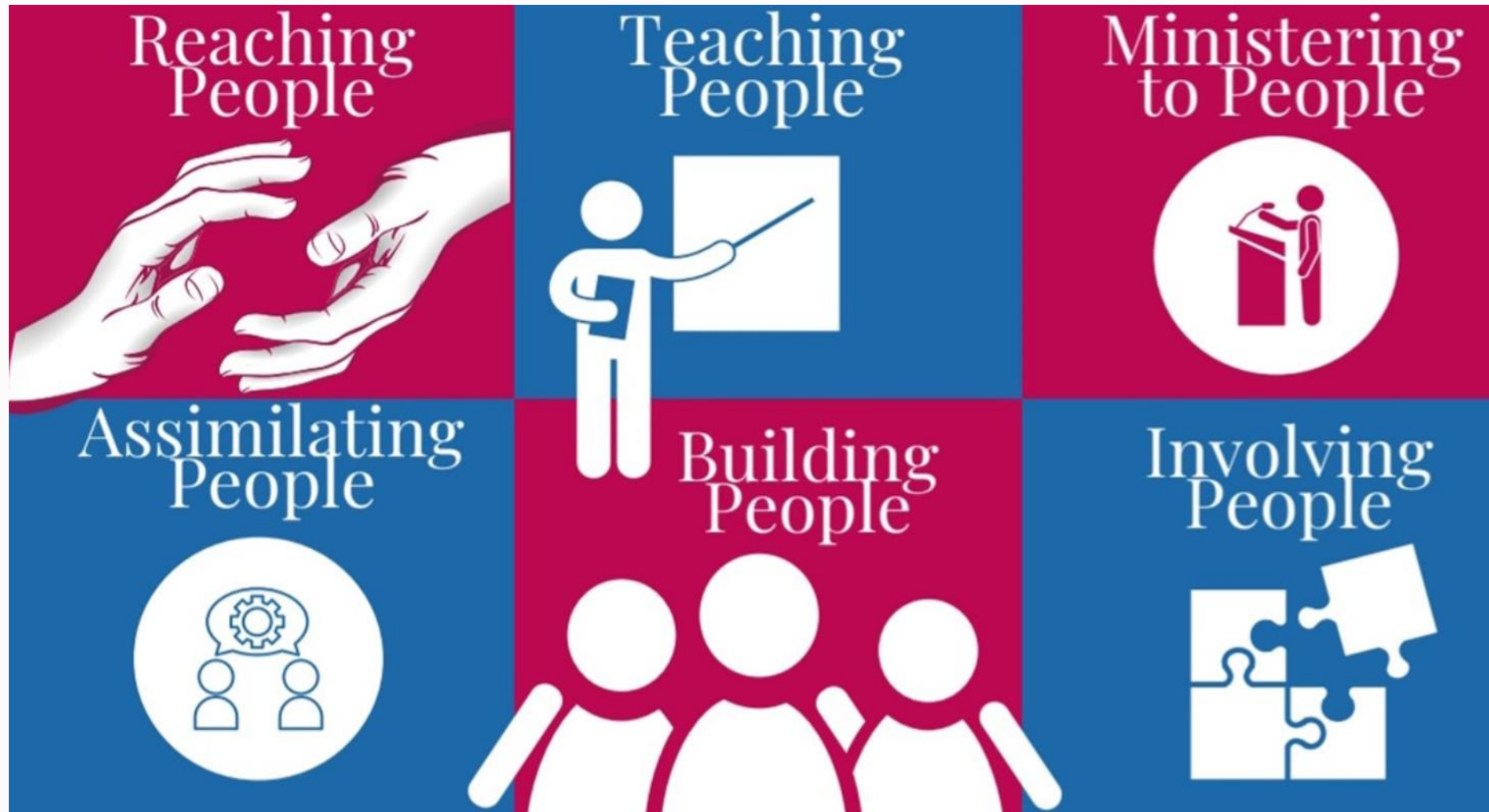




Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
Sunday School

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CORE VALUES



SUNDAY SCHOOL RESPONSIVE READING

Superintendent/Teacher: Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. **Psalm 133:1**

