

Anne Listens to God's Angels

Anne was having a great time at summer camp. Everything was just perfect. She was meeting new friends, learning new games, playing hide and seek in the tall pine trees, and splashing in the big blue lake.

All the children at camp were learning how to swim. Every day, some of them went to a special place where the water was not deep. The swimming teacher showed them how to kick their legs very hard and make the water splash very high.

After they had learned how to use their arms and legs together, they had to pass a swimming test in the deep water of the lake. Anne was not very happy about the swimming test. When she was very young she had been in very deep water, and she got very frightened when she went under the water.

When her turn came to take the test, Anne was shaking all over. She jumped into the deep water and sank to the bottom. She pushed off the bottom of the lake with her feet, came right back up, and screamed for help. The swimming teacher jumped in right away and pulled her out. She told Anne that she didn't need to try to swim again until some other time.

Anne knew that it was time that she turn to Christian Science to help her with this problem. As she sat by the lake and watched the other children, she quietly thought to herself that fear is not from God and it is not good. She also knew that she had been listening to the devil, error. Instead, she should have been listening to God's angels. She had learned about angels in *Science and Health*. She learned that they were God's thoughts coming to her.

As she sat there thinking about God's angels, she decided that she could not give in to fear. So she went over to the teacher and told her that she did not want to wait until a later time to take the test. Anne said that she was ready to take the test as soon as it was her turn.

When the teacher told her to go ahead, Anne jumped into the lake and swam out to the marker and back. It was so much fun and all the fear had gone. That night, as everyone sat around the campfire, Anne and all the children that had passed the swimming test got swimming certificates.

Anne had proved for herself that God's angels, His thoughts, are always with us to help us. She knew that she didn't need to let anything make her afraid again.



S&H 581: "Angels: God's thoughts passing to man."

Psalm 91: "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."