

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 30
How Angels Help Us (*Arcana Coelestia* 5992)

Theme: Angels in Heaven

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. Heaven is a wonderful place where good people go to live after they die. The good people who live there are called angels.
- B. The Lord gives the angels everything they need: homes, food, clothes, and other things.
- C. The angels want to help the Lord, so He lets them do work in heaven. There are many different kinds of Jobs for the angels to do.
- D. All angels serve as guardian angels, but each angel has his own specific use also.
- E. Each person has two guardian angels and two evil spirits from hell with him at all times.
- F. The angels are aware of a person's spiritual state but not of who he is or of what he is doing.
- G. The angels perceive nothing more delightful than to remove evils from a person and to lead him to heaven. (AC 5992)
- H. All power against evil is from the Lord. (AE 209:3)

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. What is heaven? Heaven is a wonderful place in the spiritual world. It is beautiful there. Heaven has lovely trees and gorgeous flowers; delicious smells; gentle animals like deer and lambs; and lovely homes and gardens. It is always sunny and warm there. That is what heaven is like.
 - 2. Who lives in heaven? The Lord is in heaven. And the angels live in heaven. Angels are people who were good when they lived here on earth. When they died and woke up in the spiritual world, they went to live in heaven. (Bad people go to live in hell, an awful place!) All of the angels are handsome or beautiful, and the Lord gives them wonderful clothes to wear.

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3. What do angels do in heaven? Angels love the Lord, and they want to make people happy. They want to help the Lord, so He gives each angel a job to do. Some angels take care of little children who die and go to live in heaven. Some angels help people when they die and wake up in the spiritual world. They tell them where they are and help them get used to being there. There are ministers who teach about the Lord. There are many jobs, and each angel has a job that he loves to do. But there is another job that all the angels do. They help people on earth!
4. Let's hear a story about a little boy on earth, and then we'll talk more about how the angels help us.

B. Tell/Read the Story

1. Read the attached story, "The Cupcake."

C. Ideas to Discuss

1. What did Jamie want? (A cupcake)
2. What did his mother say? (That he had to wait until after supper)
3. What did Jamie do that was wrong? (He took a cupcake, and he told his mom that he didn't take it.)
4. How did Jamie feel after he took the cupcake and lied to his mother? (He was worried that he would be punished, and he was sad that he had lied.)
5. Did Jamie feel better when he told his mother the truth? (Yes)
6. Was Jamie punished? (Yes; he didn't get a cupcake for dessert.)

D. Further Ideas

1. Did you know that there are angels with you all the time? There are two guardian angels with you, and they never leave you! The angels want to help you go to heaven. They want you to do good things. (Where do the evil spirits want you to live? In hell. What do the evil spirits want you to do? Bad things.)
2. In our story, who wanted Jamie to take the cupcake? (The evil spirits) Who wanted him to lie to his mom and say that he didn't know what happened to the cupcake? (The evil spirits) When Jamie did those bad things, the evil spirits were happy, but Jamie's guardian angels were sad. And they had to move away from Jamie a little.
3. Who wanted Jamie to tell his mom the truth about the cupcake? (The angels) The angels tried to help Jamie before he took the cupcake, but Jamie didn't let them. But when Jamie decided to tell his mom the truth, the angels sent the evil spirits away, and they made Jamie feel happy again.
4. When you do something good, you are listening to the angels. When you do something wrong, you are listening to the evil spirits. The Lord gives you two guardian angels to help you want to be good so that He can keep you happy and safe!

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III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "All that the Lord has spoken," *Hymnal* #245.
2. "When I'm happy I like to sing," *First Songs*, p. 2.

B. Activities

Discuss good actions (helping mom, being kind to a friend, cleaning your room) and bad actions (disobeying dad, hurting your sister, taking something you shouldn't). How do the angels feel about each of these actions?