School/Class: But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. **Hebrews 13:16**

Superintendent/Teacher: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. **2 Timothy 3:16**

School/Class: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **Psalm 119:105**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESPONSIVE READING

Superintendent/Teacher: Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **Philippians 2:4**

School/Class: He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor. **Proverbs 22:9**

Superintendent/Teacher: Therefore he says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men." **Ephesians 4:8**

School/Class: As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **1 Peter 4:10**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESPONSIVE READING

Superintendent/Teacher: For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:12**

School/Class: For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function. **Romans 12:4**

Superintendent/Teacher: By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. **John 13:35**

School/Class: For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **Gal. 5:13**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESPONSIVE READING

ALL:

But grow in the grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

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- **Bible Basis:** Hebrews 1:1-9
- **Bible Truth:** Christ is the reflection of God's glory, and addresses life's questions with a powerful and sustaining Word.
- **Memory Verse:** "Who [Jesus] being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power." (Hebrews 1:3a)

Lesson Aim

JUDGE

That Jesus expresses fully
God's very being in the
world.

APPRECIATE

That Jesus during His earthly
life experienced the full
range of human experience.

CREATE

Ways to seek Jesus'
continued guidance in our
lives.

Background Scriptures: [Hebrews 1; John 1:1-5, 10-14](#)

Hebrews 1:1-9 KJV

- 1** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
- 2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
- 3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:
- 4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- 5** For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

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Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 KJV

- 6** And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
- 7** And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
- 8** But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- 9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

LIGHT ON THE WORD

Hebrews Author Unknown. Aside from 1 John, Hebrews is the only letter in the New Testament without a greeting. Written in the style of an essay or sermon, the epistle contains references to the Old Testament. The language and quotations of the Old Testament suggests the intended audience may have been Jews who had converted to Christianity. However, several aspects of the epistle are unclear. Initially, the author is not identified. Although traditionally ascribed to the Apostle Paul, the book's language and vocabulary differ from his other known authored letters, and the biblical book itself does not claim to be written by Paul. The author may have known or been heavily associated with those who knew Paul.

LIGHT ON THE WORD

Secondly, the date of the epistle is also unclear. Since the author's believed goal was to showcase how Christianity replaced Judaism, with the destruction of the Temple, one possibility is that the latter was written after 70 AD. However, there are no clear references to the Temple's destruction, so it may have been written as early as 65-70 AD. A reference to Italy ([13:24](#)) is the only hint of where it could have been written.

LIFE NEED FOR TODAY'S LESSON:

AIM: We will agree that people seek guidance for their lives
but often do not know to whom to turn for direction.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus is the Reason

The author of Hebrews wrote to convince Jewish believers that Jesus is greater than anything they had previously valued in their religious tradition. Many were tempted to return to Judaism, not fully able to comprehend who Jesus truly was. So, the author used familiar language and cultural references to help them understand that Jesus is not just another prophet – He is the fulfillment of everything the Old Testament pointed to. Compared even to the most revered and well-respected prophets like Moses, Samuel, and Elijah, Jesus Christ stands far above them all. The author also explains that Jesus is superior to angels. While angels are powerful and intelligent beings created by God, they are not equal to Him. They were present at creation ([see Job 38:4-7](#)) and can be either holy or fallen – Satan being the most well-known fallen angel.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus is the Reason

Holy angels sometimes appear to humans and often inspire awe ([see Luke 2:9](#)). They do not assist evil spirits; instead, they help guide and support people spiritually. But even with all their power and intelligence, angels still worship Jesus, showing that He holds a far higher position.

BIBLE LEARNING

AIM: We will agree that Jesus' human presence was
God's presence in the world.

