



# Ministering Angels

Matthew 4: 11

## *Items Needed*

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Crayons/Markers/Pencils
- ✓ Copies of Coloring Page
- ✓ Copies of Word Search
- ✓ Copies of take home overview sheet



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### Objective of Lesson

What are angels and what do they do? The objective of this lesson is to examine the depth and length that our glorious God has gone to ensure the salvation of His elect people. All Glory and Praise and Honor to Christ our Lord be given. Amen.

### Scripture Reference

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### Lesson Instructions

1. Today I wanted to talk about a subject we have not spoken of nor talked about much at all during our Sunday School Lessons. It may be that you have not even heard much on this subject during the regular message service, but I believe it is important for us to learn about this subject because the Bible talks a great deal about these creatures, and the Lord uses them greatly in the salvation of His people. In learning about them I hope to show the power and might and honor and glory that has been given our Lord in the task of saving His beloved people from their horrible sin.
2. First, let me ask you... How many of you have heard of angels? Angels are

very real indeed. They are not made up fairy tale creatures that men thought up to entertain children and put into movies, but it is important for us to know the truth about angels. What you see in the movies is not at all accurate nor true. We are going to go through the scriptures today and learn the truth about angels - and not about made-up hollywood fiction.

3. First, why learn about angels? The Bible refers to angels and our Lord uses them, and He tells us that angels are used all the time in the salvation of God's people. In learning about them, I hope it gives great comfort and joy to God's children to know the depths and lengths and breaths our Lord God of heaven has gone to save His people from their sins. It is not a minor thing. It is a task of such utmost importance to our Lord that He created a WHOLE race of beings to assist and ensure that this important task is completed - and not one of His people is lost. All the glory goes to God in heaven!
4. What do we really know about angels? I know they can take upon themselves visual form because the Bible tells us some of God's people have entertained angels unawares. (Hebrews 13: 2) Often in the scriptures angels appeared as men, but for the most part Angels don't have a physical form like we do. The word "angel" means, "ministering spirits". They are spirits. Angels can be visible and invisible. They were seen at Jesus tomb and in the sky to the shepherds at the time of Jesus's birth, but they can be invisible too helping us when we don't even know it. They don't have a physical body like we do. The Bible in different places describes them as having eyes and wings so they CAN take on physical form but for the most part they are a spirit creature.
5. I know from several other accounts that some angels have names - just like we have names. On one occasion in the scriptures it talks about an angel named Gabriel who came down, so he was an angel that had a name. Michael is another angel that had a name that is mentioned in the scriptures. Then I also know that angels can differ a little as to their station. That means some angels are assigned mighty and important tasks and others are assigned what

we would consider less important tasks. God calls some of the angels "arch angels". So evidently they have different stations and purposes. They serve the Lord in different ways. Archangels are involved in the more serious tasks such as the end of the world and the gathering in of God's elect.

6. Here is something that I am sure you didn't know. Some of the angels were subject to fall and rebellion, the same as men did in the garden. They sinned and rebelled against God. How do we know this? The Bible tells us so. The Bible tells us that God created angels and He gave them a charge, a certain task, and God held them responsible for that task. There was a time when God gave the angels the same as He gave Adam, a certain task and rule. God gave those angels instructions as to what they were here for. He told them their being and how they were to serve.
7. In the Bible it tells us about a great angel the Lord created named Lucifer. He is whom we refer to as the Devil now. Yes! The Devil and demons are just as real as angels are. The Devil and his fallen angels were created by God just like the elect archangels were. The Devil is actually a fallen angel named Lucifer. In the Bible it tells us what happened and how Lucifer (the angel of the morning) became a fallen angel. (Isaiah 14: 12-17) This is where Lucifer questioned God and it caused him to fall out of heaven and his tail dragged one third of the heavenly angels with him and those became demons and devils. So some angels were subject to the fall just like men were. Did you know God has elect angels? (1 Timothy 5: 21) Yes. Just like God chose a people out of every tribe and nation and tongue, He chose elect angels to serve Him and assist Him in the task of saving His people from their sins.
8. There is a mighty difference between the fallen angels and fallen man. God did not provide a savior for the fallen angels. When they rebelled they were lost forever with no hope of salvation, but blessed be God's name, that is not the case with man. God provided man with a savior. He appointed Christ the God-Man to come to this earth and the Bible says He took not on the form of angels but of fallen men! (Hebrews 2: 16) Isn't that amazing!? As great as

angels are, God chose to provide a savior for men and not angels!

