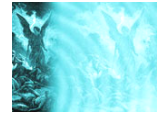




# Angels and the Spiritual World

## Plan



### Introduction

Angelology is a big part of New Age influence, as well as being part of Christian teaching. Our local shops were recently selling a game on how to find your guardian angel. It is therefore very important to give the Biblical perspective on this topic.

### Aim/s – select from

- To see what the Bible teaches concerning the creation and the role of angels.
- Is it ok to try to find my 'guardian angel' or to pray to angels?

### Key Bible Verse

If you make the Most High your dwelling, he will command his angels to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:9-11 NIV

### Resources – select from

- Find pictures or examples of angel gifts & books from the internet, shops, and/or Christmas catalogues. Try searching 'guardian angel gifts' on google images
- Food option: 'Angel cake' or use angel shaped biscuit cutters
- Angels quiz: photocopy for group or use PowerPoint
- Additional angel stories – written or verbal
- Drawing materials
- [Angels and Cherubim - YouTube short video](#)

### Programme

Your starting point & running order will depend very much on the type of group you have. This is a mix and match set of suggestions. Be selective.

### Food link

Give out slices of 'angel cake' or angel shaped biscuits. Christmas biscuit cutter sets often have an angel cutter. They could make the biscuits if you want this to be an activity.

### Use pictures

Everyone stops believing in the tooth fairy but what about angels? Look at pictures of angel related gifts such as charms and/or adult books on angels.

Discuss why there is so much interest in them.

Ask if they believe in angels or any other spiritual being.

Do things like this encourage us to trust too much in angels?

Draw some angels (good for younger ones in an all-age group)

### Discuss modern angel stories

- Ask them what they know about angels.
- Have they seen any angel gifts in the shops?
- Share any stories you may know, where angels have possibly been sent by God to help people.

**Discuss angel stories in the Bible**

Share a story, where angels have been sent by God to help people.

Perhaps choose one from the Bible and/or a modern day one. Possibilities include

- 1 Kings 19:1-8 – an angel provided Elijah with food and drink to strengthen him.
- 2 Kings 6:8-23 – an army of angels protected Elisha when trapped by an Aramean army
- Luke 1:11-20, 26-38 - Gabriel delivered messages to Zechariah and Mary.
- Luke 22:39-43 – an angel strengthened Jesus after his temptations & in Gethsemane
- Acts 12:6-11 – an angel rescued Peter from prison

**Angels quiz.** – Use quiz sheets or PowerPoint

This is the main teaching focus. See leaders notes for support.

If using the sheets, put the young people in small groups and let them have fun trying to guess the answers. When they have finished, teach them as you chat through the answers. With the PowerPoint, it could be done as a whole group, giving the answers as you go along.

Going through the answers can open up discussions.

**Life Application**

- Do you think we all have a guardian angel? Is it ok to try to find one?
- Is it right to search for a guardian angel?
- What do you think of the angel gifts sold in the shops?
- Do you think we can pray to angels or only to God? Why?
- Do you know any modern day stories of God sending angels to help?

**Spiritual reflection time**

Read Psalm 91: Have 2 good readers read this out loud, changing over every couple of verses. We used the Message by Eugene Petersen.

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