

When your child is afraid of getting lost or being kidnapped

Many children face the fear of getting lost, or worse yet, having someone take them away from their home and family. It is true that we never know what the intentions of others are, but we can teach our children that God is with them to protect them all the time.

Texts to keep in mind

Deuteronomy 31:6

Psalms 41:1-2

Psalms 91:11

Matthew 28:20

Hymns and songs

While singing or listening to any songs with your child will be helpful, here are a few that are particularly relevant.

"Anywhere With Jesus"

"Under His Wings"

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

"Hiding in Thee"

From the Bible

The Bible is full of stories of God's watch care and protection. Perhaps the most appropriate story though is the parable of the lost sheep. Be sure to share the deeper spiritual meanings with your child as well. How wonderful to know that we can never wander so far that God does not come to find us! (You can find the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:1-7 and Matthew 18:12-14.)

Find out about it

Talk about some safety strategies with your child to help them feel safe. You may come up with a secret whistle so that whenever you go anywhere, you can easily find one another. Talk about what to do if your child gets lost. Take time to discuss safety tips with your child.



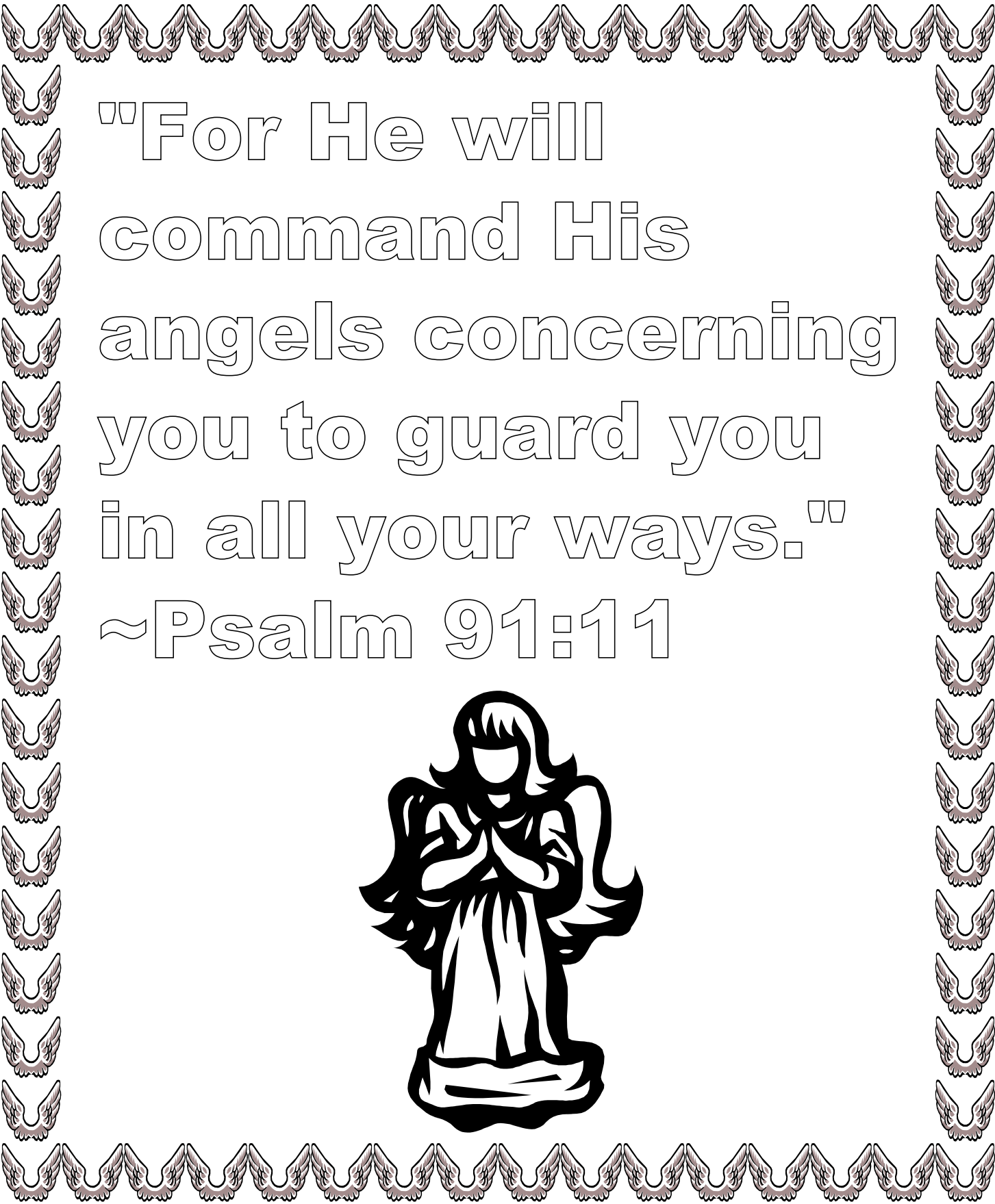
As for me and my house...



...we will serve the Lord.

The next few pages contain some activities for you and your children to do. Here is what you will find:

- A Bible verse that can be colored
- A text that needs to be illustrated
- A couple of mazes (to help your children see that God can bring them home no matter how lost they feel)



"For He will
command His
angels concerning
you to guard you
in all your ways."

~Psalm 91:11



*God is always with you. You can't go anywhere that He cannot be right there with you.
Draw a picture of Jesus being with you wherever you are.*

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." ~Deuteronomy 31:6

Uh oh, Jeremiah is lost. But he remembers God's promise in Matthew 28:20: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Follow the mazes to see how God brought Jeremiah home safely.