9. What I want you to see primarily in the lesson this morning is that all of the angels minister to Christ. The most important thing to know about angels is that God made them. He sends angels to help and deliver messages to us. The word angel actually means God's messenger. They ALL minister to Him. What does that mean? They take care of whatever Christ needs to be taken care of for Him and His people. Angels were created by Christ. When were the angels created? Our Lord God doesn't really say in the Bible. I don't know. I just know that He created them. *Col. 1: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:* - And whatever else angels do their primary service and reason for being is to minister to the Son of God. That is why they were created. Christ was appointed by God as our savior. Creation was given into His hands and God created these heavenly beings for the same reason He appointed Christ as our savior.
10. Whatever it is angels do they serve the purpose of Christ - even those angels that are fallen! This is important for you to understand - The Devil is God's Devil. He can't do anything except what Christ gives him permission to do. Do you remember the story of Job? (Job 1 & 2) Christ said to the Devil, "Hast thou considered my servant Job." The Devil said, "Well yes! But you have him hedged about!" Hedged about with what? He was hedged about with these heavenly beings - His angels! The Devil couldn't touch him. They couldn't touch his body; they couldn't touch his things; they couldn't touch his family. He couldn't touch anything about Job because God hedged him about, but God gave Lucifer permission to touch him.
11. See Angles don't just fly around at random. These movies we watch always show these angels on their own missions. They are shown to be always going out and doing stuff and looking down at men and pitying them and running here and there. Angles don't fly around at random. They are SENT by God

for a SPECIFIC purpose. *Their sole purpose is to do God's will in taking care of God's people.* That is all they do. They reverently wait at the throne of God to carry out His will in the redemption of His people.. All God has to do motion and they are gone, and whatever is troubling you is gone. They were and they are actively engaged in every aspect of this work of redemption. They were engaged in this work with the prophets. They brought the prophets of the old testament such as Moses, the word of God. They were involved in the incarnation of the Son of God. Angels announced His birth; angels witnessed His birth; angels sang the glory in heaven that gloried Christ. Angels were involved in the good news of the forerunner of Christ. They came to the mother of John the Baptist and told her she was going to have a son who would be a great preacher and he would tell everybody that Jesus was coming. Angels were at Christ's death; it was angels that were there at Christ's resurrection; they were at the tomb to tell Mary and Martha that Jesus was alive. Angles were were on the cloud with Christ our Lord when He ascended back into glory; and now they stand in His presence in heaven as our Lord sits on the throne in glory.

12. Another thing I know about these angels is that they are encamped round about God's people to protect and preserve them from all harm. (2 Kings 6: 17) We also know that they attend the worship of the saints. They attend this worship because they desire to look into these things for which they were appointed. You thought last Wednesday there were just a handful at church, didn't you? (Hebrews 12) I don't know if you have ever really even thought about the angels attending the worship of God's saints, but in Isaiah's vision, when he saw the glory of Christ he saw angels above the mercy seat. They were right along in this worship of God. (Hebrew 12: 22)
13. Now I didn't say all of this this morning to encourage you to worship angels or to try to find some hope in angels. That is the sort of thing false religion does, but I said these things to show you the great ends to which the Lord has gone to glorify His Son and His Saints in them. This sovereign king

