



Global Ministries Presentation

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1. **Sandra Doran**

I am delighted to be with you today and to share how God has been blessing with our *Three Angels for Kids* curriculum. We offer a two-week, supplemental curriculum for grades PreK through 12 that is fully endorsed by the North American Division. As the word continues to spread about our vital ministry, interest is growing in the world church. It is our desire to expand our reach and to provide an opportunity for every child around the globe to learn about the love of God through the three angels' messages of Revelation 14. Let's begin with a short promotional video to give you an overview of what we're all about.

2. **PreK-12 Promo.**

I am so excited to share what we have put together for our Adventist schools. Our PreK-2 unit is filled with engaging, colorful activities that draw little ones closer to Christ and prepare them for the deeper learning in the grades ahead.

So how do you teach the three angels' messages to 4 and 5 year-olds? You keep it very broad and very simple. Everything they need to know is spelled out on our poster.

God is fair. He created the world. So we owe Him our worship. Don't listen to those who try to get you to do something wrong.

The preschoolers get it. Let's ask Allan, who just turned five, what he knows about the third angels' message.

What does the third angel tell us to do?

Be patient and trust Jesus.

What happens after the three angels' messages?

Jesus comes down from the sky and takes us home.

He's got it down. Doesn't he?

Let's take a look at our resources now.

Our Teacher's Guides are very easy to use, with everything spelled out for you. They come with slides in both Keynote and PowerPoint formats, so all you have to do is pick it up and teach.

And we've used the North American Division Standards to integrate best practices in literacy and the content areas.

Our K-2 units come with audio stories, vocabulary cards, and two beautiful anchor texts: *Three Angels in the Sky* and *God Makes a Plan*.

The texts are used to teach reading and pre-reading skills, while anchoring children in the distinctives of our Seventh-day Adventist beliefs.

And that's not all. We have a special watercolor project kids love and parents treasure. The children learn the wet on dry and wet on wet techniques of watercolor artists and make their own *Three Angels for Me* book.

And then there are our center activities. We've just produced a special addendum for PreK, so whether you are working with first and second graders or 4-year-olds, you'll find activities that will engage and inspire.

Like our puppet center, where children re-tell the stories they are learning.

And our vocab cards, that come in a special picture version for pre-readers.

And our sentence strip area where the youngest learners can use pictures to sequence ideas.

In Grades 3 and 4, we provide a tradebook on three different reading levels. Whether you have students reading on a second-grade level, third and fourth grade level, or fifth and sixth grade level, they can read smoothly and jump into the conversation. Our lessons not only teach Revelation 14's timely messages, but third and fourth graders learn important decoding and comprehension strategies along the way.

In fifth and sixth grade, we turn to writing skills. While reading uniquely Adventist stories, students learn to think critically, compare and contrast, and effectively use subject-area content to support a written argument in light of the three angels' messages. And their essays are on three different reading levels, to make it easy for multi-grade teachers and all of you.

Our 7th and 8th grade curriculum goes deep, giving students a full understanding of the historical change of the Sabbath, the symbols in Revelation, and the meaning of the prophetic messages. As they gain new knowledge, they use interactive notebooks, recording facts and personally responding, placing their new understanding in long-term memory.

And they finish up with a genuine project-based learning activity, putting the voice and choice in their own hands.

Once students gain this strong foundation in the elementary grades, they are ready for our deep dives in high school. We have four micro-units and even a semester-long course leading to student-led evangelism.

Are you getting excited yet?

You will find everything you need on our website, ThreeAngelsforKids.com

There you will find our curriculum, extra resources, training opportunities and much more.

So head on over. I am looking forward to partnering with you as we ground our children in our unique Seventh-day Adventist distinctives and share the overwhelming love of God.

3. Now that we've whet your appetite, I would like to introduce Yvette Cooper, our Project Assistant.

4. Yvette

Hi, I'm Yvette Cooper and I am delighted to be with you today. I am privileged to be working with Three Angels for Kids. I began by piloting every elementary school unit. And that definitely sold me on the program. I watched as boys and girls, both Adventist and un-churched, came to embrace the love of Jesus as demonstrated in the three angels' messages. I even had one seventh grade boy from the community who told me he was going to start keeping the Sabbath and wanted to be baptized as a direct result of our lessons. I am excited as I watch what the Lord is doing through Three Angels for Kids and I am humbled to be a part of it.

