

# Learn the Ranks!

## *The 9 Choirs of Angels*

Angels are messengers of God. They are fascinating creatures and important in our relationship with God. There are 9 ranks (choirs) of angels:



### **ANGEL RANKS:**

- 1 **Seraphim** are the highest order or choir of angels. They are the angels who are attendants or guardians before God's throne.
- 2 **Cherubim** are the 2nd highest in the nine hierarchies of angels, symbolizing God's power and mobility.
- 3 **Thrones** are the Angels of pure humility, peace and submission.
- 4 **Dominions** are Angels of Leadership. They regulate the duties of the angels, making known the commands of God.
- 5 **Virtues** are known as the Spirits of Motion and control the elements and all nature. They have control over seasons, stars, moon; even the sun is subject to their command.
- 6 **Powers** are Warrior Angels. They fight against evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through humans.
- 7 **Archangels** are generally taken to mean "chief or leading angel." The Archangels have a unique role as God's messenger to people at critical times in history and salvation.
- 8 **Principalities** in the New Testament refer to one type of spiritual (metaphysical) being which are now quite hostile to God and human beings. Given their hostility to God and humans due to sin, Christ's ultimate rule over them expresses the reign of the Lord over all in the universe.
- 9 **Angels** are closest to the material world and humans. They deliver the prayers to God and God's answers and other messages to humans. They are the most caring and social to assist those who ask for help.

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED**

- Colored beads (each student needs (9))
- Pipe cleaners

### **WHAT TO DO**

1. Allow each student to select a colored pipe cleaner.
2. One at a time, read/share the 9 different ranks of angels. After each rank, allow students to string 1 bead to represent that rank. Students will string a total of 9 beads onto pipe cleaner.
3. When done, make into a bracelet and place on child's wrist to remember the significance of today's lesson about angels.

