

God's Secret Agents

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world. - **Ephesians 6:12 NLT**

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.
- **Hebrews 13:2 NIV**

WHAT ARE ANGELS?

A. They Are _____!

And then, when he presented his honored Son to the world, God said, "Let all the angels of God worship him."
- **Hebrews 1:6 NLT**

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne.... In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" - **Revelation 5:11-12 NIV**

B. They Are _____!

That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. - **2 Kings 19:35 NIV**

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. - **Revelation 12:7 NIV**

C. They Are _____!

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."
- **Judges 6:12 NIV**

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." - **Luke 1:30-31 NIV**

WHAT DO ANGELS DO?

1. They _____ You With _____!

An angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." - **Matthew 1:20 NIV**

Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, she turned off the road into a field. - **Numbers 22:21-23 NIV**

2. They _____ You From _____!

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. - **Psalms 91:11-12 NIV**

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him.... Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches." - **Acts 12:7-8,11 NIV**

3. They _____ To Your _____!

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? - *Hebrews 1:14 NIV*

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. - *Matthew 4:11 NKJV*

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. - *Luke 22:43 NIV*

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- As a child, what did you believe about angels?
- How has your understanding of angels changed by this series, REALM? We've looked at Spiritual Warfare, the role of the Holy Spirit, Unholy Angels, and Angels Elect—what is the most significant thing God has shown you? How is this making a difference in your daily life?
- Have you ever encountered an angel? If so, share a time when you believe God (or one of his angels) divinely protected you? How should the knowledge that God sends his angels to protect us affect our life?
- Since angels sometimes appear in human form, we are to be hospitable to strangers (Hebrews 13:2). Share a time when you think a stranger might have been an angel sent by God to minister to you. Also, angels can give us directions from God—describe a time when you sensed God directing you?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to allow God to direct your daily steps?