5. **SD:** It's exciting, isn't it? But how did all this get started? I thought you might be interested in learning a little bit about the history of our project.

Short video:

The idea to create a curriculum for kids on the Three Angels messages was first conceived by a small group of Seventh-day Adventist businessmen in 2017. In fact, one of our sponsors conducted a little experiment. He hiked the trails around an Adventist college, and whenever he encountered students, he asked them a few questions: Are you a Seventh-day Adventist? Have you attended Seventh-day Adventist schools your whole life? And then...the clincher...what are the three angels' messages?

Invariably, the students, although they were lifelong Seventh-day Adventists who had attended church school for most of their lives, did not have a response to the last question: What are the three angels' messages? This led to the desire to create a curriculum to ground Seventh-day Adventist students in this vital distinctive of our faith.

After two years of visioning and planning, the dream was in reach! Three Angels For Kids was formed and God began to bless. Lessons and books and resources began to roll off the press. And today, if you ask a kindergartner whose school has been involved, to tell you about the three angels' messages, they are bound to enthusiastically, enlighten you.

6. SD:

Now that you know how we got started, I would like to share a little bit about how God made it clear to me that I should accept the invitation to write the curriculum. When I was first approached by the sponsors, I was not sure that I was up to such an enormous task. I kept wondering, how can I even begin to explain the three angels' messages to students as young as kindergartners! That night I prayed that God would make His will clear. Some time in the night, a little poem began to play in my head. When I woke up, I immediately wrote it down. That poem became the text for our PreK-2nd grade book. God is good, isn't he? After He gave me the words for that little book, I had no doubt about my role in creating the curriculum. Would you like to see the poem, exactly as He gave it to me that night?

Here's our book, with the beautiful pictures, as illustrated by our team of artists.

The children get so involved in reciting the words, that they end up memorizing them, without even trying. Here's a couple of young children one of our sponsors bumped into when visiting a school.

7. Children reciting poem:

Three angels in the sky.

Oh my! Oh my! Oh my!

Ready? Let's begin the story.

First angel, give God the glory.

He's always fair and good and true.

He'll do what's right for me and you.

He made the earth and outer space,

Now go and tell in every place.

Second angel.

The city's going down.

Watch out. Be safe.

Get out of town.

Third angel.

Be patient. Trust Jesus in light and in dark.

He'll always protect you.

Like Noah in the ark.

Three angels in the sky.

To show the love of God on high.

And when their story's said and done.

We'll all look up and see God's son.

8. SD:

Those kids did a fantastic job, didn't they?

So the first way God revealed His will to me in creating this curriculum was in providing the words to that little book. And He continued to validate my efforts and let me know He was guiding the project all along the way. You know the task was enormous, I just took it one step at a time. I did not know what I was going to write. I didn't sit down and plan out the whole curriculum for grades PreK- high school. In fact, I didn't even do the grade levels in order. Whenever it was time for me to start a new grade band, I just prayed and God provided the direction for me to go. Let me just share one more miracle with you.

This one relates to our third and fourth grade curriculum. God put it in my head to write about a fourth-grade girl, by the name of Beth, whose life keeps tying into the three angels' messages. As I was writing that book, I began to remember a police officer who was a member of one of our former congregations in another state, about 30 years ago. Now my husband is a pastor, and he helped this man navigate a Sabbath problem at work. And I began to think, if I only had a little information about Hector, I could write a really great true-to-life story about Beth's Dad facing a challenge over the 7th day Sabbath and standing up for His beliefs. Once again, this thought came to me at night. So the next morning, I asked my husband if he happened to remember anything about the situation with Hector. He was astounded. I thought his jaw would hit the floor. He said, "Sandy, I haven't thought about that case for years. But just yesterday, I happened to run across the file." He then went into his home office and returned with a file at least an inch thick. That file had everything I needed to create the chapters on Beth's Dad for the book *Beth and the trio of Angels*.

I even have a picture to share with you of the original police officer whose story the book is based on. Here's Hector with my son Eric when he was a little boy. And to show you how long ago that was, here's Eric, now, with his wife Ambar.

God is good, isn't he?

Before we go on, let's pause to check in with Yvette. I think she has more to tell you about her involvement with the project.

9. Yvette with her daughter and grandchildren

I am enjoying this curriculum so much, that I just had to share with my family. My daughter, Nina, is a homeschool parent and she had a very meaningful time teaching *Three Angels for Kids* to her three children.

