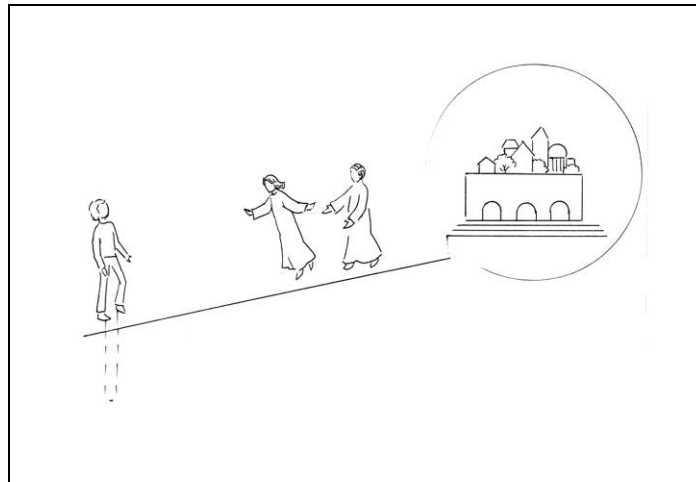


MAKING ANGELS HAPPY

Nothing gives angels greater delight and happiness than to remove evils from a person and lead him to heaven. This is their joy.

(Arcana Coelestia 5992:3)

The angels love to help people along the path to heaven. Nothing gives them greater happiness. This project can help you picture your guardian angels encouraging you to make good choices in life so that you will eventually join them in heaven. Just imagine how happy they are to receive newcomers!



Materials:

sturdy paper, such as cover stock, tagboard, or posterboard
crayons, markers, colored pencils, *etc.*
scissors
craft stick or strip of cardboard (to attach to the figure of a person on the path to heaven)
optional: glitter, metallic gold pen, gel pens, cotton ball (for lambs in garden), *etc.*

Procedure:

1. Draw a picture of yourself (or another person) on a piece of stiff paper. (If you don't have stiff paper, tape or glue a long strip of cardboard to the back of the figure, letting it extend below the figure as shown in the diagram above.)
2. Draw a straight line on an upward angle as shown above, and cut along the line. (Note: Younger children may need help cutting a line that is easy for the figure to slide along.)
3. Make 2 smiling angels on the paper above the slit in the paper. Angel men are handsome and angel women are beautiful. There is a bright light around them, and their clothing may appear to sparkle. You could use glitter or other special craft materials to show that these are guardian angels sent by the Lord to guide you.
4. At the end of the angled line, you may want to draw a shining city of gold or a beautiful garden with lambs and gorgeous flowers. If there is someone in heaven that you would love to see—such as a grandparent who has died—you could picture this person there.
5. Now use tape or glue to attach a craft stick or piece of cardboard to the back of the picture of yourself. Insert the figure through the slit so that you can move the figure along the line toward heaven. Think about how happy the angels are with each step we take toward heaven!