C. Project

1. Materials needed for each child (See attached sheet for patterns)
 - a. 12x18 piece of red construction paper
 - b. Precut figures of two angels from white paper
 - c. Precut figure of a boy or girl (perhaps yellow for boys and blue for girls)
 - d. Glue sticks
 - e. Felt markers
 - f. Gold glitter
2. Procedure
 - a. Children glue the little boy or girl in the center of the paper leaving room for the text slip above the child.
 - b. Glue the angels on either side of the child.
 - c. Use the markers to make happy faces on all three figures and to decorate their clothes.
 - d. Glue text slip above the boy or girl.
 - e. Put glitter on the angels' clothing.
 - f. Glue on text slip. (Text slips on attached sheet)
3. Note: The children may want to make another picture of Jamie with a sad face and an evil spirit on either side of him. We gave the children paper and a cutout boy to take some and told them to make the evil spirits black and ugly.

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Illustrations from *Life Is Forever* by Peter Buss, illustrated by Lisa Buss.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. *Heaven and Hell*, Chapter 33, "Heaven's Bond with the Human Race"; and Chapter 63, "Man Is In Freedom by Means of the Balance Between Heaven and Hell."
- B. *Spirits and Men* by Hugo Odhner, Chapter 4, "Our Spiritual Guardians."

THE CUPCAKE

Jamie watched his mother frost the chocolate cupcakes. He could hardly wait to eat one, but Mom said he had to wait until after supper.

"Oh, Mom," said Jamie. "Supper is a long time away. Can't I just have one cupcake now?" "No," said Mom. "These cupcakes are for dessert. Why don't you go outside and play for a while?" So Jamie went out to play. His dog, Lucky, went with him. They pretended to hunt for tigers. Then Jamie tried to teach Lucky to roll over. Jamie rolled over and over on the grass, but Lucky did not roll over once!

After a while, Jamie went into the house for a drink of water. Mom was in the back yard picking tomatoes and green beans from the garden. Jamie looked at the cupcakes on the counter. They looked so good! He thought about taking one. Maybe Mom wouldn't notice that one was missing. Jamie grabbed a cupcake and hurried out the front door. The cupcake tasted very good! When he had finished it, he wondered what would happen if Mom found out that he had taken the cupcake. He didn't want to be punished. Maybe he could say that Lucky took it. Lucky was a big dog, and sometimes he took food from the kitchen counter. Or maybe he could say his sister, Debbie, took the cupcake.

Just before supper, Mom called Jamie into the house. "Jamie," she said, "do you have any idea what happened to the cupcakes? One is missing." "Uh, no, Mom," said Jamie. "Maybe Lucky took it when we came in for a drink." Mom said, "That's funny. I didn't think Lucky could take a cupcake and then cover the plate again with plastic wrap." But she didn't say anything more.

Jamie hurried away to play with toys in the other room. Should he tell Mom the truth? He was sad about lying to her. Now he wished he hadn't taken the cupcake! Jamie thought for a while. Then he went back into the kitchen.

"Mom, I took the cupcake. I'm sorry I lied to you." His mom answered, "Thank you for telling the truth. What do you think would be a fair punishment for taking the cupcake?" Jamie and his mom decided that he would not get a cupcake for dessert that night. Jamie was sad after supper when everyone else was enjoying the chocolate cupcakes. But he was glad that he had told the truth. And he decided never to take a cupcake again without permission!