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## Lesson Activities

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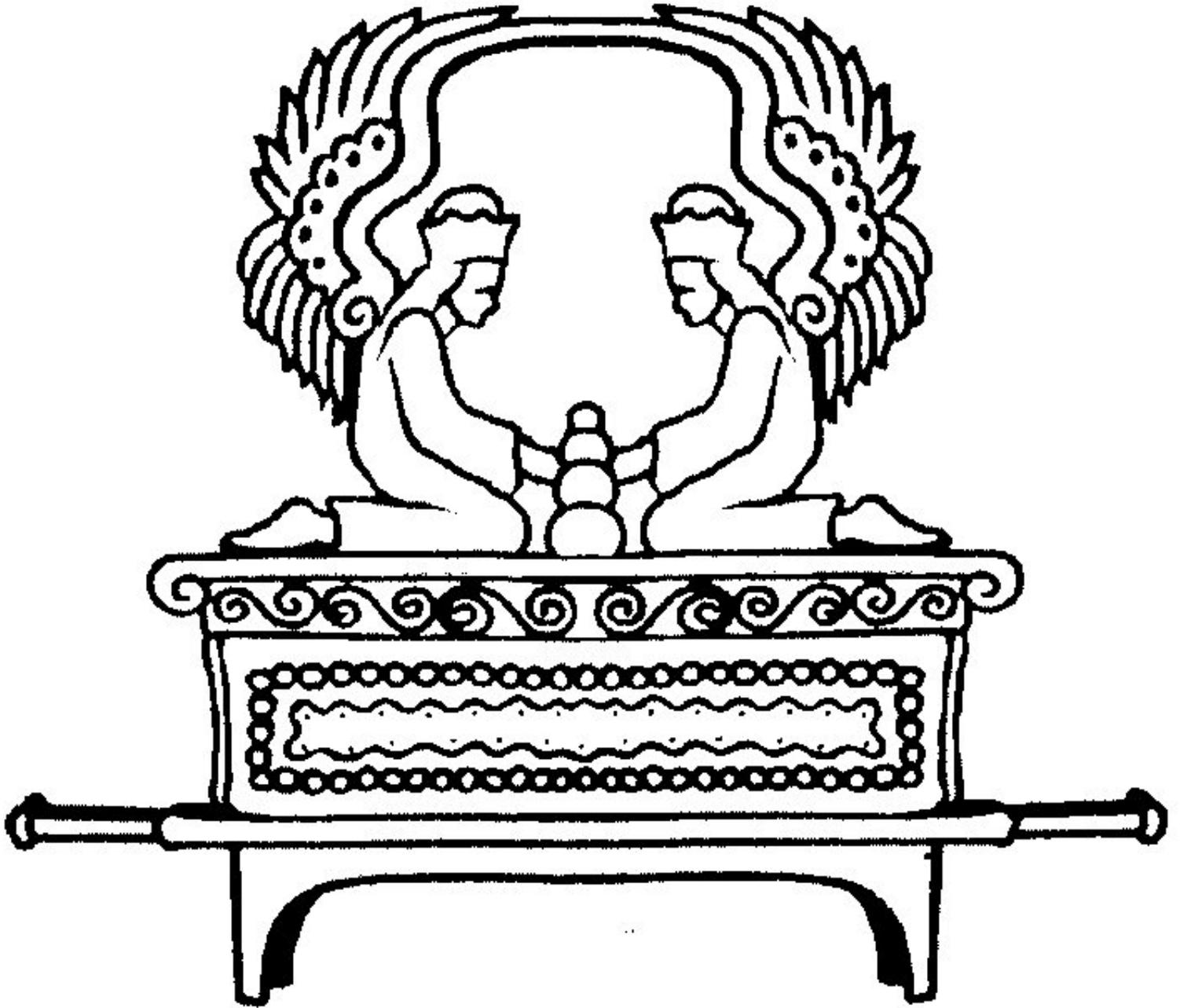
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# An Angel Visits Mary

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. Luke 1:31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:26-38



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ELIZABETH	JESUS	JOSEPH	BORN	AFRAID
SON	KINGDOM	DAVID	GABRIEL	BIRTH
MARY	TOWN	ANGEL	THRONE	VIRGIN

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