

## ***Message-based Study***

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### **Connection**

When you imagine angels, what do you picture?

### **Content**

Among the many fascinating elements of the Nativity story, the presence of angels may just top the list. Scattered throughout the Christmas narrative, these strange but divine beings show up demonstrating a practical truth— that God is near, at work, and something big is happening.

### **What are angels?**

**1.** Read Ezekiel 10:8-14. Based on this description of an angel, what are you feeling?

Next read Hebrews 13:2, what does this verse tell you about angels' appearance?

**2.** Read Revelations 22:8-9 and Psalm 103:20-21. Angels are not to be worshiped, only God should be worshiped. What do these passages say angels are to do?

**3.** Read Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:11-18a. Both passages speak of one angel who thought he could ascend above God, and the result of this pride. What happened to this former angel?

## **What roles do angels have?**

### **Angels are Worshippers**

4. Read Isaiah 6:1-3 and Revelations 7:11-12. Why is it significant that angels are called to worship God?

### **Angels are Servants**

5. Hebrews 1:14 and Matthew 4:10-11 describe the role of angels in relation to those who inherit salvation. What does this reveal about God's care for believers?

### **Angels are Warriors**

6. Jesus reminds us in Mathew 26:52-54 that God will send his angels as warriors if needed. Why did Jesus refrain from calling on the angels in such a way in the Garden of Gethsemane?

### **Angels are Guardians**

7. Genesis 3:24, Psalm 91:11 and Matthew 18:10 remind us that God sends angels to be our guardians. When have you felt the presence of an angel protecting you?

### **Commitment**

8. Angel is a Greek word that means "messenger". The Bible describes the nature and purpose of angels. How can reflecting on their roles (e.g., messengers, protectors, worshippers of God, warriors, guardians) deepen our understanding of God's character and His plan for humanity?