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Series: God What About...?
Spring Year 2, Lesson 56

God, What About... Angels?

Take Home Point: *God cares enough to send angels to help! *Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: Ezekiel 10:12-14; Hebrews 13:2; Luke 15:7; Revelation 5:11; Matthew 18:10; Hebrews 1:14; Matthew 16:27; 2 Kings 19:35; Acts 27:24; Luke 22:43

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:14, "What are all the angels? They are spirits sent to serve those who are going to receive salvation."

We will help kids know:

- Angels are spiritual beings created by God—perfect and living in God's presence.
- Angels at times show themselves to people. They can appear in heavenly glory or in the appearance of a human.
- Angels serve God by helping him. Angels deliver his messages to people, provide protection or execute judgment.




We will help kids feel:

- Encouraged that God cares so much for them that he serves them with angels.
- Awe that a vast spiritual world exists with God at the very center.

We will help kids do:

- Talk about ways they used their imaginations when they were younger.
- Blow soap bubbles to help them understand the presence of spiritual beings even if they cannot see them.
- Investigate the truth about angels in the Bible.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3	Kids blow bubbles and remember imaginary friends they may have had when younger. The bubbles help them remember that angels are around even if they are not always visible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bottle of bubbles
Large Group 	4 6	Overview Kids have a contest to see who can answer the most questions about angels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> question mark room decorations (see Lesson 55) box with Bible inside (see Lesson 55) video “<i>Angels in the Outfield</i>” produced by Walt Disney (VHS-1995, DVD-2002)—rent from your local video store or order from amazon.com bottle of bubbles chair
Small Group Application 	4	Kids discuss some interesting things they learned about angels and look up scripture to find out more.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bottle of bubbles, bookmarks (see Appendix)

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

Supplies: bottle of bubbles (This activity enhances the lesson. However, if it is too difficult to obtain, this supply can be deleted.)

Begin discussion with:

Think back when you were little. Did you ever use your imagination to play with imaginary friends? Maybe you pretended to be a super-hero—or had imaginary friends when you played house.

Think of a way you used your imagination and interacted with imaginary friends. After you share your imagination story, you can blow a few bubbles. This is a fun way to remember those imagination days when we were young.

When I was young, I used to imagine...

Tell your own story and blow some bubbles. Then pass the bubbles on to the next student who wants to share and so on. When kids have all had an opportunity to tell about themselves, continue with:

We have been blowing bubbles that are made out of soap. When they pop, is the soap still there? Yes, we just can't see it.

Today we will talk about angels. Angels are part of a spiritual world that is all around us. We cannot see this spiritual world, but it is there, nonetheless.

From time to time, people have seen angels, much like seeing these soap bubbles. They are seen for a moment and then hidden again. When the bubbles pop, we cannot see them, but the soap still remains even if unnoticeable.

In large group, we will learn some very interesting things about angels. Today we will see that **God cares enough to send angels to help!*

Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

Kids have a contest to see who can answer the most questions about angels.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion, but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

The typical order of observation, interpretation, and application questions will not be followed today. Instead, discussion flows freely as kids talk about aspects of angels that are of interest to them. They will use the Bible to check these areas of interest.

Supplies: bottle of bubbles, bookmarks (see Appendix)

Blow some bubbles and ask:

Who can tell me how these bubbles remind us of the spiritual world around us?

Sometimes angels can be seen by people just like these bubbles. When the bubbles pop, they are no longer visible. But the soap is still here in the room even though we cannot see it. That is like angels. They are here even if we cannot see them.

What are some of the things you did not know about angels but were surprised to learn?

How does it make you feel knowing that angels are around you and God uses them to help you?

Let's investigate some more about angels from the Bible.

Give each kid a bookmark.

Pick one of the verses off of the bookmark that interests you and find it in your Bible. Read the verse to yourself, but be ready to tell us what you learned from that verse.

After kids have shared, say:

Today we learned that **God cares enough to send angels to help!*
The key verse for today from Hebrews 1:14 says, “*What are all the angels? They are spirits sent to serve those who are going to receive salvation.*”

Let’s pray.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God that he created angels to serve him and protect us. Thank him for God’s word that teaches us the truth about angels and that they are not to be worshiped. Encourage kids to thank God for specific things they learned about angels and to pray for someone they know who needs to understand the truth about angels.

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Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

God, What About...Angels?

This series "God, What About...?" is designed to help kids learn to ask questions of God and seek the answers in the Bible. The prominent room decorations are question marks that can be copied from the appendix page and placed all around the stage area. (See Lesson 55.)

The large group presenter is Mr. (Mrs. or Ms.) Answer Man (Answer Woman). Question marks can be pinned onto his/her clothing to help him (her) get into character. This character's main line is "That's a good question."

A special box should be onstage that has question marks on the outside. Mr. Answer Man will open the box and find a Bible inside to help all realize this is where we are to find the true answers to our questions.

The presenter's presentation will not be highly scripted, and can be ad-libbed by working "That's a good question" into much of the dialog.

Supplies: video "Angels in the Outfield," Walt Disney, 1995—rent from the video store or order from <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0000633U2/104-3896023-4046336?v=glance&n=130>, bottle of bubbles, chair

Opening video

Watch a four minute clip of "Angels in the Outfield" produced by Walt Disney (VHS-1995, DVD-2002).

Show the clip of angels helping ball players do amazing feats.

Guessing chair contest

Today we will have a contest to see which person can sit in the guessing chair the longest by giving the correct answers to questions about angels. Each time the contestant gets an answer right, he/she blows some bubbles and remains in the chair. However, if he/she guesses incorrectly, I get to blow the bubbles and he/she chooses a replacement from the audience. This replacement will then see how long he/she can remain in the chair.

