



CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

LESSON TITLE

Angels Tell of Jesus

TEACHER NOTES

UNIT 1 - Heavenly Authority

30 -minute lesson

GRADES Preschool - Kindergarten

HOLY BIBLE

Luke 1: 30- 33, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

BOOK OF MORMON

Moroni 7:22, "For behold, God knowing all things, being from everlasting to everlasting, behold, he sent angels to minister unto the children of men, to make manifest concerning the coming of Christ; and in Christ there should come every good thing."

OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Describe at least one job that angels have, Moroni 7:22,25,29-31.
- Explore/Listen to one or more accounts of angels telling the good news, Luke 1:26-32, Luke 2:8-14.

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in **OBJECTIVES**.

Q = Teacher asks question

Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church

"Gloria, in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Glory to God in the Highest!"

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Where do angels live?
- What might an angel look like?
- What is one job that angels have?
- What would you do if you saw an angel?

MATERIALS

Holy Bible (KJV) and The Book of Mormon

Object Lesson: Small Nativity set and Angel ornaments, optional

Colored pencils/crayons

Angel coloring page or craft: Coloring page: ½ - sheet of blank paper per student or 1-coloring page of an angel for each student. Craft: 1- cardboard tube/toilet paper roll, per student, scissors, paste/tape, angel template. [Template - Angels](#)

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (3 minutes)

Q: Have you ever seen an angel? Do you know someone who has?

Today we will learn about angels. We will hear a true story of someone who saw an angel.

Lesson Development (20-25 minutes)

(See Teacher's Supplement below for guidance with steps 1-3.)

1. Engage students in a discussion on the appearance and roles of angels. Share angel descriptions from the Bible or Book of Mormon.
2. **Object Lesson:** Relate how angels were used to announce Jesus to Mary and the shepherds.
3. **Angel craft or coloring page:** (Link to angel templates located in Materials, above.)
4. **Essential Questions:** Discuss (page 1)
5. **Scripture Cheer:** Lead students in cheer...
Luke 2:10, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy..."
6. **Song:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Teach students refrain. Time permitting, teach verse 1 also. Tell students to pretend to sing like angels.
Note: "Gloria, in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Glory to God in the Highest!"

Lyrics: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 1:

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains:

Key words: Heavenly Authority, Angels

Teacher's Supplement – Angels Tell of Jesus

1. Q: What might an angel look like?

Angel Descriptions: (Scriptural citations for lesson preparation; not to be read to students. Prior to class, draw symbols to represent descriptions on the board to aid conceptualization.)

- Mouths to blow trumpets (Revelation 8:6)
- Bright, glowing faces (Revelation 10:1, Helaman 5:36, Acts 6:15)
- Hands and feet (2 Samuel 24:16, Revelation 22:8)
- Rainbow on head and clothed with a cloud (Revelation 10:1)
- Surrounded by fire (3 Nephi 17:24, Acts 7:30)
- Holding a sword (Numbers 22:23)
- Flying through heaven (Revelation 14:6)

Q: What do angels do?

Angels' Roles:

Angels have very important jobs. They work for God, doing whatever He tells them. Angels live in heaven with God. One very important job of angels is to report God's news to people on earth. To see an angel is amazing. When someone sees an angel, he/she should know that God is sending a very important message.

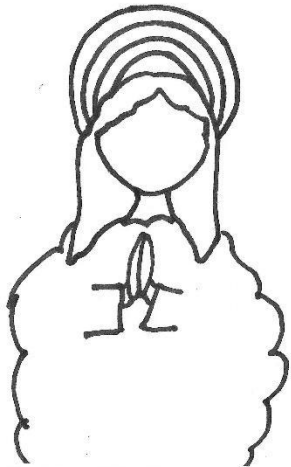
2. Object Lesson: Angels Tell God's News to Mary and the Shepherds (Use Nativity Set and angel ornaments as props when relating accounts.)

Story Map - Angels Tell of Jesus

A long time ago, before Jesus was born, God sent angels to tell people on earth that Jesus is coming. Many people saw angels and heard the good news. One such person is Mary, who became the mother of Jesus. When Mary was a young woman, an angel named Gabriel visited her. Gabriel had very important news from God. He said, “**Blessed are thou among women. You are chosen to be the mother of Jesus.**” The angel said that Jesus is very special - He is God's Son and a great king! This news gave Mary great joy!

Several months later, baby Jesus was born. That very night an angel appeared to shepherds who were watching over their animals in the fields. When the shepherds saw the angel, they were so amazed and afraid! The angel said, “Fear not: for behold, **I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.**” The angel told the shepherds the good news that Jesus, God's son, was born earlier that day! He told them where to find baby Jesus. Suddenly many angels appeared in the sky singing praises and saying, “**Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**” The shepherds ran to see baby Jesus, the great king! After the shepherds saw Jesus, they told everyone what they saw and heard!

3. Angel Craft:



Instructions:

- Make copies of angel template with rainbow on head for students to color and cut out ("Template – Angles" located in Lesson Resources). Assist with cutting as needed.
- Cut a 1"- slit horizontally about $\frac{1}{4}$ " below both sleeves.
- Tape/paste bottom portion to a 6"-cardboard tube to make angel stand.

See picture below.