TEXT SLIPS

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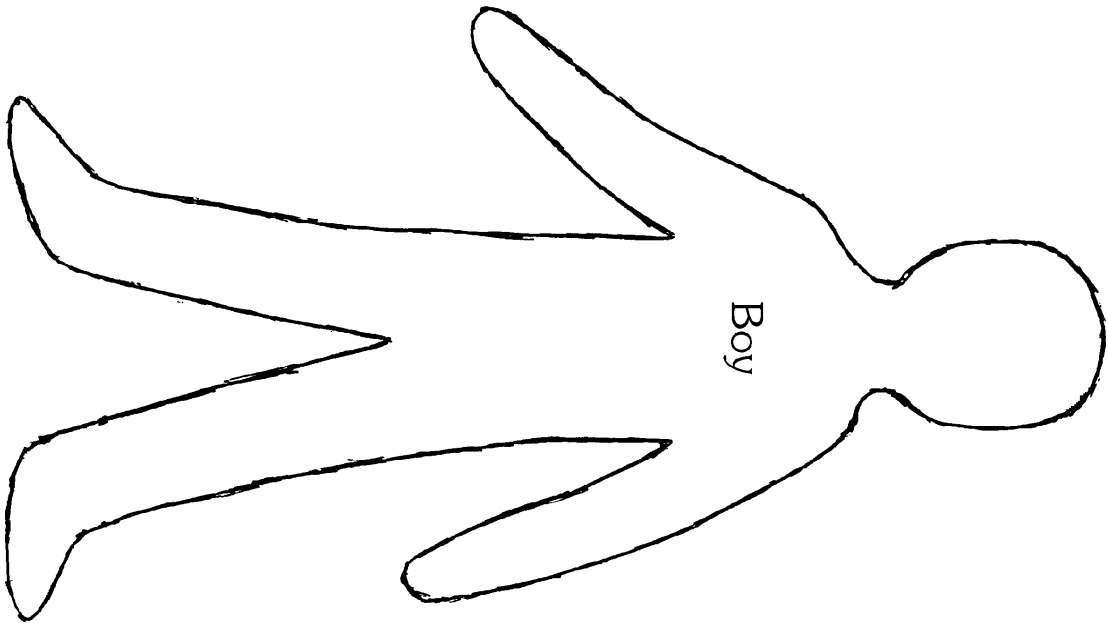
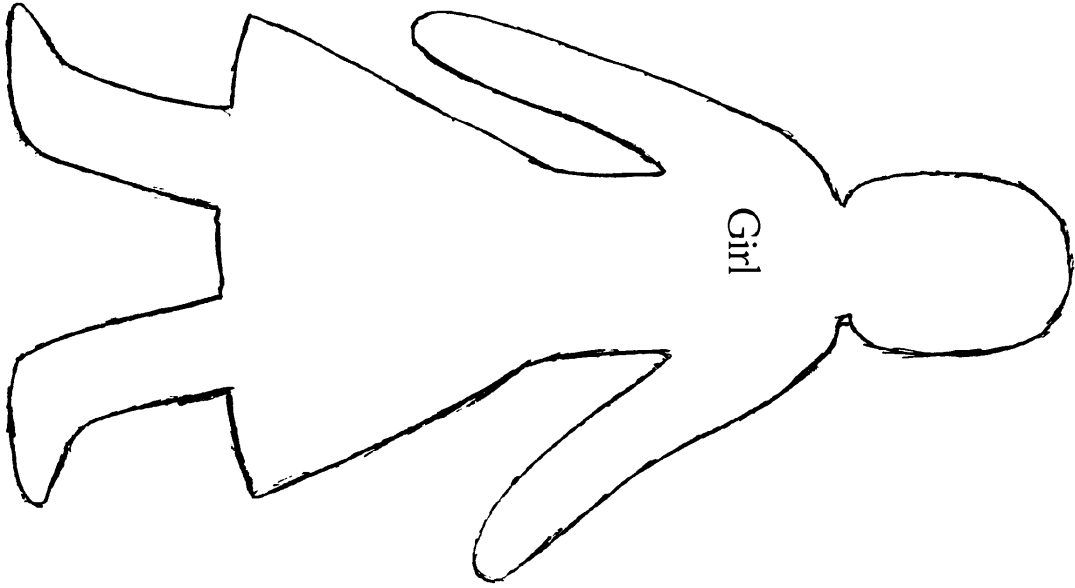
