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Memory verse: Jesus said, “. . .[Children’s] angels in heaven
always see the face of my Father. . .” Matthew 18:10

Lesson Overview: This lesson is designed to teach children about the Lord’s angels. Angels are perhaps the most misunderstood of all God’s created beings today. There are many false teachings about their role, make-up (what they are physically like), their power, whether or not they are a divine being—even their gender. This lesson is designed to help the students understand what angels are—and are not. By the end of the lesson, children will be able to distinguish between the facts and myths about angels, and a bit about what they do.

Requirements for the Lesson:

Object Lessons and Lead-in to the Lesson:

“Poor Angel; Poor Me.” This is a skit to help children see that angels need us just as much as we need them! (See page 7)

The Lesson:

DO THE OBJECT LESSON: ***“Poor Angel; Poor Me.”***

1. Who Are Angels?

Angels are some of God’s special, created beings. Long ago--before God made people--He made the angels. God was the only thing greater than these angels. All the time they sang praises to God and worshiped him. Finally, one of them decided he was better than God.

QUESTION: Do you know who this angel is? Satan (or Lucifer, as he was called then).

QUESTION: God gave the people one important thing that He didn’t give the angels. Do you know what it is? (Grace, or forgiveness)

God will never forgive the devil for sinning, or any of the other bad angels that followed him. God’s Word says that there will be a day when He will destroy all of these bad angels.

QUESTION: Why do you think God forgives people, but he won’t forgive the bad angels?

People have to believe and have faith in God because they can’t see God. The angels were always with God. They didn’t have to believe! They sat at his feet and sang to Him. That’s why God does not give bad angels a second chance. When they sin, then he kicks them out of heaven!

2. What Are Angels Like?

QUESTION: How do we know that angels are real? (The testimony of others, but most importantly, the Bible)

Many people have different ideas about angels. Some think they look this way and others that way.

QUESTION: What do you think angels look like?

Give the class a chance to respond.

Let’s see what the Bible says about angels.

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| a. Only One Kind Of Angel | In this world, God made male and females of almost everything. We have boys and girls, he cats and she cats, and even buck and doe deer. But Jesus said that there are only one kind of angel—no boy angels and girl angels (Mark 12:24, 25). There’s only one kind, and all the stories in the Bible talk about them as being more like men—sorry girls. God never made angels that look like those cute little girl angel figures you see in the stores either. These are some serious dudes! |
| b. Angels Are Powerful | God made angels to be the most powerful of creatures. They can tear things to shreds with their own hands or with a sword. They <i>don’t</i> have a cute little magic wand either. None of that sissy stuff for God’s powerful angels! God gives them power to do whatever they need to do. One day Jesus is coming back to take all the Christians in the world to heaven. At that time, God has seven angels that will come and destroy everything on the earth—just seven! |
| c. Angels are big | People can’t see Angels unless they show themselves. The Bible gives us the idea that angels are quite big—nine or ten feet tall at least. |
| d. Angels Have Feelings | These big, ferocious-sounding guys actually have feelings! They rejoice when a sinner gets Jesus in his heart (Luke 15:10)! They can get excited too. They know that when God says, “Now”, that He means NOW. When Lot and his family were slow to leave Sodom, the angels drug them out of the city so God would not destroy them as well (Genesis 19:15-22). |
| e. Angels Have Wings | Something that angels <i>do</i> have are wings. The Bible tells us about what angels look like, and at least most of them do have wings. Since angels just don’t “zap” from one place to another, they have to travel. That must be why God gave them the wings! |
| f. How Many Angels? | The Bible says that there are so many of them that they can’t be numbered (Hebrews 12:22). That’s a lot of angels! There is so many, that there is at least one angel for each person in the entire world, and then some. |

g. Angels Were Created By God

QUESTION: Do people become angels when they die? (No way!)

Some people think that way, but that's not true at all. God made the angels. When he made them, they were the exact same number then as they are now. God made a bunch of them, and then that was it. There are no "baby" angels. Angels never die either. But one day is coming when God is going to destroy the bad angels that joined up with the devil.

h. Angels Love To Learn

The Bible says that angels are very smart and love to learn. They should be smart, because they have all been around since time began.

QUESTION: Did you know that angels come to church with us? Why do you think they do that?

God gave mankind forgiveness (or grace). The angels that have sinned are never forgiven, so they are fascinated by it. They love to see God forgive a person for their sins, because they do not have that forgiveness for themselves.

