

Activity: God's Protection



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Teaching Goal: God is our protector.

Scripture: Psalm 91: 11-12 “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.”

Materials: Two sheets of red construction paper
Scissors
Marker
Clear plastic cup
One clear bowl or pitcher (it needs to be deep enough to completely submerge the cup)

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review Last Lesson
- IV. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

ACTIVITY: God sends his angels to protect us. Fill the bowl with water, set it in the middle of the table. **The water in the bowl represents the world and its potential negative influences on us.** Take one of the sheets of red construction paper, draw and cut out the image of a person. **This paper person represents us.** Submerge the paper person into the water and let it soak for a minute. **God places us in this world, just as we placed the paper person in the water.** Pull the soaked paper out of the water. **The paper person soaked up the negative influences of the world around her. Can you give some examples of negative influences that surround us and tempt us?** *Listen.* Gossip. Bullies. Materialism. Immodest images.

In the Bible, we read that God is our protector. What are some ways that God protects us? *Listen.* Wisdom to make good choices. Christian friends. Safe families. Angels. **One way God protects us is with angels.** Invite a volunteer to read Psalm 91: 11-12. Draw a figure representing an angel on the clear cup. **The cup represents God's angels.** Take the second piece of red construction paper, draw and cut out another person representing us. **Again this paper represents us. The Bible says that God sends His angels to protect us from negative influences in the world represented by the water.** Stick the paper firmly into the bottom of the clear cup.

God put us in this world. Turn the cup with the opening facing down and submerge it to the bottom of the bowl. Hold it there for a minute reviewing what happened to the paper person that wasn't protected by the cup. Keeping it inverted, pull the glass out of the water and with your dry hand, remove the dry paper from the glass. **As we live our lives in this world, we will face challenges and trials. God may choose to allow some of those trials and negative influences to impact our lives. Negative experiences will test our faith and will**

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keep us dependent on God. There will also be times when God's angels protect us and we may not even know it. A traffic accident that doesn't happen. A lost item that is found and not stolen. A fight that happens just after we leave a building. In our prayers we can include thanks to God for his guardian, guiding angels and the unseen protection they provide.

V. Close in Prayer

VI. Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.