



# Heaven Is Always at Your Side!

*The Holy Guardian Angels, October 2*

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**F**irefighters and police keep you safe, right? When you see their uniforms and equipment or hear their sirens, you know they're on the job. But the most powerful defender you have is someone you can't see or hear. It's your guardian angel.



the Bible and Church teaching. Jesus said, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for ... their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Now, you might ask, "If guardian angels are always with us, how can they be in heaven, too?" The answer is that nothing is impossible for God, who is the "maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen" (Nicene Creed). We might not understand how God can create guardian angels, but we can always thank him for these amazing gifts of love!



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God gives each of us a guardian angel. Your angel is always at your side, silently helping you keep your body and soul safe. How? Well, remember that God has created us to live in his friendship. Our good choices keep us close to God, but bad choices hurt us by pushing us further away from him. Your guardian angel won't make your decisions for you. But through God's grace, your angel can help you see the right paths more clearly — guiding you toward the good choices God wants for you.

To understand another way guardian angels work, let's say you're leaving for school when you realize you've forgotten your homework. You run to your room while your mom waits in the car. That delay of a few moments is enough for your mom to avoid an accident that might have happened on the road. Events like

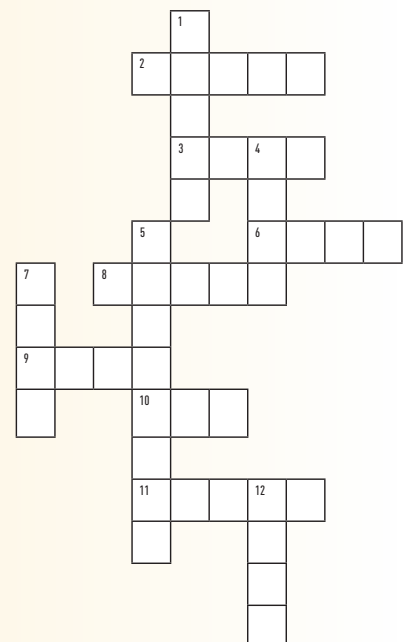
this can happen anytime, but we won't understand how our guardian angel guided us through them until we get to heaven someday.

Even though we can't see angels, we know about them from

## Guardians of the Good

We celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels on October 2, but you can praise God for these heavenly beings any time. Start with the Guardian Angel prayer. Do you know it? Finish it by filling in the spaces below.

\_\_\_\_\_ of God, my \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, to whom God's \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ commits me  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ this  
 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ be at my  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and guard,  
 to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.



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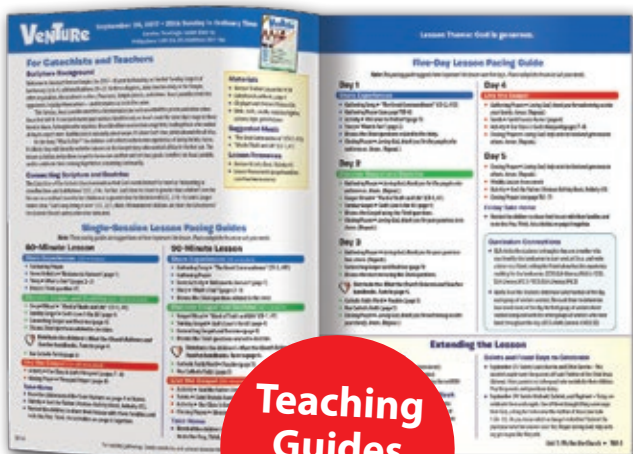
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