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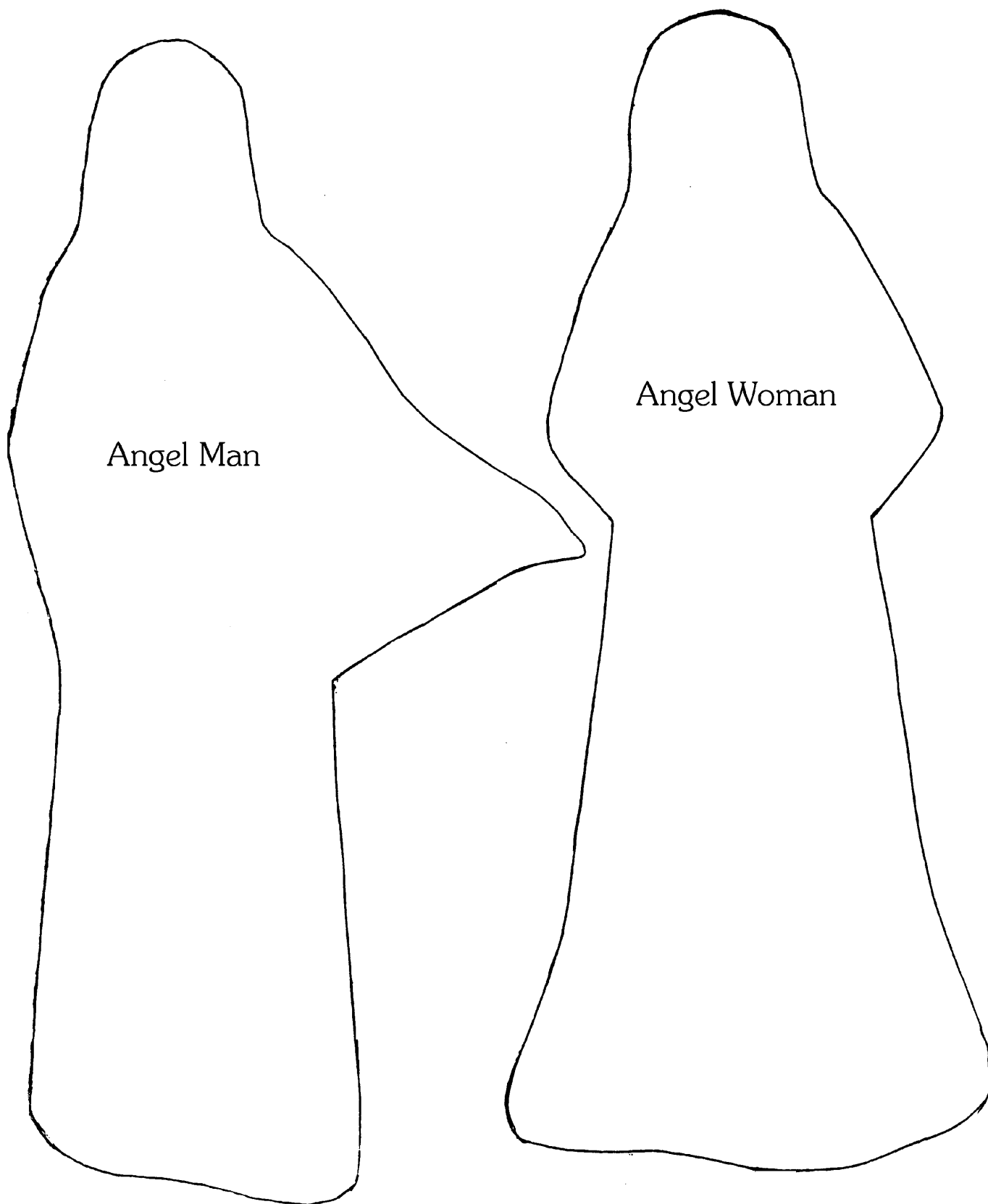
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