I. THE EMINENCE OF JESUS

Hebrews 1:1-4

The unknown author of Hebrews showcases seven facts to show Jesus' superior greatness. (1) He was deemed the heir of creation. (2) Jesus is the creator of all things made. (3) His radiance revealed God's glory. (4) He is the exact character of God. (5) Jesus is the personified Word of God. (6) He is the priest who provided sacrifice for our sins. (7) He sits on the throne at God's right hand.

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Hebrews 1:1-4

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

The first four verses of Hebrews are only a single sentence in the Greek text. Unlike modern translations that have three or four sentences, the King James Version of the Bible retains the sense of the original Greek text in one rich, complete sentence.

The phrase, "in these last days," refers to both the present and end times. There is a clear sense that God has reached the climax of His self-revelation. He has saved the best for last.

The writer intends to show that this last revelation of God is superior to what He has done in the past. The fact that God has already "spoken unto us by his Son" suggests that at the time of the writing of this epistle, the revelation had been completed.

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Even though most English translations say "his Son" or "the Son," the Greek has no definite article. The writer assumes that the readers know he is talking about Christ. The use of the phrase "appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" indicates that Christ embodies a dual motif of sonship and priesthood. When speaking of Jesus as God's heir, [Psalm 2:7-8](#) says, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Everything God has belongs to Jesus. The Bible also reveals that Jesus is co-Creator with God ([John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17](#)).

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The word translated as "worlds" or "universe" ([Hebrews 1:2, NIV](#)) is *aionas* (**eye-OWE-nas**) in Greek, which literally means "ages" or "times." The preferred interpretation is "ages," which suggests that Jesus not only created the world, but He also controls the events of history.

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I. THE EMINENCE OF JESUS

Hebrews 1:1-4

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

In verse 3, we get a complete Christology. The first part of the verse talks about the Son's relationship with God, the second part deals with Christ's work, and the third part refers to His exaltation – the pre-existence, incarnation, and exaltation of Christ. The phrase "brightness of his glory" means that Jesus is the reflection or the radiance of the glory of God. The Bible tells us that God is inapproachable, but Jesus makes it possible to know Him truly and intimately.

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What a blessing! The "express image of his person" literally means "the imprint or seal of God's nature," and the word *hypostasis* (Gk. **hoo- POH-sta-sis**), translated as "person," means "the reality or actuality of His being." Thus, Jesus fully represents God (cf. Colossians 2:9). The exaltation of Christ is an allusion to Psalms 110; "the Majesty" is a euphemism for God.

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I. THE EMINENCE OF JESUS

Hebrews 1:1-4

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

The phrase "better than" or "superior to" is used 13 times in the Christology presented in the Hebrews. Verse 4 introduces the major subjects – Christ and the angels – of the discussion to follow. To counter the worship of angels, the writer shows the real position of the angels in relation to Christ.

LIGHT ON THE WORD

In this epistle, the writer begins with God, the initiator of revelation; therefore, the focus is on Him, not on people. The first and second verses compare God's methods of communication in the past and the present. The phrase "at sundry times and in divers manners" refers to the fact that God chose the times and methods to communicate. The Old Testament records the clouds, dreams, visions, and other methods that God used to communicate with His people. God also used the prophets to reveal what He was saying. The reference to " prophets" here is not limited to the traditional prophets but it includes men of God such as Moses. David. and Solomon.

II. THE DIVINITY OF JESUS

Hebrews 1:5-9

To further reinforce Jesus' divinity, the author utilizes several quotes from the Old Testament. God addresses Jesus as "my Son" ([2 Samuel 7:14; Psalm 2:7](#)). Additionally, the writer states He is the "begotten" or firstborn Son to the world and that even angels must worship Him because He created them ([Psalm 97:7, 104:4](#)). Finally, He is on the throne where He rules with all righteousness ([Psalm 45:6-7](#)). Through these illustrations, the author hoped to show and persuade Jews that Jesus was the foretold Messiah and God's Son.

