

# The Apostles' Creed: The First Article

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*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

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## The Angels

At this time of the year, we hear a lot more talk about angels than usual. While they are magnificent creatures, they are just that—creatures. They are “created spiritual beings” as we read in the ***Explanation of the Small Catechism***. We recognize the value of angels: they are messengers of God, who inform us of important events, such as the births of John the Baptist and Jesus (***Luke 1:1-20, 36-38; Matthew 1:18-21***). They serve God (***Psalms 103:20-21***) and help us (***Psalms 91:11-12***). When the army of the Syrians surrounded Dothan, God protected the city and Elisha with a host of angels in the form of Horses and chariots of fire (***2 Kings 6***). But we don't want to fixate on them as that would take away from our focus on Jesus Christ and possibly lead to angel worship. When St. John was receiving his vision of the end of times, he was so overwhelmed that he bowed down to his angel guide, who quickly said, *“You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God”* (***Revelation 19:10***). Let us be aware of the angels that surround us, listen to the messages they have given us in Scripture, and thank God for their help and support. That's what the Bible says about angels.