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## The Angels

## **About Angels**

Part A: Most of us have a fairly clear idea of what angels are. But it's usually based on movies, songs, and Christmas tree decorations rather than what the Church and the Bible teach us.

Angels are fascinating creatures — and important in our relationship with God. Let's try to see what they really are like. To start, look at these pairs of words, and underline the one in each pair that you think *most* people would use to describe angels. (Note: There aren't any right or wrong answers — just tell what you think.)

Fluffy/fiery
Scary/sweet
Holding a harp/brandishing a sword
Delicate/mighty
Huge/small
Serving/commanding

**Part B:** Biblical descriptions of angels are quite different from the way many people think of them. Read the following passages having to do with angels. As you read, jot down some key words that tell how the passages depict angels.



Now read these short passages from Luke, which all have something in common. Think about why the angels have to do the same thing in each case. Read Luke 1:13, Luke 1:30, and Luke 2:8-10.