

BIG TRUTH: GOD RULES ANGELS*Psalm 103:19-22; Revelation 5:11-13***BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:38-39***"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."***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.

STORY: CREATION

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**KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God is actively involved in creation

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Safe and secure in God's rule over creation

**DO****Every child should:**

- Remember the ways that God is faithful

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To trust God's control over creation

ANGELS EXIST TO DECLARE GOD'S GREATNESS

Using cardstock make an angel paper chain. A quick Google search will give you instructions on how to make a paper chain. Help your child color the angel paper chain. Talk with your child about some of the things that angels declare about God, such as His power and might, His place as Creator of the world, His love. Angels sing praises to God and declare His greatness to all of the world.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Luke 2:8-14.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

God created angels for His great purposes. They are heavenly beings, though at times they take the form of men, appearing in the Old and New Testament to people. Other times, angels are seen as magnificent creatures, surrounded by light. Or they are seen in the heavens in great numbers singing praises to God. No matter how angels appear, they are always glorifying God or declaring His message. Their entire reason for existing is to declare God's greatness and that is exactly what they do. When the angel appeared to the shepherds, he declared the great news that Jesus was born and then many, many angels appeared in the heavens praising God. Angels are all created by God and they all declare His glory and greatness.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What are angels created to do? (They are created to declare God's greatness.)
- How did the angel who appeared to the shepherds declare God's greatness? (He told them about the birth of Jesus.)
- How did the many, many angels in the heavens declare God's greatness? (They sang praises to God.)



As a family memorize Romans 8:38-39 by making a puzzle out of the verse. Write the verse on a poster board or cardstock and then cut it up and help your child put it together again. Say the verse several times together until it is memorized.



Blow up several balloons and fill a container of water deep enough for the balloon to be fully submerged. Tell the child the balloons represent angels. Have your child try to hold the balloons under the water. Tell them that even though it's hard for us to hold the balloons under the water, it's not hard for God to have power over angels. He controls the angels and rules over them.



Help your child make angel-shaped sugar cookies. As you decorate them talk with your child about the reason angels exist. They declare God's greatness and glory.



Help your child create a list of God's attributes, such as His goodness, His holiness, His kindness, etc. Put the list in a place where it can be seen all week. Throughout the week, encourage your child to declare God's greatness like the angels do by imitating these attributes of God. Remind your child that the whole purpose of angels is to declare or tell how great God is.

Spend a few moments as a family talking about God's greatness. Pray thanking God for His greatness and the many ways you see His greatness in your life.