

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Module 4	God's Special Gifts
Lesson 4	Our Guardian Angels

AIMS

1. Students will become aware that God has given each of them an angel to look after them.
2. They will become aware that the Devil tempts them to do things that are wrong.
3. They will learn to pray to their guardian angels for help each day

BEGIN

Remind the children that many of the angels help God by carrying messages from Heaven to earth. Ask the children if they can think of any examples (the angel Gabriel and the angels who appeared at the nativity). Tell them that some angels help God in a different way and that they will learn about these angels today.

STEP 1

Read Special Paragraph 1 with the children. Emphasize that it is because they are so special to God that he give them their very own angel to look after them. And because they are composed of both body and soul their guardian angel is concerned about both parts of them. Ask the children to list some of the dangers that can come their way in the course of a day (falling over in the playground, a car accident, falling off their bike, etc.).

STEP 2

Explain that guardian angels are especially concerned about their souls because their soul will live forever. Their guardian angel wants them to keep their souls strong and healthy. Remind them that because they have souls, they can know God, love God and others and choose to do the right and good thing. Their guardian angels job is to help them do these things as well as they can, and help them not to do bad or naughty things, so their souls will be healthy and strong.

STEP 3

1. Review the staircase of creation in the children's pack. Have the children cut out and past the pictures in the correct place. Draw the children's attention to the additional step for angels.
2. Explain that of all creatures, angels are the most like God, because they are pure spirits. They do not have any bodies.

STEP 4

1. Discuss the picture of an angel in the children's pack with the children. Ask them to identify the characters: children and an angel. Remind the children that angels do not have bodies or wings, but people draw them that way. Angels are invisible in reality. Ask them what they think the angel is doing in this picture.
2. Remind the children that not all angels are good. There are some bad angels who turned away from God and were cast into Hell.. We call them devils. Explain that the bad angels do not want them to be good because they don't want them to go to Heaven and be happy with God forever.

REINFORCE

1. Teach the children the prayer to their guardian angel
2. Have the children draw a picture of their guardian angel helping them to do something good: kneeling up straight during Mass or prayers, sharing, making the Sign of the Cross, genuflecting, helping their parents, protecting them from harm, etc. Encourage them to make their angels beautiful, because angels are great creatures.
3. Have the children cut out the picture of a stained glass angel and stick it on a window so that the light comes through it.

CONCLUDE

1. Have the children explain to one another what their angels are doing.
2. Teach the children CCC question 13 and review questions 1 to 12.
3. End the lesson by saying the “Another Special Prayer” with the children and beginning and ending with the Sign of the Cross.
4. Sing “I heard the voice of Jesus say,” *Adoramus Hymnal*, #579.

PREVIEW

Explain that in the next lesson we will review what we have learned and play some games. When we think we have learned everything we can about the great gifts God has given us, we will have a quiz.