3. What's The Difference Between Angels and God?

Lots of things! Remember how the devil had to find this out? He wanted to take God's place in heaven, but God put him in his place!

QUESTION: What are some things that are different between God and the angels?

Here is a list of things that will help you see how God and the angels are different:

Angels

- Only in one place at a time
- Powerful, but only have the power that God gives them
- Works miracles as God tells them to
- Angels are many
- Know only what God tells them
- Created to worship God

God

- He's everywhere.
- All Powerful.
- Works miracles as He pleases.
- Only one God
- Knows everything.
- Never created, always was, is, and will be

4. People And Angels Need Each Other

People and angels do need each other. God made his marvelous creation so that every part of it should always need another. So, we need the angels and they need us.

a. How Do Angels Help Us?

Angels help us all of the time.

QUESTION: What are some ways that you think angels help people?

- They rescue us from danger
- They bring us messages from God
- They tell God when we do good things
- They help us in ways that we can't always see

They especially watch over God's "little ones". That's you! Jesus said that people who want to harm God's little ones had better watch out! You and children like you are very precious to God. People do harm children sometimes, but they will be in big trouble with God if they don't get Jesus in their hearts.

b. How Can We Help The Angels?

You may never have thought that something so powerful as an angel needs you. They actually do! One thing angels do need us is for our prayers. When we pray, God sends power to the angels to help us. We simply have to pray, "God, send your angels to protect us, and make them powerful". In a way, we are actually helping others and ourselves because the angels help them and us. It is very important to know that we must *never* pray *to* angels. Remember that our prayers are only for God. We never worship something God created. God calls this idolatry. When someone worships a created thing--like angels--that thing becomes more important to us than God. There must never be anything more important to us than God.

There is another way is that we help the angels. We entertain them and teach them. We entertain them when they watch after us (Hebrews 13:2), and especially when we go to church and praise the Lord (1 Peter 1:12). But how can something of God's creation that is already so smart be taught by *us*? They just don't understand God's grace. God sent His Son Jesus to die for us so that we could have eternal life. Since He did that, we get a second chance. That's something the angels don't have, so they come and study us. They watch us closely at church—even right now. They want to figure it out. So, teach those angels! **QUESTION:** What are some things that you learned about angels today? Let the children respond.

5. Summary

Take some time to pray. Specifically:

- That God for sending the angels to us.
- That He will empower the angels to protect us.
- That the angels can take care of things around us that we can not see.

Poor Angle; Poor Me

Characters:

I. Doan Pray - Not quite a prayer warrior

Juan D. Ball - A guy who helps I. Doan Pray with his problem

The Angel in trouble - Pray's guardian angel

Angels to the rescue (2-3) - What else, Angels to the rescue!

A bunch of demon hecklers (2-3) - Ditto

This skit begins as I. Doan Pray is pondering why things are happening in his life that shouldn't. People are not giving him any slack, his possessions are becoming ruined, and he is sick a lot. To the side of the stage, Pray's angel is becoming weaker, nearly exhausted from Pray's lack of prayer. So he sits in the chair rather tired, and the story begins.

I. Doan Pray: Boy, I just don't understand why all of these rotten things are happening to me.

(Enter ONE demon heckler who begins to harass the angel)

I. Doan Pray: I've been given so much grief lately.

(Enter another demon who begins to harass I. Doan Pray)

I. Doan Pray: I've even been feeling bad lately.

(Enter the last demon who has a rope. Together, the one bothering the angel and he begins to tie the angle up)

Angel in Trouble: Help! Help! Won't somebody get him to *pray*? Doesn't he realize I'm in trouble!

I. Doan Pray: And another thing. All my things are breaking and I can't understand why! Hey look. Here comes Juan D. Ball! He always seems to know a lot about the Bible.

Juan: Hi, "I."

I. Doan Pray: Hi Juan. Say Juan, what do you do when you're feeling bad, your stuff's all breaking, and everyone seems to be picking on you?

Juan: I Pray.

I. Doan Pray: Oh, I haven't done much of that lately.

Juan: Sounds like you need God's help and his troop reinforcements.

I. Doan Pray: Troop reinforcements!?!

Juan: Yes. God sends more powerful angels to defend you when you are in trouble.
But you got to pray them in.

I. Doan Pray: Oh, I WILL! See ya. *(Juan exits the stage)*

(While I. Doan Pray "prays", enter the other band of angels who promptly send the demons on their way and untie the angel in trouble)

I. Doan Pray: Gee! I feel better all ready!

(The End)

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