

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Angels Who Stood Guard!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE

BIG IDEA

When we belong to God, He watches over us and keeps us safe. He can even send His angels to protect us when there is danger!

THE STORY

Nona and Bug Freeman were missionaries far from home, telling people about Jesus. But the place where they lived went through a dangerous time, when some people were not friendly at all.

One day, a group of men came marching toward the mission station.

They were not coming to be kind. They wanted to cause trouble! And there was no time to run away and no one nearby to help.

What could the Freemans do? They did the most powerful thing of all.

They gathered with the believers, bowed their heads, and began to pray.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

"Lord," they prayed, "please protect us. And please change the hearts of these men." They trusted that God could keep them safe, no matter what.

The group of men came closer and closer to the station. And then, something completely unexpected happened. The leader suddenly stopped walking!

He looked confused, and then he looked frightened. Right away, he turned to his men and gave a surprising order: "Turn around! We are leaving!" And just like that, the whole group walked away. They didn't hurt anyone or take a single thing!

Later, some of those very men explained what had happened. As they came near the mission, they had seen something, or someone, that filled them with fear. They couldn't explain it, but they knew one thing for sure: they must not touch that place or the people in it.

The Freemans knew exactly what it was. God had sent His angels to stand guard and protect them! The men had seen what they could not.

Nona told many stories like this one. Sometimes God protected them from wild animals. Sometimes from storms. Sometimes from people who wanted to do harm. But every single time, when they called on the name of Jesus, God answered!

Nona wanted everyone to remember a wonderful truth from the Bible: God is a very present help in trouble. We never have to be afraid, because He is always watching over His children!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- Nona and Bug Freeman were real missionaries, and stories of God's protection fill her books.
- The Bible says God's angels are sent to watch over and protect those who love and follow Him.
- The men who came to the mission later admitted they saw something that frightened them and made them leave.
- In the Bible, a prophet named Elisha was once surrounded by an enemy army, but God's angels in fiery chariots were all around him, protecting him!

MEMORY VERSE

“The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.” Psalm 34:7

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. When the dangerous men came toward the mission, what did the Freemans choose to do?
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- 2** What happened that made the leader suddenly stop and tell his men to leave?

- 3** What did the men say they saw, and what did the Freemans believe it really was?

- 4** God promises to protect those who love Him. How does it make you feel to know God is always watching over you?

- 5** The Freemans prayed instead of panicking. What is something you can do to remember to pray when YOU feel scared or in trouble?

LET'S PRAY

Dear God, thank You that You watch over me day and night and keep me safe. Thank You that You can even send Your angels to protect me. When I feel afraid, help me to remember that You are right here with me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Make a guardian angel craft! Cut out a simple angel shape from paper and decorate it with glitter, crayons, or cotton balls. As you make it, talk about how God protects His children. Hang your angel somewhere you will see it, and whenever you do, thank God that He keeps you safe everywhere you go.

