

GOD RULES ANGELS

STORY: CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD RULES ANGELS

Psalms 103:19-22; Revelation 5:11-13

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:38-39

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BIG IDEAS

- God created all of the angels.
- God is more powerful than angels.
- Angels exist to declare God's greatness.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 2:8-14

During the time of Jesus' birth, angels appeared to shepherds who were out in a field. The angel declared the birth of Jesus and then the heavens opened and the shepherds saw many, many angels praising God. Angels are created beings and they were created to declare God's greatness.

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God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is actively involved in creation



Every child should feel:

- Safe and secure in God's rule over creation



Every child should:

- Remember the ways that God is faithful



Every child should want:

- To trust God's control over creation

FAMILY DEVOTION: ANGELS EXIST TO DECLARE GOD'S GREATNESS

Angels are separate beings from humans. They were created by God and for God. Many times angels are God's messengers and they minister to His people. They exist, or were created to declare God's greatness.



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God is ruler over all things.

- God is mighty and powerful.
- He is so mighty and powerful that He rules over everything.
- His love for us is so powerful and unstoppable that nothing could cause Him to not love us.
- God controls all things and rules over all things.
- He rules things we can see and things we can't see.
- He rules over everything.

We can never be separated from God's love.

- Those who have saving faith in Jesus belong to God.
- Those who belong to God are His people.
- God's people are never separated from God's love.
- Nothing can take God's people away from Him because He rules over everything.
- He rules over every earthly power and authority.
- He rules over every angel and demon.
- He rules over everything and nothing can take His people away from Him.

There is nothing that can take God's people away from Him.

- There is no power, seen or unseen, that can take God's people away from Him.
- There is no person or event that can separate God from His people.
- God is more powerful than anything and His people are kept in His arms always.
- Because God rules over everything, His people can never be taken from Him.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 2:8-14

The Angels Appear To The Shepherds

Opening Illustration:

On heavy cardstock paper, write down different things that God created. Make sure to include the following: sea creatures, birds, animals, angels, and man. You can have as many pieces of cardstock as you like. Place the pieces of cardstock on the floor and then play a game of beanbag toss with the children. When a child hits one of the pieces of paper, they get to turn it over and tell the class something that God created. When every child has had a turn, lead them in a discussion about God as the Creator of all things. Make sure to include that God created the sea creatures, birds, animals, angels, and man and He rules over everything.

BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED ALL OF THE ANGELS.**Opening Question:**

*Who is the Creator of all things? (God is the Creator of everything.)
Did God just create things that are on earth? (No, He created everything everywhere.)*

God is the Creator of everything, including the things we don't see.

- Angels are created beings.
- They were created by God for His purposes.
- They have not always existed.
- They have a beginning.
- They are not men; they are heavenly beings created by God.
- Angels are not people from earth who have died and are now in heaven.
- They are creations of God like the land, sea, animals, birds, and everything else.



Read Job 38:4, 7 with the children. Remind them that God created the angels. They have not always existed.

Angels were created before the heavens and earth.¹

- We do not know when God created angels, but we know that He did.
- Only God existed in the beginning, so we know angels have not always existed.
- They were created sometime before the heavens and the earth.
- Every angel was created by God, even the angels that fell with Satan.
- The angels that appeared in the sky to the shepherds were created by God.
- They serve Him as He tells them to serve Him.

1. Job 38:4-7: The sons of God are often interpreted to mean angels. God created the angels before He created the heavens and the earth.

BIG IDEA: GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ANGELS.

Is there anything that is more powerful than God? (No, God is more powerful than anything.)

Nothing has power over God.

- God has power over everything because He is the Creator.
- There are no angels more powerful than God.
- Even Satan, a fallen angel, and his demons, also fallen angels, do not have power over God.
- Everything does only what God allows.
- He controls everything.
- The angels appeared to the shepherds just as God told them to appear.
- When God wanted them to return to heaven, they did just as He wanted them to do.



Read Jude 1:6 to the children. Remind them that God is more powerful than angels, even those who fell in disobedience. Nothing is more powerful than God.

Though the angels are heavenly beings, they are not more powerful than God.

- Angels have abilities and powers that people don't have, but they are not more powerful than God.
- They are under God's authority and only do what He says.
- They do not overrule God or overpower Him in any way.
- Angels do only what God commands them to do because He is their Creator and has power over them.²

2. Psalm 103:20: Angels obey God's voice; they do what He commands. He has rule and authority over them.

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BIG IDEA: ANGELS EXIST TO DECLARE GOD'S GREATNESS.³

Angels have a purpose to bring God glory.

- They are created to serve God and to bring Him glory.
- The angels who appeared to the shepherds were declaring God's greatness.
- They were glorifying Him.
- Every angel was created to bring God glory.
- They worship and praise Him always.



Bring in a pair of angel wings and allow the children to take turns wearing them. When a child has the wings on, they should pretend to be like the seraphim, or the angels who sing praises to God all day and night long.

Angels declare God's glory through their appearance.

- Some angels are seen by man in the heavens.
- Their appearance is surrounded by light and they cause people to feel awe and fear at times.
- When these angels appear in this way, their very appearance is declaring God's glory and greatness.
- They appear singing praises to God or delivering His message to mankind.
- They also appear in the form of men, but the people they appear to usually know they are angels.⁴
- Even when they appear in the form of men, they declare God's glory and greatness through their message.

Angels declare God's greatness through their actions and words.

- Angels appear in the Bible when they are declaring a work of God, doing God's will, or ministering to God's people.
- They sing praises to God and declare His greatness throughout heaven.
- All that angels do declares the greatness of God.

What do angels exist to do? (They exist to declare God's glory and greatness.)

3. Psalm 148:2: Angels praise God and declare His glory and greatness.

4. Genesis 18:2: Abraham saw three visitors and ran to meet them. He bowed low to the ground indicating that he understood they were not regular men because it was not customary for a man of Abraham's position to greet visitors in this way.

HOOKS

**God Created All The Angels**

Gather enough Bibles for each child to have one. Spend time together looking up the passages referencing each of the following angels mentioned in the Bible: Gabriel, Michael, and Satan. If time permits, you can have the children look up passages about other angels mentioned by name in the Bible. Use the following verses as your guide for each angel:



Gabriel: Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26

Michael: Daniel 10:13; 12:1; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7-8

Satan: Matthew 4:10; Mark 1:13; Luke 22:3; Romans 16:20; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Revelation 12:9



After you look up the passages and read them together, lead the children in a conversation about how all of the angels were created by God.

- God created every single angel, even Satan and his demons.
- All of the angels are created beings and are created for God's purposes.

**Angels Exist To Declare God's Greatness**

Draw or print a picture of an angel without wings. Next, draw or print a picture of wings. Play a game of "Pin the Wings On The Angel" with the children. When a child gets the wings on the angel or gets the closest, he or she gets to name something that the angels do, such as share God's message, minister to people, or declare His greatness. Talk with the children about how angels serve God's purpose of glorifying Himself. They bring Him glory.

God Rules Angels

Play a game of musical chairs with the children. Decorate one chair with a pair of angel wings. Instead of taking a chair away, when a child sits in the angel chair, he or she gets to tell one thing that angels do in the Bible. Remind them that angels do what God commands them to do because He rules over them.