II. THE DIVINITY OF JESUS

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5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Hebrews 1:5-14 continues the explanation of who Jesus Christ is, and 2:1-4 challenges the reader to respond appropriately. The author follows this pattern throughout the epistle. Beginning with verse 5, we find frequent references to or quotations from the Old Testament (30 or more), especially the Psalms. Verse 5 is a combination of two Old Testament verses: Psalms 2:7 and 2 Samuel 7:14. The truth from Psalm 2:7 ("Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee") concerning Jesus' relationship to God was very significant for the early church's understanding of Christ. This truth was announced from Heaven at Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:10-11) and preached by Paul (Acts 13:33-34). The author of Hebrews also adapts a declaration the Lord made about David, whose kingship Jesus completes, from 2 Samuel 7:14 as a way of reminding the audience of God's relationship to Christ.

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II. THE DIVINITY OF JESUS

Hebrews 1:5-9

6 And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

The term "first begotten" is translated from the Greek word *prototokos* (**proe-TOE-toe-kos**). It does not mean the first to be created, but it indicates privilege, authority, inheritance, and responsibility that comes with being the firstborn in a family. Christ has the highest authority. The phrase "all the angels of God worship him" emphasizes His exalted state as God because only God can be worshiped. This is not an exaltation of His human nature, but it's a recognition of His divinity.

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7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Verse 7 contains an Old Testament quotation from [Psalm 104:4](#). The meaning of this verse is clear when it is read in conjunction with verses 8 and 9. This verse is not saying that angels are Christ's messengers, though this is true. Instead, it teaches that while Christ is eternal, angels are temporal and transient.

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8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore od, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

These verses are a direct quotation of Psalm 45:6-7. [Psalm 45](#) is a royal marriage psalm calling a princess of Tyre (vv. 12-14) to heed the king's call and "forget also thy people and thine father's house" (v. 10) in order to enter the king's palace, where there is great joy. This king loves righteousness and hates sin. This psalm has many Messianic applications. Hebrews 1:8-9 refer to the Son as God and say that His throne is exalted forever. Christ is superior to the angels – “anointed with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

LIGHT ON THE WORD

Jesus is Higher Than the Angels

The author continues by further explaining Jesus' eminence through His humanness and divinity. This was done to assist readers into appreciating that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of the Old Testament. In doing so, the author wanted the people to gain a larger respect for Jesus as divine over their ideals of angels. Angels were important in Judaism because they aided in important pronouncements ([Genesis 16:9; Exodus 3:2](#)) and helped at Mount Sinai with the Mosaic Law ([Deuteronomy 33:2](#)). This could have been an area of contention for many Jews, to believe that a man was higher in rank than angels.

BIBLE APPLICATION

AIM: We will decide that Christians should trust Jesus
to give directions in all aspects of our lives.

BIBLE APPLICATION

Frequently, believers tend to focus on Jesus divinity, but He is also human and faced challenges similar to what we face today. Through His example, we can believe that also we can overcome. "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world" ([John 16:33, NLT](#)).

STUDENT RESPONSES

AIM: We will agree that Jesus is the light for all of the
world.

STUDENT RESPONSES

In a society where long suffering often over- shadows hope, many Christians fail to see Jesus' greatness. For that reason, people have continually sought other means for personal fulfillment. Inspirational and empowerment teachings seem to be society's recipe for personal greatness. An understanding of who Jesus is to us trumps them all. The knowledge of Jesus' identity and the greatness of His ever-present power in our lives allow us to know that God truly cares about His children.

Prayer

Thank You, Lord Jesus,

You are worthy of all praise and worship. Jesus, You are higher than the angels and all glory and honor are Yours. We need You in our lives to lead us, guide us, and care for us.

In the name of Jesus we pray,

Amen.

Next Sunday
October 11, 2026

Lesson 6
Builder of the House
Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew 7:24-29