Visits From Angels Sun Am 12/17/23 KZ Lesson

# Memory Verse: Psalm 91:11 NKJV

11For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

Target Thought: God sends angels as messengers.

What do you put at the very top of your Christmas tree? Some people put a star at the top of their tree. That's a good choice. After all, a special star played a very important part in the story of Christmas. Some people like to put an angel at the top of their tree. That's a good choice too, because angels also played a very important role in the Christmas story, and in our lives today.

Father God gives us everything that we need to love and serve Him.

As you probably know, angels are messengers from God. Today, I want to tell you about a very important angel by the name of Gabriel. Many years ago, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to deliver a message to a young lady named Mary who was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. An angel also came to give Joseph a special message and we know that angels announced Jesus’ birth.

Angels are servants of God just like you and me. God created them for special purposes just like He created us for a special purpose. At Christmas time we learn about the special purpose that Mary and Joseph concerning Jesus. Father God creates and has prepared each of for His special purpose and plans.

The angel appeared to Mary and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Mary was frightened and confused by the angel's greeting. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her. "You have found favor with God. You will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus." Mary asked the angel. "How can this happen? I am unmarried."

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. The baby will be holy and he will be called the Son of God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary replied, "let everything happen just as you have said." This was a scary thought to Mary, however she was willing to serve God no matter how scary or hard it may seem because she loved God with all of her heart and she trusted Him.

God could have chosen anyone to give birth to Jesus, but he chose Mary, a young lady living in the little village of Nazareth. She was important to God, and he chose her to do the most important thing one could imagine -- he chose her to give birth to his Son.

 In Matthew chapter 1 we learn about when a angel spoke to Joseph to tell him not to be afraid to marry Mary. In Luke chapter 2 we learn about angels proclaiming Jesus’ birth to the shepherds. God sends angels to help watch over us, to keep and guard us and to help us to His will.

God still chooses people to perform important tasks. He has given you and me the task of sharing the good news of Jesus and his love to the whole world. "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) Can you imagine a more important task? This year, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us, like Mary, answer God's call. "I am the Lord's servant, Let it be with me just as you have said."

Dear Father, We thank you for giving us Jesus. We ask that you help us to tell every one about Him. In Jesus name we ask. Amen.

1 Has Father God given us everything we need to love and serve Him?

2 Are angels servants of God like you and me?

3 Has God created us for His special plans?

4 Was Mary willing to serve God even though it was scary? Should we be willing to serve God even if it is hard or scary?

5 What special task has God given us?