

Lesson #3

Hebrews 1:4-14, Acts 4:12, Ps. 91:11, Heb. 13:2

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Last week we learned that as great as angels are, Jesus is much greater and we are never to worship an angel.

Today we will learn more about angels (*remind the children about the stories from the week before that us showed angels in action, helping Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and then Daniel*), but first I want to tell you a true modern day story about a boy who was lost and how someone helped him.

One day, five-year-old Noah was at the beach with his family. When it came time to pack up the towels and sand toys and go home, he followed his dad and siblings out to their car while his mom and brother continued gathering their things. When Noah reached the parking lot, he remembered a toy he left behind on the beach. Without thinking, he ran back to make sure his mom had packed it for him. But, when he arrived at the spot where his family had spent the day, he discovered that his mom was no longer there! Noah wandered around for a short time, thinking he would see his mom and brother, but they were nowhere to be found. After a few minutes, he became confused and now not only could Noah not find his mother, but he couldn't figure out how to return to his dad in the parking lot! Just as he began to panic, a man with dark skin and a friendly smile appeared. The man told Noah that his mom and brother were rinsing off at the showers and he pointed in the direction where they could be found. Noah looked over his shoulder, spotted the shower area further down the beach, and then turned to thank the stranger who had helped him—but he was gone. He looked to the right and to the left, but the man seemed to have disappeared! He wondered how the man knew he was looking for his mom and brother, but he didn't take the time to think about it. His feet hurt from the hot sand and he longed to be with his family. So, he ran as fast as he could to the showers. There, he found his mom and brother just like the stranger said he would.

Do you think that Noah's helper was just a nice man or an angel sent by God to help him? No one really knows for sure, but here's what the Bible tells us about angels:

God is always with us AND He even **“commands His angels to take good care of us.”** (*Psalm 91:11 New International Readers Version*) Angels are for real and they are gifts from God and God is in charge of them. The Bible says: **“All angels are spirits who serve. God sends them to serve those who receive salvation.”** (*Hebrews 1:14 NIRV*) God loves us so much that He sends His angels to us.

So, I have a question for you. Raise your hand if you ever feel alone. Most of us feel alone from time to time, especially if there is no one around to spend time or play with. Maybe when you're lying in your bed at night you feel alone. Or, if you're at a store or, like Noah, on the beach and you become lost, you would probably feel alone and scared. The truth is, however, you actually are never alone. Not only is God with you but also His angels.

Want to know something funny about angels? The Bible tells us that sometimes we may be face-to-face with an angel and not even know it! Maybe that's what happened with five-year-old Noah. He or she may look like a person, but is really an angel God sent to us. God's Word says we should show hospitality (be kind, inviting, giving) to strangers because that stranger could actually be an angel without us knowing it. (*Heb. 13:2*)

Angels sure are fun to learn about, but, again, we must remember that Jesus is greater than angels. We must never worship them or give them the glory that is due only to God. Our worship belongs to the Lord. We know from God's Word that we **"...cannot be saved by believing in anyone else. God has given us no other name that will save us."** (*Acts 4:12 NIRV*) So, let's thank Him for His angels, but worship only Jesus.

Bible Verse: "The Lord will command His angels to take good care of you." Psalm 91:11 (*New International Reader's Version*)

Grow At Home #3

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Today the children learned these God facts:

- The Lord commands His angels to take care of us
- We are only to call upon the name of Jesus to save us

Live It Out:

Today we heard a true, modern-day story of a little boy who was lost at the beach. A kind stranger approached him and told the five year-old exactly where he could find his mother. The boy hadn't asked the stranger for help, but was relieved when he pointed to where his mother could be found. When the boy turned to thank the man, he was gone. He looked to his right and to his left, but the kind stranger seemed to have disappeared! The boy reported to his mother that he had seen an angel.

Of course, we will never know if the boy had a real encounter with an angel, but what we do know from the Bible is that God commands His angels to care for us. Have fun with your child and brainstorm some ways and situations that God might send an angel to provide help or protection. Like the boy in the story, it could be when we're lost (though never wander off from Dad and Mom), while we're driving, or in some sort of danger. Use your imagination! Remind your child, though, that we are only to call upon Jesus to save us. Salvation comes from Him—not angels!

Prayer: “You are such a good and creative God! Thank you for the angels you command to help us. And thank you for the power of Jesus to save us.”

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Psalm 91:11 (New International Reader's Version)