Chose a volunteer to sit in the chair.

Category 1— What are angels like?

Let's begin with our first question.

1. Angels are spiritual beings created by God who don't have bodies like humans. True or False? That's a good question. *(True.) *God cares enough to send angels to help.*

2. Angels have wings. True or False? That's a good question. *(False.)*

This is a trick question. Angels are one type of spiritual being that the Bible never describes as having wings. However, another type of spiritual being called Cherubim do have wings. Some translations refer to Cherubim as angels, but they are really a different type of spirit being. Cherubim are often seen at the throne of God, sometimes seen as carrying God.

Ezekiel 10:12,14 describes them in the following ways,

"Their entire bodies, their backs, hands, wings, and wheels were covered with eyes. Each of the angels had a wheel ... Each of the angels had four faces. The first was the face of an angel, the second was the face of a human, the third was the face of a lion, and the fourth was the face of an eagle."

3. Angels are always recognized by people as heavenly creatures. True or False? That's a good question. *(False.)*

**God cares enough to send angels to help.* Sometimes angels can appear as people and are not immediately recognized. Hebrews 13:2 says,

"Don't forget to show hospitality to believers you don't know. By doing this some believers have shown hospitality to angels without being aware of it."

4. Angels like to have parties. True or False? That's a good question. *(True.)*

In Luke 15:7, Jesus says this,

“I can guarantee that there will be more happiness in heaven over one person who turns to God and changes the way he thinks and acts than over 99 people who already have turned to God and have his approval.”

Angels have parties in heaven when people turn to God.

5. Angels can see God's face the same time they watch us. True or False? That's a good question. (*True.*)

Matthew 18:10 says,

“Be careful not to despise these little ones. I guarantee that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father, who is in heaven.”

6) This is a multiple-choice question: At one time the apostle John saw a lot of angels. How many angels did he see? That's a good question.

- a) 100
- b) 1000
- c) 1000 trillion

The answer is c) 1000 trillion. Revelation 5:11 says,

“Then I heard the voices of many angels... They numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands times thousands.”

Category 2—What angels do

1) Angels can help baseball players. True or False? That's a good question. (*True.*)

This is another trick question. Angels can help baseball players because baseball players can be believers. Remember that angels help believers. Angels don't help baseball players play better, but rather they help people grow closer to God.

Hebrews 1:14,

“What are all the angels? They are spirits sent to serve those who are going to receive salvation.”

2) Angels would never hurt anyone. True or False? That’s a good question. *(False.)*

Sometimes angels are sent to protect believers and deliver God’s judgment to those who are his enemies. In 2 Kings 19:35 it tells us,

“... The Lord’s angel went out and killed 185,000 soldiers in the Assyrian camp...”

3) Angels can foretell the future. True or False? That’s a good question. *(True.)*

This is because they give God’s message to people and God can tell the future. When the apostle Paul was in a great storm, he said this in Acts 27:24,

“The angel told me, ‘Don’t be afraid, Paul! ...God has granted safety to everyone who is sailing with you.’”

4). Angels have told some of the biggest events that have happened in human history. What are two of those events?

An angel told Joseph that Mary was going to have Jesus. Angels told shepherds about the birth of Jesus. They spoke to visitors at the tomb when Jesus had been resurrected. And angels also spoke of Jesus’ return to earth the same way he ascended.

5) When Jesus lived among us, he needed angels to help him. True or False? That’s a good question. *(True.)*

Luke 22:43 describes when Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he would go to the cross, that an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

6) We can pray to angels so that they will help us. True or False? That’s a good question. *(False.)*

We are never supposed to pray to angels or worship them. We can pray to God and he will send us angels to help.

7) You can be guaranteed that someday you will see angels. True or False? That's a good question. (True.)

On the last judgment day, Jesus will be gathered with all of his angels. Those people who have faith in him will live with him forever among the angels.

Matthew 16:27 says,

"The Son of man (Jesus) will come with his angels in his Father's glory..."

8) Humans have a special status that angels do not have. True or False? That's a good question. (True.)

People are so treasured by God that he sent his Son Jesus to give his life so that we can live with God forever in heaven.

Conclusion:

Those were some great questions we just discussed, but where do we look to find proof of the answer we talked about?

Go to the question box and pull out a Bible.

All the answers we need in our life are here in the Bible.

When you go back to your small groups, I would like each one of you to think about something that you have learned new about angels and share it with your group.

I want you to share what it feels like to know that angels are all around you as God's special messengers, protectors, and helpers.

Let's close with a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us angels to minister to us. Even if we can't see them, we thank you that they are here to help protect us from the evil one. Thank you that we are so important to you that you not only send angels, but you sent your own Son Jesus into our world to give his life for us. It is because of Jesus that we can be a part of your kingdom forever. What a joy it will be to someday see you and your angels in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen



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Colossians 1:16
- ✦ Are spirits that serve.
Hebrews 1:7,14
1 Kings 19:3-7
- ✦ Rejoice over those who turn to God.
Luke 15:7,10
- ✦ Announce Jesus' birth.
Matthew 1:20-21
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- ✦ Announce Jesus' resurrection.
Matthew 28:2-7
- ✦ Announce Jesus' return.
Acts 1:10-11
- ✦ Accompany Jesus' return.
Matthew 16:27; 24:30-31
- ✦ God uses angels to answer prayer.
Acts 10:3-4; 12:5-10
- ✦ Take care of God's children.
Matthew 18:10
- ✦ Protect.
Psalm 34:7; 91:11;
Daniel 6:22
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