



**Mustard Seed Lesson Summary for December 10, 2006  
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**“Jesus: The Reflection of God”**

**LESSON TEXT:** Hebrews 1:1—9.

**GOLDEN TEXT—“God, who . . . spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son” (Hebrews 1:1-2).**

**Hebrews 1:1-9**

### **The Son Superior to Angels**

1In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

5For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
"You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father"? Or again,  
"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"? 6And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,  
"Let all God's angels worship him." 7In speaking of the angels he says,  
"He makes his angels winds,  
his servants flames of fire." 8But about the Son he says,  
"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever,  
and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.  
9You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions  
by anointing you with the oil of joy."

### **TEACHERS NOTES ON THE LESSON**

This week's Scripture passage parallels in many ways the passage from Colossians we studied last week. However, in this week's passage we hear God the Father speaking to His Son and speaking very pointedly about His Son. Jesus' identity as being fully God is made very clear when the Father addressed the Son saying, "O God" (Heb. 1:8). It is affirmed in another way when we see the Father commanding all the angels to worship Jesus at His birth (vs. 6). Worship is permitted to be directed only to God.

Jesus is contrasted with the angels and declared to be far superior to them. No angel was ever addressed as "God," as Jesus was by the Father; nor was God ever declared to be their Father. No angel ever received worship as Jesus did.

The angels' job is to serve and to worship God. The Son's job, on the other hand, is to rule and to receive worship.

The Father also affirms that Jesus is eternal. His throne is forever and ever.

### **THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Show that God the Father says that Jesus is also God.

### **TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. Children should know that Jesus is God the Son.
2. The Father said the Son is eternal.
3. The Father showed that the Son is far above the angels.

## PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For **Beginning the Lesson**, you will need a ruler and a round object. For Telling the Lesson, you will again use the picture of Jesus and the picture of an angel from last week.

For **Telling How to Live**, find a map showing the 10/40 window of the world's most unreached people groups and a list of currently unreached groups. You can find maps on the Internet by using a search engine to search for "10/40 window" and then selecting the "images" or "pictures" tab to display the associated maps.

Choose one of the groups for special prayer this quarter—perhaps one your church is involved with or one in a country where your church has missionaries. You could also simply choose a group at random for a prayer project.

For **Helping to Remember**, replenish your supply of alphabet macaroni. Have on hand glue and the circles that the children began last week. Also bring a 2-foot length of yarn for each child and tape. Be ready to reread to your students some of the verses from the lesson giving titles or descriptions of Jesus. If necessary, mark them in your Bible so that you can find them easily (Heb. 1:2, 3, 5, 8).

## BEGINNING THE LESSON

(Teacher, show the ruler.) What do I have here? Yes, it is a ruler. Who can show me where it begins? Who can show me where it ends? This ruler has a beginning, and it has an ending. Everything God made has a beginning. It will all have an ending someday too.

(Teacher, show round object.) I have something here that is round. Can you tell me where it begins? Can you tell me where it ends? No? Why not? It is because it has no beginning or ending. It just goes on and on.

Jesus never had a beginning. He lived with His Father in heaven before He was ever born on earth. He will never have an ending. He is eternal, because He is God.

## TELLING THE LESSON

We can read in many places in our Bibles about who Jesus is. In the book of Hebrews we can read what God our Father in heaven said about Jesus. Would you like to know what God said about Jesus?

In old times, God spoke to His people in many different ways and at different times. He often spoke through His prophets. Then, finally, God spoke to us through His Son. This time was very special because Jesus was very special.

God our Father in heaven did not create the world and everything that exists all by Himself. The Bible says God made the world through Jesus. Just as the Father is the great Creator, so Jesus is also the Creator.

Jesus is called "the brightness of his [God's] glory" (Heb. 1:3). He is just as glorious and wonderful as the Father. He is called the "express image of his person." (Teacher, show the picture of Jesus.) That is, Jesus shows us what God is like because when we look at Jesus, we are looking at God.

Jesus made everything there is, and now He holds it all together "by the word of his power." Only someone as powerful as God could hold the whole universe together!

Jesus made us, but He did something else very special for us too. He paid the punishment we had coming because of our sins. He did it all by Himself. He did not need help from anyone, for He is perfect and gave God the only perfect sacrifice for our sins.

After Jesus died and came to life again, He went back to heaven and sat down at the Father's right hand. Today He is seated on His throne in heaven.

