

Growing Together

Bible Story

Mary and Joseph take Jesus to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-18).

In Touch

Jesus' Birth 4:

God's angels watch over us.

Bible Verse

"For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go" (Psalm 91:11).

Today children learned that angels are watching over us, offering God's protection. The children learned that an angel told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to protect Jesus from Herod's evil plot to kill all the baby boys. They applied this lesson to their lives by understanding that angels protect us everywhere we go. Use these activities to reassure your child that God will always take care of him or her.

Angel Pictures

We all have different pictures of angels in our minds. Do they have wings? Do they light up when they talk to you? Do angels even look at all like people? Chances are we will not know what they look like until we are in heaven. Sit down with your family in front of your Christmas tree, and look at the angel decorations on the tree. If you don't have a Christmas tree decorated with angels, go Christmas shopping and notice the angels used to decorate your favorite stores. Discuss with your family differences in the ways the angels look. Talk about what you think an angel looks like. Also discuss with the family when you would really like for an angel to show up—maybe when you're about to do something big or when you're scared.

aren't in season, mix a heaping spoonful of cocoa powder and a few drops of mint flavoring in with the whipped topping. While you enjoy the treat, talk about what angels look like and what they do. Thank God for sending angels to protect you.

What Are Angels Like?

Gather Christmas cards you've received that depict angels, or browse through the card section at a local gift shop. Discuss what angels look like on these cards, and compare that to what family members think angels look like. Do they have wings and halos? Do they shine? Are they soft and cuddly? Are they big and strong? Then read these Scriptures together and compare what they say about angels with your own thoughts about these beings.

- Judges 13:6
- 1 Chronicles 21:30

Together search your house for supplies that can be used to create a craft angel. You might use fabric and ribbon scraps, cotton balls, feathers, paper, or glitter. Put your angel where it will remind your child of God's protection. You could even use it to top your Christmas tree!



Angel Food

Although the Bible doesn't say what angels eat, or if they eat, angel food cake is a tasty dessert! Purchase an angel food cake mix, and make the cake with your child. Work together to slice a favorite fruit such as kiwi or strawberries. Top the cake with the sliced fruit and whipped topping. Or if your favorite fruits

