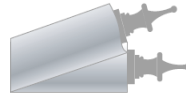




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



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

LESSON TITLE

The Ministry of Angels

UNIT 1 - Heavenly Authority

GRADES 1-3

HOLY BIBLE

Luke 2:10,11, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

THE 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:

- Imagine when angels were created.
- Describe at least one job that angels have, 1 Nephi 1:8. Moroni 7:22,25,29-31.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Who made the angels? Where do they live?
- What is one job that angels have?
- Name one person that was visited by an angel and tell what happened.

MATERIALS

- Holy Bible and Book of Mormon
- Slideshow: [The Ministry of Angels](#)
- Task: [Angel Craft](#). 1- 8-½ x 11" sheet of paper per student, plus a small piece of white paper. Glue sticks. Scissors. ¼ " ribbon, pencil.
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TEACHER NOTES

35-minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in **OBJECTIVES and TEACHER'S SUPPLEMENT.**

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

Definitions:

Ministry *n.* A sense of being duty-bound to work under God's authority as his loyal servant

Manifest *v.* Display or show by one's acts or appearance; demonstrate

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (3-5 minutes)

Engage students to imagine what it might be like to see an angel.

Q: What would you do if you saw an angel?

Q: How would you know it is an angel?

Q: What would you say to/ask the angel?

Goals: Imagine when angels were created. Describe at least one job that angels have.

Lesson Development (25-30 minutes)

(See Teacher's Supplement for guidance steps 1 & 2. Slideshow can be used to present the lesson, link page 1.)

1. Slides 2-5: Engage students in a discussion about angels and their roles. Ask for volunteers to read the questions from the slides, or the teacher reads the slides.
2. Slides 6-10: Share Nephi's account of the angel who explains the condescension of God, 1 Nephi 11:13-21. Ask for volunteers to read the slides, or teacher reads.
3. Discuss Essential Questions.
4. Task: Students make angel craft.

Key words: heavenly authority, angels,

Teacher's Supplement

1. Angels and Their Roles:

- Angels are heavenly beings, which means they live in heaven; they are eternal, which means they live forever.
 - (Scriptural references should be used if students ask about characteristics of angels - Not intended to be read in class.)
- Descriptions of Angels:
 - Three men stood by Abraham (Genesis 18:2)
 - 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, Joshua 5:13-15)
 - Flying through heaven (Revelation 14:6)
- Angels were created by God possibly in the beginning when God made heaven:
 - **Genesis 1:1**, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
 - **Job 38:4,7**, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"
- Angels have very important jobs working for God and doing whatever He assigns.
 - One very important job of angels is to report God's news to people on earth. When God sends an angel to visit someone on the earth, it means God has a very important message to relate.
 - One very important message that angels bring is to tell people about Jesus Christ, God's son.

2. Story Map: The Angel Tells Nephi of Jesus' Birth (1 Nephi 10:17-19. 11:13-21)

Nephi, the son of Lehi and Sariah, lives in Jerusalem about 600 years before Jesus is born. One day, Nephi desires to know about Jesus, the Savior of the world, because he has learned from his father that God's Son will come to earth one day. Nephi believes that God will show and tell him about Jesus too, so he prays.

God shows Nephi a vision through the power of the Holy Ghost. In the vision, Nephi sees many cities, among which is the city of Nazareth. In the city of Nazareth, Nephi sees a virgin, which is a young woman, who is pure.

Nephi sees the heavens open, and an angel comes down and stands before him. The angel asks Nephi, "What do you see?" Nephi answers, "I see a virgin who is most beautiful above all other virgins." The angel tells Nephi that the virgin is the mother of God's son, who will be born and live on the earth.

Nephi sees the Holy Spirit come upon the virgin. And after some time, he sees the virgin holding a baby in her arms. The angel tells Nephi, "Look at the baby who is the Son of God." Nephi looks at the baby and sees Jesus 600 years before He is born!