

Serving Angels -JK-SK

**“Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have
ordained strength,”**

(Psalm 8:2)

Is this a serious matter?

For this unique and precious moment,
the servant works with God following up day by day
painting the features of the Godly icon step by step
in the souls and spirits of the children.

(Sunday School Curriculum - Kindergarten stage- [Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church](#), Egypt-
translated)

Main points for this presentation:

1. Age group
2. Characteristics
3. Needs
4. Principles
5. Outreach
6. Duties



1. Age group

Angels: 2-4
years

JK: 4 years old

SK: 5 years old



2. Characteristics A

Social

They are in their own world and the world is seen only through their eyes alone.

Kids **do not have the ability** to understand other people's perceptions.



2. Characteristics

Intellectual

A very **concrete and literal** thinking capacity.

They do not think figuratively
kids love to explore and
**touch, feel, smell, taste,
watch and wonder.**

Developing fine motor skills
(cutting..etc)

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2. Characteristics C

Emotional

Display their emotions in ways that they only know how.

Anger / Quarreling / No self-control / Jealousy / Attention-seeking.

They can't express their emotions verbally which is why many tend to have tantrums.

You can help by being ***mindful, patient and distracting*** them sometimes.

(Tell yourself: They are not bad or misbehaving, it is their way of expressing how they feel)



2. Characteristics (continued)

- The children in this age group would listen to **short stories** and remember parts of them.
- They cannot differentiate between **fantasy and reality**.
- They are also good **imitators**, will copy their teachers in many things they do, like **singing** and need very **creative visual aids**.



3. Needs

Here are some of the things that preschoolers need to adjust in their new environment:

(Keep in mind when preparing a lesson)



3. Needs (Continued)

- 1. *Encouragement*** from parents and teachers to explore and learn.
2. A clean and bright preschool ***environment*** that makes them feel comfortable the moment they step in. (Make sure the kids and you clean after class)
- 3. *Social interaction*** with large and small groups of other little kids. (Could be through acting/sharing crayons/helping distribute material..etc.)

Needs (Continued)

4. Hands-on (Things used during the lesson)

5. Games (ex. Hiding crosses in the room and they look for them)

6. Equal balance of activities. (singing/lesson/craft/game)



4. Principles **Make Bible stories relative**

Build on ***children's experiences***
(friendship, fear, or kindness)

Stories that show ***how God works*** in
kids' lives will stick with them.



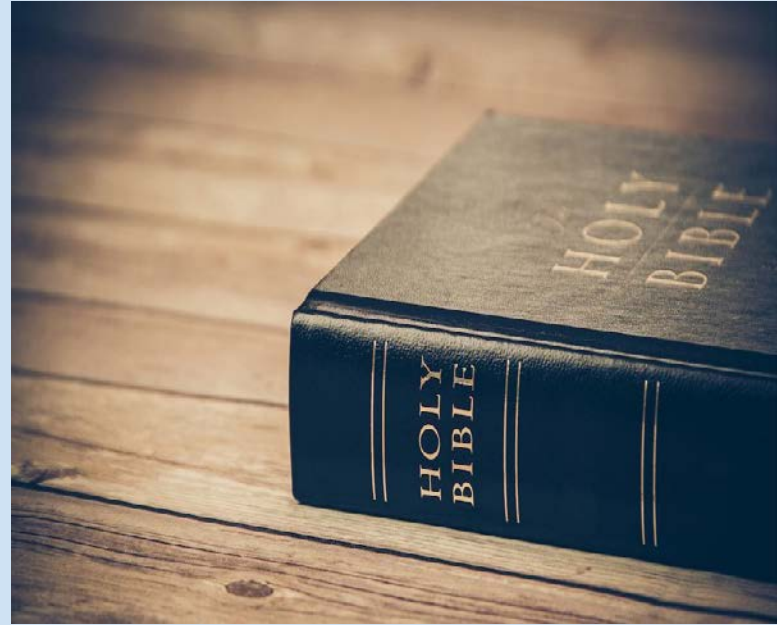
4. Principles: **Be faithful**

To the ***Bible*** text

Evaluate stories if you would like to use other resources. Does this

stretch the truth / exclude parts of the truth

Remember, stories told over and over form a basis for faith development.



4. Principles: **Present God accurately**

It would be unfair to present a loving God as only kind and gentle because love can also be angry or unhappy. It's important to tell the whole story. God's anger or unhappiness with people **isn't permanent**. Forgiveness, renewal, and salvation are a part of all Bible stories.



Outreach

Watch the video

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PmOGh_aPL2ojiefqiqOmnrydCtw8MxKr/view?usp=sharing

Minute 3:08 to 4:16

5. Duties (are but not limited to)

1. Be vigilant in keeping up with my own ***spiritual life***
 2. Be a ***lifelong learner***: ” **Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.**” (1 Timothy 4:16)
 3. **Walk the talk**
 4. **Prepare my lesson:**
 - **Pray about it.**
 - **Read it from the bible several times.**
 - **Write it down. Submit to the class leader for review, modifications.**
 - **Pray.**
1. **Outreach** the children every week.
 2. **Pray** for the children and their families.

**“ For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love
which you have shown toward His name,
in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”**
(Hebrews 6:10)



Resources:

- Sunday School Curriculum - Kindergarten stage- [Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt](#)
- The Kindergarten Program https://files.ontario.ca/books/edu_the_kindergarten_program_english_aoda_web_oct7.pdf
- Tips for Teaching Bible Stories to Preschoolers <https://childrensministry.com/bible-stories-preschoolers/>
- Preschool Children: Know Their Needs and Characteristics Posted by Dorothy Hastings on
- Outreach video- prepared by High school and University class from St. Mark's Coptic Cathedral.