



Instinct

Lesson #4

Instinct...many images come to mind; Jiminy Cricket, the cartoon with the angel on one shoulder, devil on the other. In this setting the perfect image is presented by our Guardian Angel. "...be at my side, to light, to guide, to rule, and to guard." This lesson offers an opportunity to introduce to the children the idea of this ever-present agent of God's loving care.

Younger children especially will relate well to personifying their angel. They can be invited to draw a picture of their guardian and name them, for example.

The children are likely still open to their own 'gut reaction' about people and situations. This is the focus of the lesson. 'That little voice' which warns us when we are not doing what we should and congratulates us when we are is there; we just need to listen for it.



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>Guide us always.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Job 38:7 <i>Angels called 'sons of God'</i> Mt 1:20 <i>Announcement to Joseph; 2:13 Flight to Egypt</i> Gen 3:24 <i>Fall of man; God sets cherubim to 'guard the way to the tree of life</i> Acts 1:10-11 <i>Angels send Apostles on their way after the Ascension</i>
Saint or Hero	Guardian angels

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	wings
Music	On Eagles Wings
Liturgy or Rites	
Prayers	Guardian Angel prayer
Church Teachings	CCC 334: <i>...the whole life of the Church benefits from the...powerful help of angels.</i> 336: <i>...human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer...as protector and shepherd..."</i> <i>(St. Basil)</i>