

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary:
for thou hast found favour with God.”*

Luke 1:30

Angels We Have Heard On High

Imagine the shock that went through Mary when she heard the words the angel spoke, “Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS,” (Luke 1:30-31). The angel mentioned favor with God, but what of the people in her life? What would they think of her? She had to face her family, her fiancée, her friends and others in the community. Would they believe her fabulous story of an angel’s appearance?

Sure enough, the news did not set well with the man she was engaged to marry. For a brief time he thought of just putting her away in disgrace. “But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins,” (Matthew 1:20-21).

Is it any wonder that on the very night our Savior was born angels made an appearance to shepherds watching their flock outside of Bethlehem? “And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord,” (Luke 2:9-11).

God is still working on our behalf although we may not always understand the circumstances. You may not have an angel speaking a “Fear not!” to you today, but when He went away Jesus promised that He would not leave us comfortless (John 14:18). God has blessed us with the miracle of His Holy Ghost power! Just listen and you will hear Him saying, “Fear not!”

Family Prayer: *Lord, thank you for coming to earth in such a miraculous way the first time. Thank you that through your Spirit living inside of us we not only have hope in this world but in the world to come. No matter what I face I can hear you saying, “Fear not! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

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Have a fun night with a “white elephant” gift exchange. Provide wrapping paper or gift bags for each family member. Each one will wrap a personal possession that can be useful to someone else. You can distribute gifts by numbering each one and then drawing numbers or by using one of the many “left-right” games you might find on the Internet. To make it extra special provide snacks or other games and enjoy a fun family night.

Let's talk

A miracle is defined as an event that cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be a divine work. Most of us have witnessed a miracle at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is human nature to forget. Share a time when a healing took place or a prayer was answered and could only be explained by divine intervention.

The Christmas season can be a stressful and even painful time of year for some people. Try to be sensitive to those around you. Can you show a kindness to someone who is lonely or who has suffered a loss? You may be the only Jesus that some people see!



Additional Challenges

Angels showed up quite a few times in scripture. Let's check out a few and see what was happening and who was involved.

Matthew 28:2

- What:
 - And, behold, there was a great _____: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and _____ from the door, and sat upon it.
- Who: _____

Exodus 3:2

- What:
 - And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a _____ out of the midst of a _____:
- Who: _____

Acts 12:7

- What:
 - And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the _____: ... saying, Arise up quickly. And his _____ from his hands.
- Who: _____

This one is for us!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- What:
 - For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a _____, with the _____, and with the _____ of God:
- Who:
 - ...and the _____ in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are _____ and remain shall be caught up _____ with them in the clouds, to _____ in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Comfort one another with these words!

Puzzle Page

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