



Angel Sightings – A 3-Week Series

Overview of Christmas Series

Welcome to **Angel Sightings!**

Angel Sightings is a 3-Week Storm Chasers Series. It features four Biblical dudes who start out as storm chasers – a bit ahead of the times – and end up as angel spotters, as they have their “eyes on the skies”. The series combines a modern interest in predicting the weather with ancient prophesy. Weather predicting is more or less guesswork – but prophesy is God’s way of showing he KNOWS the future and uses prophesy to prove that He is in charge of history! The three lessons center around the Angel Sightings in the Christmas Story: the angel that appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, the angel that appeared to both Mary and Joseph, and the angels that appeared to the shepherds the day that Jesus was born. Kids will learn the Christmas Story in a fresh new way – not only learning the true meaning of Christmas, but understanding it was part of God’s Plan foretold way back in the Old Testament.

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Lesson 1: **Advance Warning**

God’s Plan is the Best Plan!

Lesson 2: **An Eternal Forecast**

You are a Part of God’s BIG Plan!

Lesson 3: **A Gentle Storm**

We Need to Share God’s Plan!

On Christmas Day, use the **Birthday Party for Jesus** Stand-Alone Event available on Kidology.org.



It’s always fun to come up with a fresh new way to tell the timeless story of Christmas. This series focuses on the angelic appearances throughout the story. **But the angels aren’t the center of the story – Jesus is.** The emphasis really is on how the arrival of Jesus wasn’t random or chance. This was something that God had been planning and predicting for hundreds of years. He’d been forecasting this historic event for hundreds of years. You’ll especially enjoy the 100 Prophecies tool we created to help amaze kids with just how many prophecies Jesus fulfilled in his life. This was no chance encounter when Jesus arrived. Jesus’ arrival was the culmination of God’s Master Plan to save mankind.

DECORATING FOR THE SERIES

It's Christmas! So, naturally, Christmas decorations are in order! However, have fun with this weather-themed series and put weather-related props on your set. You could even have a leader dress as a weatherman/woman to announce the flow of the service – or go more crazy dressing as wild weather chasers loaded with fun equipment. It's a wacky combination of weather chasing fun and being on the lookout for God-Sightings!

SMALL GROUP OPTIONS?

NOTE: Unique to this series is a Weather-theme craft called **MAKE IT** that is perfect for small groups. Your kids will love it!

If you incorporate small group discussion time into your service, there are several options available to you. Small Group leaders can use the **TAKE IT** to lead a discussion. Kids can look up the **FIND IT** verses, discuss how they fit the lesson, review the theme verse, and answer the discussion questions. Use this as relational time to talk about how they are doing. Christmas is an exciting time for kids. Ask what their family is doing to celebrate Christmas. Do they have any fun activities planned? Travel plans? What do they want for Christmas? Be sure to ask what they plan to give their siblings and parents for Christmas too. (It's about giving, not just getting, after all!) You can still send the **TAKE IT** paper home for parents to use as well. You may also find an activity from the lesson that small groups can use instead of in the large group.

See the **HOW TO USE it** document included in your downloads for a detailed description of every element each lesson.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, ideas, or see any corrections we need to make to the curriculum, please do not hesitate to let us know through our Kidology Facebook Group. [Kidology.org/facebook](https://www.kidology.org/facebook) will take you right there!

This series was a collaboration between four full-time Kids Pastors! Andy Partington, Greg Stanford, and Doug Olson helped me put this series together. You'll see them in the fun videos, but they helped from concept to stage and contributed ideas throughout the lessons. Greg did the amazing video editing! I had a lot of fun pulling this all together and I know your kids will enjoy it. I can't wait to share it with my own kids this December. And as long as I'm giving credit, all of our "it" series are edited and pulled together into their final form and put onto Kidology by Theresa Kessinger – who I couldn't do it without. All that to say, this is a labor of love from my team to you and your kids. We hope you'll have a great time sharing with your kids the wonderful message of Christmas in a fresh new way this year!

Because Jesus Loves Children,
Pastor Karl Bastian