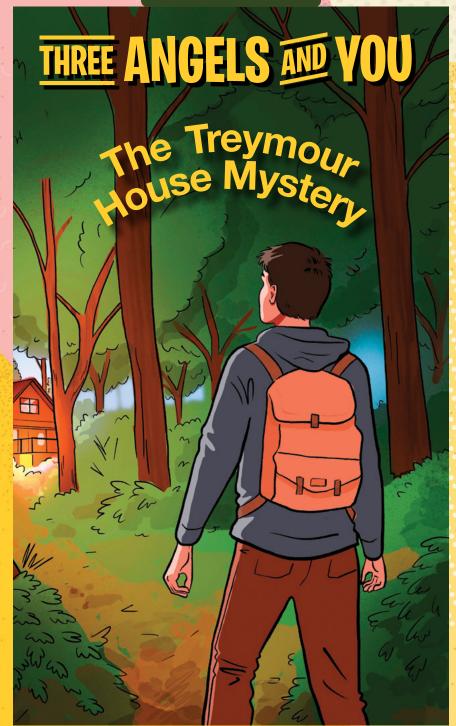
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**REVELATION 14 BIBLE GUIDES FOR KIDS** 

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# The Treymour House Mystery

he old Treymour house was haunted—or was it? What else could explain the eerie glow that some said they'd seen near the place? Robert finally made a decision. I'm going to find out for myself what's really going on, he thought. One night, making his way through the damp woods, he came closer and closer to the abandoned Treymour house. Suddenly he saw an eerie glow nearby! His heart began to pound! But instead of running in the opposite direction, he leaped toward the mysterious glow! With the glowing object now firmly in hand, Robert looked down at it. What is it? he wondered. In his hand he held a chunk of rotten wood—but it was still glowing! The boy took the piece of wood home. After some research, Robert discovered that the spooky glow actually came from a fungus called "fox fire." Under the right conditions on damp wood, fox fire fungus glows! The mystery of the "haunted" Treymour house had finally been solved!\*

It can be exciting when a mystery is solved! What "secret" are you waiting to discover? Your "mystery" may not involve a "haunted" house. Instead, maybe you wonder who your teacher will be next year, what you'll be having for supper, or why your pants are getting shorter on you.

The last book of the Bible, Revelation, helps solve the mystery of what's been going on "behind the scenes" of human history. In Revelation, the Apostle John was told that God's people would have a special work to do just before Jesus' return: "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings" (Revelation 10:11). Simply put, crucial Bible truths were to be shared toward the end of human history. Many Bible experts believe this especially points to the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12.

Revelation helps us understand what's happening in heaven and on earth right now. For centuries, this book seemed mysterious and hard to understand. But today so many key parts of Revelation have been unlocked that anyone can understand its main points.

#### A Secret Key

Computer users sometimes use little symbols called icons to represent their business, hobbies, or other interests. Do any of the icons below reflect your interests? Circle them, or draw your own icon in the box to symbolize something you're interested in.



Can you think of some other kinds of symbols that people use?

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#### The Backstory

God gave the apostle John, the writer of Revelation, several visions while he was exiled (a type of imprisonment) on the **island of Patmos** in the Mediterranean Sea.

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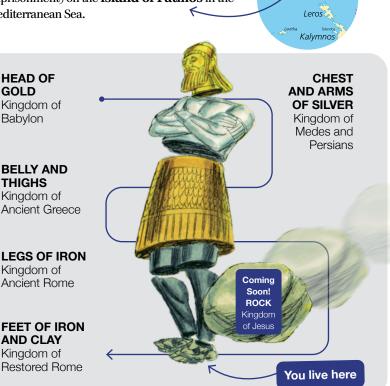
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The visions contained lots of symbols. (Remember the computer icons?) One of those visions involved three angels who had several important messages for people living in the end-times of earth's history. A statue that King Nebuchadnezzar saw in a dream—and the prophet Daniel interpreted shows exactly when this time would arrive. In other words, the time for the three angels' messages to be understood and shared is NOW!



## **Choosing Not to Cheat**

"There's no way we'll get caught!" Aidan said to his friends Colson, Lucas, and Emily. Aidan had just suggested that they all work together to secretly share answers during the upcoming math test.

"I like your plan," Colson told Aidan. Turning to Lucas and Emily, Colson asked, "Don't you two think it sounds good?"

