

God Speaks Through ANGELS!

Our lesson for today ANGELS to communicate times. This may surprise throughout the Bible, until the very end, ANGELS with messages from God. mentioned at least 108 Testament and 165 times



explores how God uses with His people at certain you to hear that from the very beginning appear to God's people In fact, angels are times in the Old in the New Testament.

We don't spend a lot of time talking about angels, except when they appear in a story. So what ARE ANGELS, then? And how does God use them in His world?

The word ANGEL means "messenger", which describes how God often uses them. ANGELS are NOT human beings. Human beings cannot become ANGELS; instead God created ANGELS as separate beings from people with their own purpose and function in creation. Although we often imagine ANGELS to be gentle, beautiful beings dressed in white, according to descriptions in the Bible ANGELS are actually strong and powerful spiritual beings who sometimes appear in physical form and other times as a voice or a bright light. They have special roles in creation, often seen protecting, comforting, guiding, healing, and bringing messages from God. ANGELS always act on behalf of God, never demanding humans to worship them but pointing people back to God. No one knows exactly how many ANGELS God created, but the Bible suggests that the number is incredibly large—thousands upon thousands or a "myriad" in many descriptions.

Memory verse: Psalm 91:11

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Scripture lessons:

ANGELS appear in the Bible in MANY stories, such as:

Genesis 18: Angels visit Abraham and tell him that he and Sarah will have a son.

Genesis 19: Angels go to Lot's house in Sodom and warn him to leave before God's judgment on the city.

Genesis 28: Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching up to heaven with angels going up and down the steps.

Genesis 32: Jacob wrestles with an angel of the Lord.

- 1 Kings 19: Elijah, wanting to give up and die, is cared for by an angel of the Lord.
- 2 Kings 6: The prophet Elisha sees the multitude of angels surrounding the area to protect him and his army in battle.
- Daniel: Throughout the book of Daniel God sends angels to protect (fiery furnace, lion's den) warn (prophecy for the future), and comfort for his servants.
- Luke 1-2: The births of John and Jesus are foretold to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph by the Angel Gabriel.
- Luke 2: A multitude of angels sing praises to God concerning Jesus' birth.
- Matthew 2: An angel speaks to Joseph in a dream to warn him to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus.
- Matthew 4: After Satan tempts Jesus in the desert, angels appear and minister to Jesus.
- Matthew 28: An angel rolls back the stone of the tomb where Jesus was buried and sat on it, speaking to Mary who came to care for Jesus' body.
- Mark 16: The three women find an angel sitting within the tomb where Jesus had been buried.
- Luke 24: The women find "men" dressed in dazzling clothes who tell them that Jesus is not there, but has risen.
- John 20: Mary enters the tomb to find two angels dressed in white sitting where Jesus had been laid.
- Acts 1: Two angels tell the disciples that Jesus will return the way He ascended to heaven, in a cloud.
- Acts 5: An angel frees Peter from a jail.
- Acts 8: An angel meets Philip on the road to Gaza, where Philip is baptized.
- Acts 10: An angel appears to Cornelius to tell him that the apostle Peter would soon visit him and share news about God.
- Acts 27: An angel visits Paul in a dream to comfort him that the people on the ship would not drown in a shipwreck during a difficult storm.
- Revelation: Throughout the book of Revelation angels play a significant role in the events to come.



Thinking about it:

When you hear someone talk about angels, what do you think?

Why do you think God sometimes uses angels to help His people?

How do angels show us God's love?

Do you think angels still help God's people? (Hint: they DO!)

Video suggestion:

- **A.D. The Story Continues—Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost clip**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEV5FVYzllw>
- **Kidsandyouth.themeetinghouse.com/angel-our-story-continues**

Craft suggestion:

Because it is Easter week when we are doing this lesson, Kidz Club kids will be decorating and dyeing Easter eggs during craft time! We have crayons, markers, decorative tape, and colorful dyes that we will be using to design unique Easter eggs!

Prayer:

Dear loving God, Thank you so much for providing help and comfort, protection and messages through your servants the angels! Help us to feel more secure knowing that You are always watching over us and finding ways to care for us, even through Your angels! Thank You most of all for sending us Your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us just how much You love us, especially on this Holy Week of Easter! Keep our eyes fixed on Him so that we might stay on Your path! In Jesus name, AMEN!

