

Children's Sermon 2

TEXT: Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (NRSV)

SUGGESTED AGE RANGE: Pre-K-Elementary

THEME: Hospitality to all people

SUGGESTED PROPS: Bedtime routine items (toothbrush, pillow, story book, etc.), angel cutouts (enough for all children present)

After greeting the children, start by asking the children present to list some of the things they do to get ready for bed (use the props brought in as prompts).

Then ask them some of their favorite parts about bedtime (stories read by a parent/guardian, getting tucked in, etc.).

Ask them how they might feel if that routine changed because they couldn't go to bed at their home anymore (they may say, "sad," "upset," maybe "angry").

Tell them that many children all over the world are having this exact experience **RIGHT NOW**. More than half of the world's refugees (51 percent) are children who have to face not knowing where they might live. But there is good news... we can help! We're told in the Bible: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2, NRSV)."

Distribute a cut-out angel to each child present.

We ask that you take this angel cutout (pass one to each child present) and say a prayer every night this week before bed for those children who don't get to sleep in their own bed.

PRAYER: Loving God, we thank you for the place we have to sleep at night, and we pray for our friends both near and far who are uncertain on where that place for them might be. Please be with them and help us to help them when given the chance. Amen.

STORY IMAGES: Parents, Home, God's love, Bedtime, Children, Stories, Angels

SCRIPTURAL IMAGES: Hospitality, Sharing, God, Community, Angels