Nina: Hello, everyone. I'm so excited to report to you about what've been doing here at home with the three angels curriculum This has been such a special experience for us as we have grown closer together as a family and closer to Jesus through these activities.

Child 1: Here is my three angels for me book. The pages are done with crayon resist. First you do the background and the angel. Then you go over it with the watercolor wash.

Child 2: And here is mine. I did a crayon resist. I learned a new technique. Wet on dry. And I loved reading Beth and the Trio of Angels.

Child 1: Yes. Beth and the Trio of Angels has helped me understand better about the three angels' messages by reading about Beth and her adventures.

Nina: Yes. Even little Kennedy has been able to enjoy learning so much about the love and the excitement in this curriculum. Thanks for joining us!

ALL: BYE!!

10. SD and April Nowotny

It is truly exciting for me to hear all of the reports as schools and families delve into the curriculum. Let me show you a few more places where Three Angels for Kids is making an impact.

Here's April Nowotny, third and fourth grade teacher from West Coast Christian Academy in Florida.

April Nowotny: There's a lot to love about the unit. And I want to start with I love how you've made the three angels' messages accessible to children. I felt like a lot of them had no idea what the three angels message was. When we did our initial writing when they were supposed to write what they knew about the three angels' messages, most of them said "I don't know." Yesterday we re-did and a lot of them wrote almost a full page on the things they've learned about the three angels' messages. So they were really able to internalize it and understand its meaning. A couple of my students were so excited about the message that they went home and on their own started studying the book of Revelation and specifically the three angels' messages. And a couple days later one of my students came back and he was so excited because he went even further. And he said "There's more! There's more to the story!" and he was telling me what happens after the three angels' messages.

11. SD:

We are making an impact!

The approach works beautifully to ground our students in the messages.

Our PreK-Grade 2 lessons are filled with hands-on opportunities. The students read our two beautiful books with their teacher and participate in a number of reading and writing activities. God Makes a Plan begins with dark pages, because before God Made

the world, everything was dark and empty. The children get so excited as the pages begin to introduce color. And then they meet Jesus, lovingly creating Adam and Eve.

You've already been introduced to our book, *Three Angels in the Sky*, and this comes with so many learning opportunities for the students.

Let's watch as Mrs. Cooper's students do our sentence strip activity. After reading *Three Angels in the Sky*, students re-tell the messages and write their ideas on sentence strips. Next, they mix them up and re-construct the story. Notice how many times they recite each line to get the order correct. This is the way they fix the messages in memory.

12. Students using sentences strips.

(Classroom video of students sequencing events of three angels' messages.)

13. SD: One more activity for our PreK-2 students that they really enjoy is our puppets. And once again, they are fixing the core concepts of the three angels' messages in memory. Here are Mrs. Cooper's grandchildren illustrating with the puppets.

14. Students using puppets.

(Video of Mrs. Cooper's grandchildren using puppets to tell *Three Angels in the Sky*.)

15. So our PreK-Grade 2 materials provide children with numerous opportunities to learn and understand the content.

In Grades 3-4, our students delve a bit deeper. They learn the importance of standing up for what you believe NOW because a day will come when the pressure will be ramped up. As they read about the struggles of the characters in *Beth and the Trio of Angels*, they engage in conversations about following your conscience, keeping the Sabbath, doing what's right.

Our lesson plans spell everything out for the teacher. There are whole group lessons for the entire class, as well as small group lessons for students on different reading levels. And you'll remember, we have three versions of our book: Yellow for students who read below level, Blue for students reading on-level, and Green for our advanced readers.

Students in Grades 3 and 4 gain important literacy skills as they learn about plot, character, and setting, but more importantly, they discover what is going to happen in the future so that they will be prepared. And through it all, they are immersed in the overwhelming love of God as expressed in the three angels' messages.

In Grades 5 and 6, students are reading essays that help them think even more deeply about the three angels' messages. And again, these essays are written on three different

reading levels. Let's look at an example. We have ten essays, and we break this down into 5 sets of two.

Here are two of our essays that we use when we teach the second angel's message. The first, *Icy Escape*, is about a dear friend of mine who grew up in East Prussia during World War II. When she was just a young baby, her family was forced to escape in the frigid dark night as the Russian army approached. Making their way across a frozen lake, they heard the ice begin to crack. The family was plunged into the freezing water and they lost everything—except their lives. The second essay is about another friend of mine who narrowly escaped death. This time it was through fire when his entire city of Paradise, California became engulfed in flames. Leading his family out of the inferno, on an impulse Pastor Martella turned onto a small road. He had never been on this road before. He later discovered it was the last and only road to safety.

