
ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ANGELS

Grade Level: 6-7 / Age: 10-11 y



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Competences/Learning Outcomes

Students are able to

- Reflect the significance features of angels.
- Explain the roles of angels.
- Analyze the characteristics, duties, and relationships of angels.
- Evaluate the effects of believing in angels on human behavior.

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90 min



Preparation

- Prepare to play a song related to angels in classroom.
- Copy the song text for each student.
- Copy the text for each group.

Step-by-step description

- Distribute students the 'Angels' worksheet (M1) and explain that they need to fill it out according to the song they will listen.
- Distribute the song text (M2) to the students, play the song, and sing with the pupils.
- Ask students to fill out the worksheet and share the findings with the classroom.
- Divide the students into groups of 4-5 students to work together and present their works.
- Distribute the M3 to the groups and explain it. These are the stories from the Bible on the definition of angels.
- Ask students to read the stories and fill out M4.
- Ask students to illustrate the story they have read based on the provided M5 drawing paper material.
- Ask each group (when they finish) to share their work in the plenary classroom within a specific time frame.
- Guide and ask students to reflect on the work of each group with an active discussion.

Tips for teachers

- The texts in the lesson plan aims to work as a starting point for students to think about the subject. They also work as a base for students' presentation for Encounter Day.



Materials

[M1] Angels Worksheet



[M2] Song Text

Φύλακες άγγελοι (χριστιανικό τραγούδι διασκευή Speechless) by Νότες Χαράς (English Translation)

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"GUARDIAN ANGELS"

A WAVE CAME TO TAKE ME AWAY
A TEMPTATION THAT DROWNS ME
DEFENDER AND HEALER
TO BE MY GUARDIAN ANGEL.

IN BODY
IMMORTAL AND BRIGHT
AND FOR FOOD
THE SIGHT OF GOD IS ENOUGH.

WITH THY WINGS
IN MY SLEEP COME AND STAND
AND HOLD MY HAND
MY ANGEL, THAT I MAY NOT PERISH.

MY LITTLE ANGELS
COME HERE WITH ME
DON'T LET ME FALL
AGAIN AND AGAIN INTO TEMPTATION.

I WANT TO FEEL ALWAYS BY MY SIDE
YOUR SHADOW GUARDING ME
I STAND STILL AND TRY
TO KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE.

FOR I AM TEMPTED TO GIVE IN TO TEMPTATION
COME CLOSE WITH YOUR FAST WINGS.
MY PROTECTOR IS YOU TO GUARD MY PURE HEART
DO NOT ABANDON ME
GIVE ME REPENTANCE
THAT I MAY FIND GOD AGAIN.



[M3] Bible Stories

Zacharias and the Gabriel with The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.

Luke 1: 5-22 Zacharias and The Gabriel



And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2: 8-21 The Shepherds and the Angels



Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

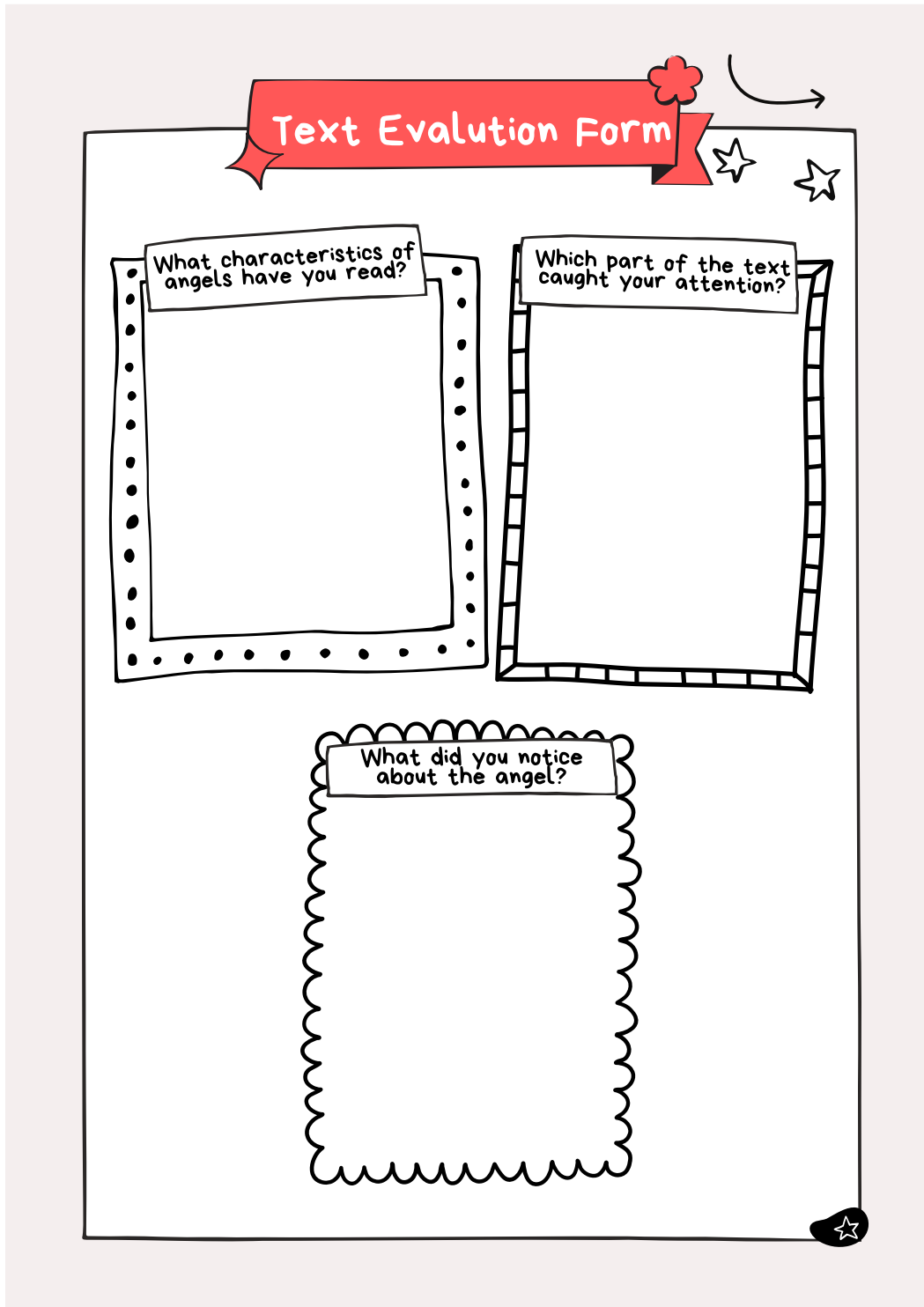
Matthew 28: 1-8 The Resurrection



So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Acts 12: 5-11 An Angel Frees Peter from Prison



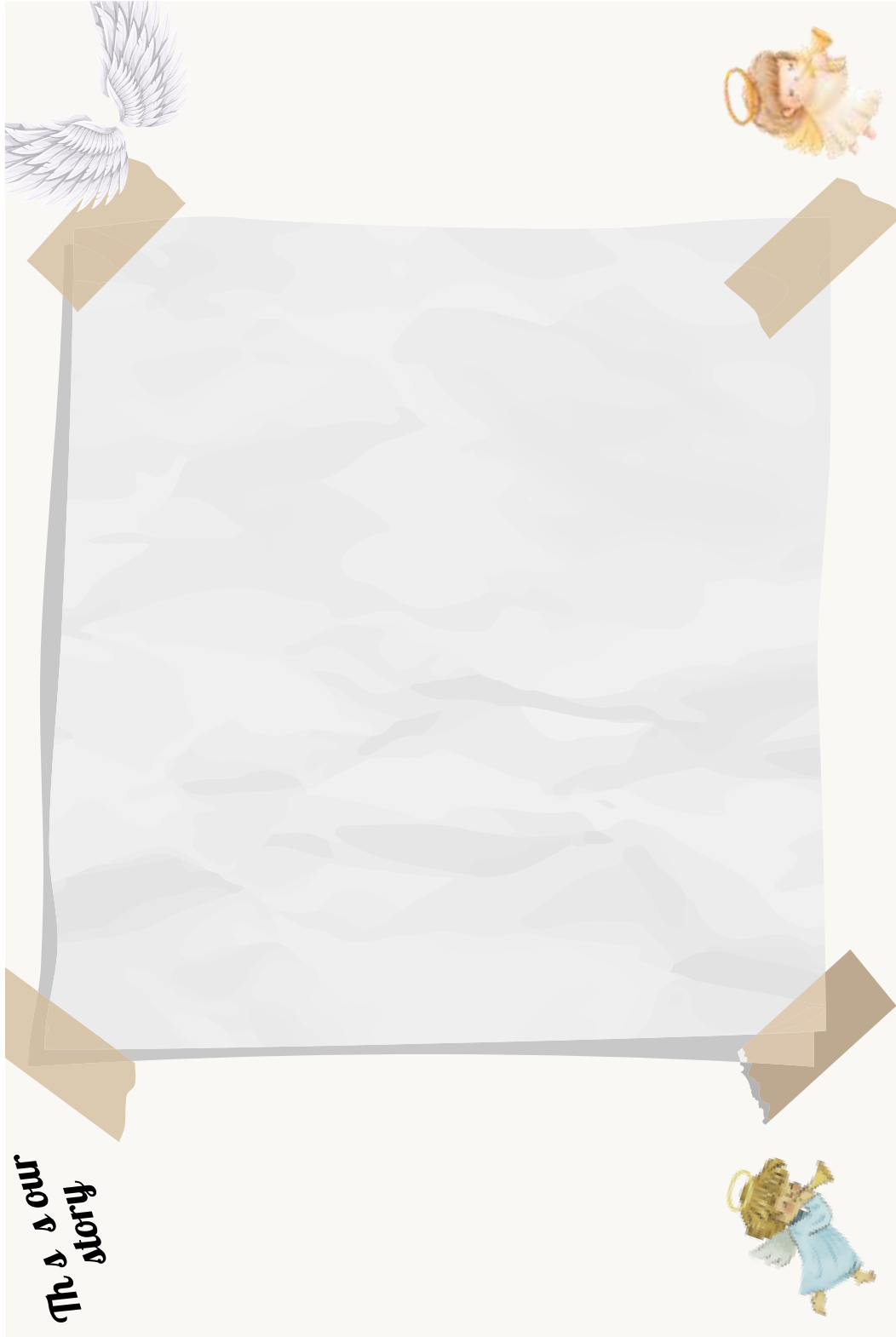


The form is titled "Text Evaluation Form" in a red banner at the top. It contains three main sections for writing:

- Top Left:** A box with a dotted border containing the question "What characteristics of angels have you read?".
- Top Right:** A box with a brick-pattern border containing the question "Which part of the text caught your attention?".
- Bottom Center:** A large box with a wavy border containing the question "What did you notice about the angel?".

Decorative elements include a red flower, stars, and an arrow pointing to the right.





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