

BIG IDEA

Angels help us even if we don't notice.

Angels

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- Construction paper
- White glue
- Drawing supplies
- Natural materials (e.g., leaves, flower petals, acorns, small pebbles, sticks)

LEADER TIP

- If possible, go outdoors with your group to collect the natural materials.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Discuss:
 - What are angels? (Angels are God's servants who help us experience God's love)
 - Have you ever heard a story about an angel? What happened in the story?
- Remind the kids about familiar Bible stories in which angels are present, such as the Easter and Christmas stories.
- Give each person a piece of construction paper.
- Place the rest of the craft supplies where everyone can share them.
- Direct the kids to use the natural materials to create angels on their paper. For example, to make faces, they could glue a small pebble or acorn top onto the paper or simply draw a face. To make bodies and wings, they could arrange leaves and petals and glue them in place. Small twigs could be arms. Pebbles, tiny leaves, or petals could form a halo. Encourage everyone to be creative with the materials!
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Angels help us even if we don't notice.**
- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Pen
- Bible

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Print each of the following actions on separate pieces of paper: Worshipping God / Giving messages from God / Protecting people / Warning people / Helping people
- Spread out the papers on a table or the floor where everyone can sit around them.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather the kids around the papers.
- Explain that they describe some of the ways that angels serve God and engage with people.
- Look up and read about angels in the following passages, pausing after each to identify what the angels did, using the actions on the papers as prompts:
 - Matthew 1:18–21 (Giving messages from God)
 - Matthew 2:13–15 (Warning people)
 - Luke 2:8–14 (Giving messages from God; worshipping God)
 - Luke 24:1–7 (Giving messages from God)
 - Acts 12:6–10 (Helping people; protecting people)
- Highlight that angels are still active today. **Angels help us even if we don't notice!**
- Discuss:
 - What's one new thing you learned about angels today?
 - What's one question you still have about angels?



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3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Key Verse for this series: 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)
- Challenge your group to come up with actions to express the main words in the verse: death; life; separate; love; God; angels; demons; present (now); future; powers.
- Say the verse together and do the corresponding actions. Repeat until the kids are familiar with it.
- Discuss:
 - Why is it so important to know that nothing can separate us from God's love?
 - How could we remind one another and ourselves that God is with us when life gets tough?
- If possible, tell the kids how you are reminded that God is always with you.
- Invite the kids to pray. Pray, "Thank you, God, for your huge, never-ending love for [mention each of the kids by name]. Thank you that absolutely nothing can separate us from your love. Thank you for sending angels to watch over us, protect us, and take care of us. We love you! Amen."

Word Search

M X S S Z T D E F E N D I N G
S C C E W L Q Z Y F S M P N W
R E N K G Y Y S E Z W T L E P
H N W S J A G P T I A T Z V O
U P R O V R S R T N P M T A Y
H Z C N R Q V S A Q A V B E A
N R P O O S Q I E E E V W H R
D B R X M W H V Z M P A R Z M
B K A P R I B I F S R P N E Y
B I I D A Q Q B P N K D A S S
P R S Z M V U Y I P A Q F M K
H J I A G L X N E S I Q A O T
Y O N G F S G Y H A K N S V C
L Y G O H O Q N Q F L S G I E
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WORSHIPPING	HELPING	APPEAR
PRAISING	BRIGHT	SERVANTS
MESSAGES	ARMOR	DEFENDING
WARNING	HEAVEN	ARMY

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