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Protector of God's People



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Protector of God's People

Created by God before man

Feast Day: September 29

Community Role:

Police Officer and EMT

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Dedication

To my family:
my parents Jim and Peg,
my husband Bill,
our son Sam and daughter-in-law Erin,
and our precious grandchildren
Ben, Lucas, and Andrew

To all the children I have had the privilege of
teaching throughout the years.

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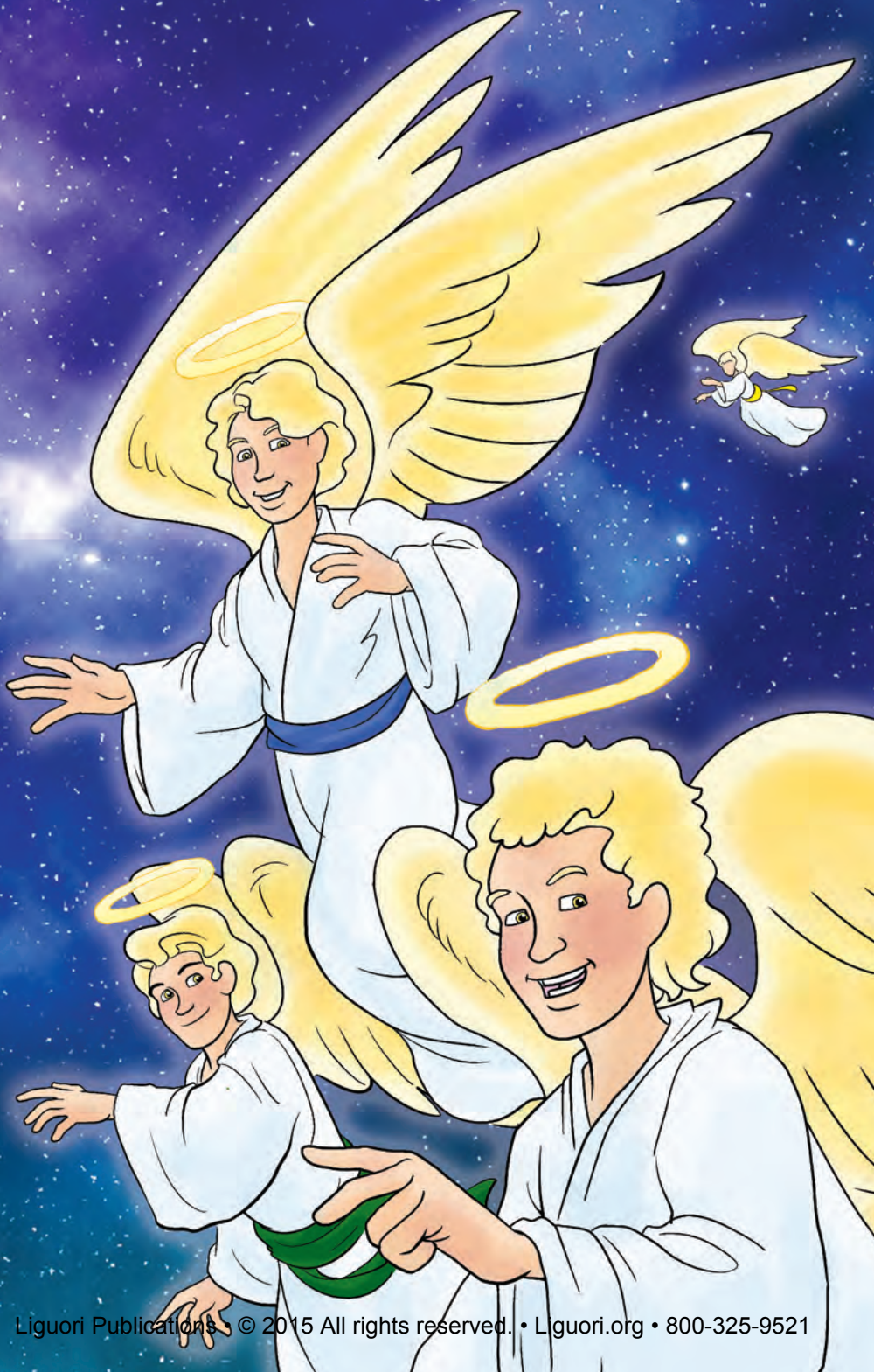
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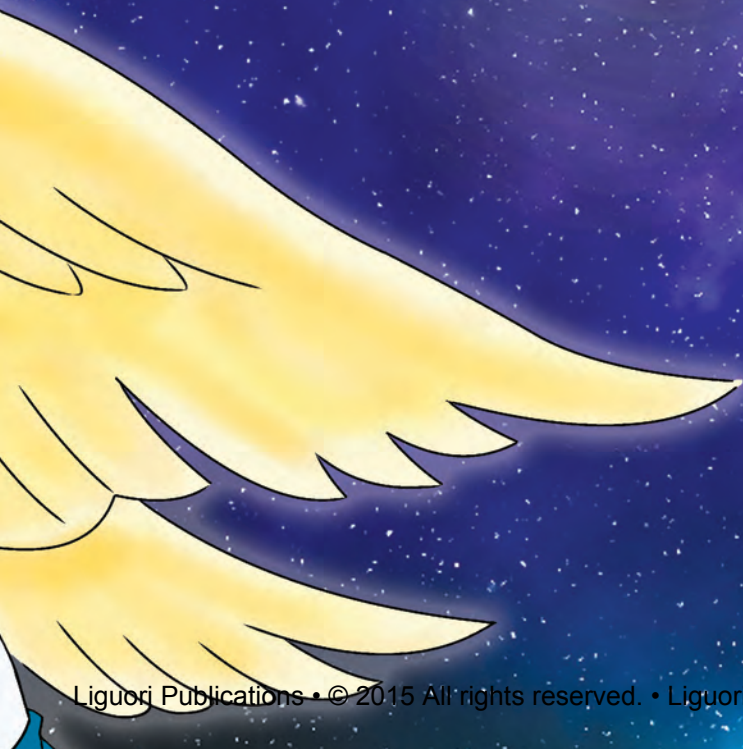
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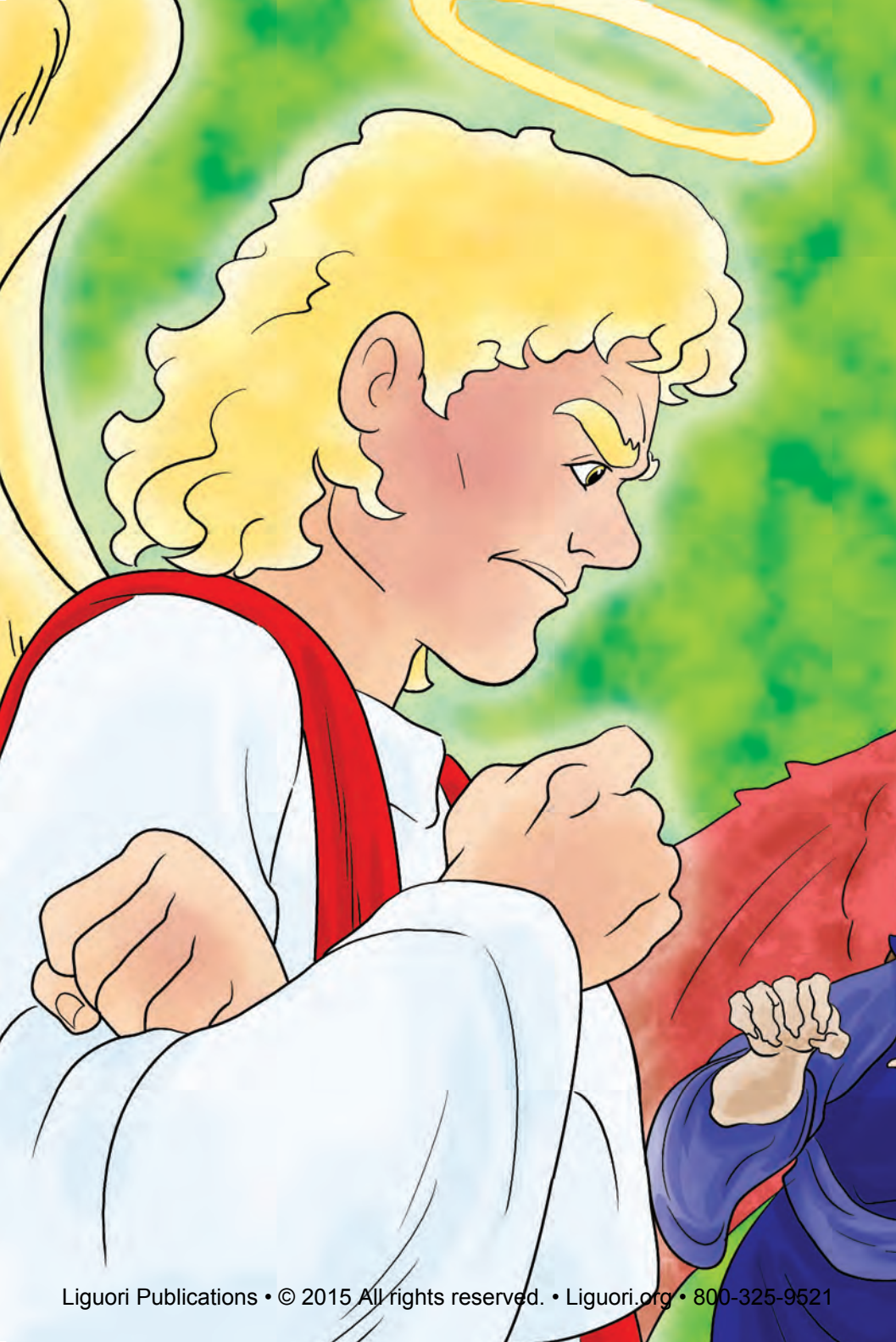