Now, how do we tie this into the second angel's message? Let's take a look. After studying the second angel's message and reading the stories, we ask our students to write.

“Read the two passages and write an essay about the importance of paying attention to signs and taking timely action when danger approaches. How does this tie in to the second angel's message?”

Do you see how it all ties in? The children are going deeper and deeper with each grade level.

In Grades 7 and 8, our students learn how to make a full, Biblical explanation of their faith. We take them step by step through scripture and history, with the students coming to sound conclusions as each piece is gradually revealed. They compare the Babylon of Daniel and the Babylon of Revelation and everything begins to fit.

At the end of the unit, teams of students take this learning and go out and make a difference in their world.

Now, in high school, we have our 4 micro-units and our semester-long course leading to student-led evangelism.

Let's look a bit more closely at our micro-units.

The First Angel's Call to Identity presents the heart of the first angel's message. A proper understanding of God's judgment frees us. We understand that our worth, our value, our significance lies in Jesus Christ, what He has done for us, and what He is doing for us right now. This frees us from judging ourselves and judging others. It's all about Jesus.

At the end of this unit, the students do research on how selected populations feel about the judgment. Then, future classes, take this research and plan outreach programs to help people understand the true message of God's love through the judgment.

Our second micro-unit, the **First Angel's Call to Worship**, provides a tremendous opportunity for science, history, and bible teachers to collaborate. Students learn fascinating scientific facts about creation as well as the historical backdrop over the centuries that resulted in the majority of Christians worshiping on the first day of the week. And once again, they make this real by concluding the unit with a presentation to a live audience.

Our next micro-unit, the **Second Angel's call to liberty**, presents fresh and recent court cases in the United States of America that involve religious freedom. Students study the second angel, then wrestle with issues that involve personal rights and societal needs.

In the **Third Angel's Call to Action**, we look at injustice and the importance of standing up for what's right. We make it real for the kids. If you can't stand up for someone in your high school being bullied, how are you going to stand up for your beliefs when the pressure gets high? We look at historical instances of injustice around the world and the people who were brave enough to make a difference.

And finally, in our semester long course, **Three Cosmic Messages**, we read the book written by Mark Finley and present effective evangelistic preaching strategies. Our students come out of this course with cutting-edge skills for presenting their beliefs to the public. In fact, they finish by conducting evangelistic meetings.

Now that you know who we are and what we do, let me remind you how to discover more.

Our website is www.ThreeAngelsforKids.com. If you scroll all the way to the bottom, you'll see that's where you subscribe for our emails. You'll want to do that to stay informed. And you'll see that we have a curriculum tab and you can get a general overview and you'll see that *Three Angels for Kids* is Grades K-8 and *Three Angels for Today* is our high school curriculum. We also have a new homeschool section. The homeschool curriculum is very similar to our classroom edition. We have just made a few tweaks to make it easier for our homeschool families. We also have a training section on our website, where you'll find information if you want to take a class to get trained in how to do our curriculum. It's not hard at all to teach it, but you will see that we have these training classes available to you. We have our resources and you'll find a lot there, our Week of Prayers are ready to go, online courses for kids, and when I come up with other things for teachers I post them there as well. So you'll find some beautiful free resources.

Now, how do you order? You'll go under curriculum. You're going to pick your grade level. Select if you are a classroom teacher or a homeschool family. Once you click on that tab, you will be brought where you need to go. Your teacher's kit, your homeschool kit is all there.

Now, if you want to get a free download of our teacher's guide, just scroll all the way to the bottom of that section and you will see our free downloads for teachers.

You will find our courses at HopeLives365Biblestudy.com. You'll notice the courses categories on their home page and you just want to go over to education and there you will find everything we have for teachers and for students. We start with our welcome video and then you will see in the middle, our student section. Now the courses we have posted so far are based on our Week of Prayer, but the difference is, the students that take the courses have to answer questions and complete tasks. And they actually get a digital certificate from HopeLives365 and three angels for kids. So this takes it up a step. And you can do this with a group of kids. There are a lot of supplemental materials, there are drawings, a lot to do. I think you are going to love these courses.

I will leave this slide up for a minute so you can get it all down.

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