before the teaching video.

INSTRUCTIONS

- As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone together.
- Ask:
 - Is there anyone who helps you a lot, but you don't really notice it? Who is it?
 - What kinds of things do they do to help you?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Angels help us even if we don't notice.**

2 | Intro Activity

SUPPLIES

- Scrap paper
- Pens
- (Optional) Clipboards

INSTRUCTIONS

- Guide the kids to find partners.
- Give each pair a piece of scrap paper and a pen. If available, also give them a clipboard.
- Instruct the partners to sit back-to-back so that one of them can see the paper and the other cannot.
- Direct the person without the paper to describe what they think an angel looks like.
- Encourage the person with the paper to attempt to draw it based on their partner's instructions.
- When the first angel drawing is finished, have the kids switch roles.
- Once everyone has had the opportunity to draw, gather the kids back together in a circle.
- Point out that we don't know for certain what angels look like, but we do know that God created them to help us and to share his love.
- Discuss: Do you think an angel has ever helped you or your family?
- Pray and thank God for his amazing love for us!

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God Story | Life Story

3 | Weekly Video

SUPPLIES

- Video file

LEADER TIP

- Get the kids' initial reactions right after watching the video. Ask what stood out to them and clarify ideas as needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Angels and Demons, A walk through the whole Bible; Romans 8:38–39)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Dr. Jamie Robertson teaches a lecture-style theology course)
- Recap the video teaching. Discuss:
 - What was the God Story about in today's video?
 - What did you learn from Dr. Robertson this week?

My Story

4 | Small Group Activity

SUPPLIES

- Bibles
- Angel activity pages
- Pens

LEADER TIP

- An angel's role is to worship God and to help us experience God's love.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Direct the kids to pair up.
- Make sure each set of partners has a Bible.
- Give each person an activity page and a pen.
- Direct the partners to work together and look up the passages listed on the page. Beside each one, they should write one of the following descriptions of what the angel is saying and/or doing:
 - Singing
 - Warning
 - Helping
 - Protecting
- When everyone is done, review the kids' answers and clarify as needed.
- Discuss:
 - What do you think is the main role of angels?
 - How do angels help us experience God's love?
- Wrap up in prayer. Thank God for sending his angels to help us experience his love and protection!



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My Story

5 | Wrap-Up Activity

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Flying disc

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it easily.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather everyone to stand in a large circle.
- b. Say the first word in Romans 8:38 ("I"), then pass the disc to someone.
- c. As the kids receive the disc and pass it to someone else, prompt them to say the next word in the Key Verse.
- d. Practise a few times, then see if your group can do it without the sign.

Our Story

6 | Dismissal

SUPPLIES

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

LEADER TIP

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- b. Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- c. Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- d. Remind the kids to take their crafts.
- e. Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.