Every angel does holy work. There are angels in heaven, praising God day and night. Guardian angels pray for us and watch over us. Messenger angels bring special news to people on earth. We read about angels in the Bible. Angels visited and spoke to Abraham, Moses, Mary, and Joseph. Angels helped Jesus, too!



Saint Michael is an archangel. Archangels are leaders of the angels. They are very close to God. There are two other archangels: Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael. They are called saints as a sign of respect and honor. The three archangels are celebrated on the same feast day: September 29.





Saint Michael is the prince of all angels. He is powerful, fair, and just. One of God's angels did not want to obey God anymore. He is called Satan, Lucifer, or the devil. Satan thought he was smarter and stronger than God. He led other bad angels to turn away from God. They were called fallen angels, devils, or demons.

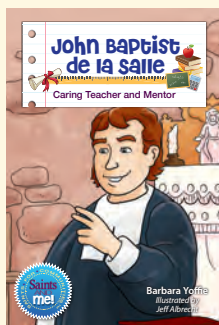


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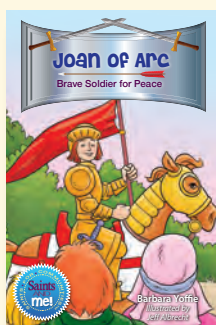
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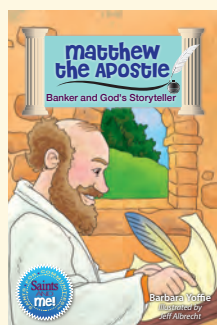
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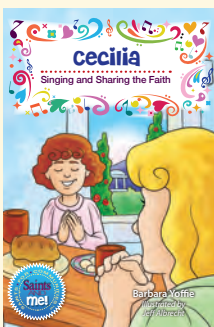
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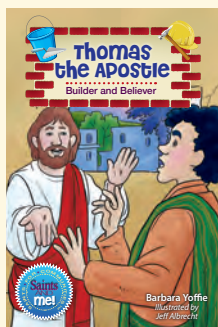
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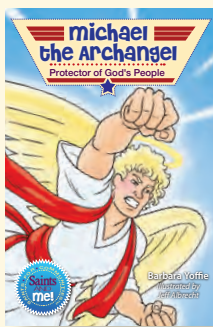
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Banker and God's
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Michael was created by God to protect all people and creation from things that are bad and evil. He guides us on our journey of faith and helps us when we are in trouble.

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