

Holy Angels, watch over us!



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## Do not trouble the teacher?

**Have you ever had to ask for help for something again and again?** Maybe you didn't know how to tie your shoes, and you asked your parents to tie them for you. You might have even gotten embarrassed because you *still* didn't know how to tie them.



Today's Gospel reading is a healing story of Jesus. We hear how our Lord healed two different people. One of them was a young girl who had died. Her father wanted Jesus to heal her, but sadly, she died before He did heal her. Another man told this poor father, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." He told him, it's over. Don't bother Jesus anymore.

Thankfully, Jesus heard this man! He wanted to heal the young girl, and He said, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well."

When we read this beautiful story in the Bible, let's always remember that we can keep asking God for help. Don't worry about troubling Him! He is ready to listen to our prayers, and He is ready to do something about them! God's power has no limits, so it's no "trouble" when we ask Him for something. We can always turn to Him. We can even turn to our Lord when things seem hopeless, like it did for this poor father in the story today.

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Archangels
- Cherubim
- Daughter
- Faith
- Gospel
- Healing
- Jairus
- Messengers
- Prayer
- Seraphim
- Trouble

S H W V W G W F Y W A R Y O A  
 F U F T O K A J H B R E H I K  
 Z O R Q T I I S C Q C T E M K  
 V S M I T L G B H G H M C V  
 O A V H A N T S M Q A G L F K  
 J T I K I J E I G E N U E A T  
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## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is an icon of the Holy Archangels, Michael and Gabriel. (We celebrate them this week.)

Do you know who is who in the icon?

Michael has the sword. Gabriel has a spear and a mirror (sometimes he has a lily flower).



## HOLY ANGELS

WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW CAN THEY HELP ME?



**Did you know God has some special helpers?** They're called angels! The word "angel" means messenger, because God sends them to give messages to us on earth!

Lots of people say they believe in angels—even people who don't believe in God. But we've all seen pictures of cute little angels flying around with little wings, playing the trumpet or harp. Let's find out what angels *really* are!

God has lots of different kinds of angels. They serve God. They follow Him and do things for Him. They don't have bodies like we do, and they are invisible. The different angels all have different jobs. Some try to help us to have more love for God. Some try to help us learn more about God. Some try to help us be better people—to remember God's rules and to do them.

Archangels tell good news. Remember Gabriel, who told Mary she was going to have a baby? He is an archangel. Each one of us also has a guardian angel who protects us. You can pray to your guardian angel! Ask him to watch over you at school, at home, when you're playing and even sleeping!

We celebrate all the angels Tuesday, November 8th (OC: November 21st).