Some people think Jesus was an angel, but Jesus was much better and higher than any angel. (Teacher, show picture of angel.) His name is higher and better than that of the angels. God the Father called Jesus "my Son." No angel is ever called God's Son.

When Jesus was born, God commanded all His angels to worship Jesus. God's good angels do not worship anyone but God. It would be a sin to worship anyone or anything but God. It is against God's rules, and the good angels do not go against God's rules. God told them to worship His Son because Jesus is God too. He is God the Son.

Angels are God's helpers. They serve and worship God and help His people: They serve God.

Jesus rules with God the Father. In talking to Jesus, the Father called Him God.

Jesus will rule forever. He had no beginning. He lived with His Father in heaven from all eternity, long before He came to be born on earth as a baby. He will live forever. He is eternal-without beginning and without end.

Jesus is holy and pure. He never did anything wrong. What a wonderful, lovely, perfect Saviour!

So who is Jesus? He is God the Son. He is God's own dear Son, living eternally. How do we know? God our Father told us so.

Jesus came to be our Saviour. He had no sin. He "loved righteousness, and hated iniquity" (vs. 9), or sin. God was well pleased with Jesus, His Son.

Jesus died for our sins, and He paid our punishment completely. No wonder we love to worship and serve Jesus!

## **TELLING HOW TO LIVE**

We have read what God the Father said about Jesus. What do you say about Jesus to your friends and family? If you have received Jesus, have you told others how you believed in Him? How many people have you told about the wonderful things He has done for you?

Are you praying every day for those who do not yet know that Jesus is God's own precious Son? Many of the people who do not yet know much about Jesus live around the middle of the world. (Teacher, show a map of the 10/40 window of unreached people groups. Briefly tell a few facts about one of the unreached groups. Choose a people group with which your church is involved, or simply choose a group for regular prayer this quarter.) We can help by praying for them. We can pray that God will send them missionaries, that they will understand who Jesus is, and that they will believe in Him. We can pray that churches will be started among them as a witness for Jesus.

## **HELPING TO REMEMBER**

The children will be adding to the craft project they began last week. Let them cut a piece of yarn, tie it, and tape it to the back of the circle.

Then let them choose more descriptive terms from the lesson that tell more about Jesus and spell them out with alphabet macaroni. They might choose words like "God's Son," "God," "Creator," "Eternal," "Forever," "Image of God," "His glory," or "Saviour." Some of the terms are stated directly, while others are described.

Let the children glue the new names around the outside of their circles. Allow the glue to fully dry before the children take their projects home.

## **EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT**

"God, who . . . spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2).

God spoke to His people in old times by sending men called prophets to tell people His message. When people listened to God's prophets, they were hearing from God. When they believed God's prophets, they were believing God's message.

Finally God spoke to us by sending His very own Son from heaven to tell people His message. The words Jesus spoke were a message from God. Jesus is God's Son. He shows us what God is really like.

When we listen to Jesus' teaching, we are hearing God speak to us. When we believe in Jesus, we are believing God and believing His message to us. That is why it is such a wonderful and happy event when anyone believes in Jesus. I hope you have believed in Jesus as your Saviour.

Lesson Puzzle:

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ANGELS  
BRIGHTNESS  
EVERYTHING  
GOD  
LOVED  
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GLADNESS  
HEBREWS  
MAJESTY  
POWER  
PURGED  
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BIBLE  
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JESUS  
OBEY  
PROPHETS  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
SON

## Jesus: The Reflection of God Solution

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(Over, Down, Direction)

ANGELS (5, 1, SE)  
ANointed (11, 1, S)  
BIBLE (1, 2, S)  
BRIGHTNESS (15, 10, N)  
CREATED (14, 15, NW)  
DIED (8, 10, S)  
EVERYTHING (4, 11, NE)  
GLADNESS (8, 1, SW)  
GLORY (6, 8, NW)  
GOD (11, 10, NW)  
HEBREWS (7, 9, W)  
JESUS (5, 8, W)  
LOVED (6, 7, NE)  
MAJESTY (14, 7, N)  
OBEY (6, 11, W)  
PAID (12, 11, SW)  
POWER (15, 15, N)  
PROPHETS (7, 5, SE)  
PUNISHMENT (1, 12, E)  
PURGED (2, 13, E)  
RIGHTEOUSNESS (13, 13, NW)  
SERVE (2, 10, E)  
SINS (3, 1, SE)  
SON (12, 5, N)  
SPOKE (6, 1, SW)  
WORSHIP (4, 7, NE)

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