Lucas frowned. "I'm not interested in cheating," he said. "Count me out."

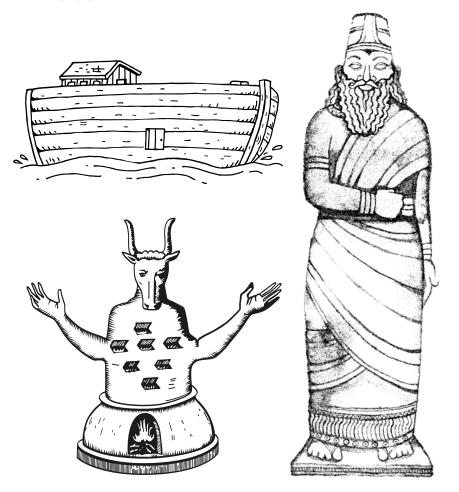
"No thanks," Emily added.
"I'll stick with homework and studying to pass the math test."

Aidan gave both of them a mean look, then said, "Fine, then, do whatever you want.
Come on, Colson, let's get out of here." With that, the two boys walked away. Lucas and Emily stayed behind, sad about their friends' decision but certain that they'd made the right choice.

It can be lonely to remain firm in your convictions while others choose a different way.<sup>†</sup> For many centuries, the fallen angel Lucifer, or Satan, has stirred up serious trouble—some of it deadly—for Jesus' followers. While some people end up walking away from Bible truth, God has always had His faithful followers, often called His "remnant." These are people who remain true to God and His Word even though most have drifted away from it. Like Lucas and Emily, the remnant chooses to do the right thing no matter the cost.

#### **Standing Strong**

Look at the clue pictures below. Can you figure out which Bible incident involving a remnant each drawing represents? For help, turn the page and read the verses to fill in the blanks on the "Bible Remant Honor Roll." Finally, come back and color the objects below, using crayons, colored pencils, or markers.





### Bible Remnant Honor Roll

Bible Verse	Person(s)	What They Did or Did Not Do		
Genesis 7:1, 7, 23				
1 Kings 19:12-18				
Daniel 3:16-18				
Other				







#### Are You an Angel?

At first glance, the three angels found in Revelation 14:6-12 seem like real angels, and they might be. But they're also symbols of God's end-time people. In other words, in a certain sense, the three angels are you! (Try telling your teacher that you're an angel and see what happens!)

Next, read the first part of Revelation 14:6 and fill in the blanks below with the correct words.

"Then I saw flying in midair." This verse involves the first of three angels whose messages are to be shared at the end of earth's history. But before further exploring those messages, there's something else you should know.

#### The Need for Speed

Which of these goes the fastest? Put a check mark in that box.

Read the first part of Revelation 14:6 again. The angel (which also represents you) is flying. In the book of Revelation, a flying angel means that something needs to happen fast! (Angels can fly even faster than airplanes!) In other words, whatever the angel (you) is up to, the mission needs to be accomplished soon—there's no time for delay!

So what does all this mean for you? It means that you can help others be ready for Jesus' return. The three angels' messages of Revelation

14:6-12 makes clear that
God is on the move.
Jesus is coming
back, and He doesn't
want anyone to miss out
on heaven. Knowing more
about the three angels' messages
can help you spread the good news!





The prophet Daniel was frustrated! He simply couldn't understand every part of the prophetic visions that he'd been given. When Daniel asked the heavenly messenger for help, here's what he was told:

"Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9).

Centuries have passed since

Daniel's time. The Bible makes clear that we are now living in the "time of the end." The book of Revelation contains vital end-time information that remained a mystery to Daniel. But now God has made many of those things clear. That means you can understand some Bible truths that Daniel couldn't! That makes sharing these crucial messages an amazing privilege and important responsibility for God's people.

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\*This story was adapted from "The Mystery of the Haunted House" by Ella Ruth Elkins, which appeared in the October 18, 1967, issue of *Guide*.

†From a *Guide* story, author and date unknown

**Answers**: Bible Remnant Honor Roll: 1 Kings 19:12-18, 7000 Israelites, didn't bow to Baal; Genesis 7:1, 7, 23, Noah and family, boarded the ark; Daniel 3:13-19, Shadrach, Meschach, Abednego, didn't worship the golden statue. Revelation 14:6: another angel.

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