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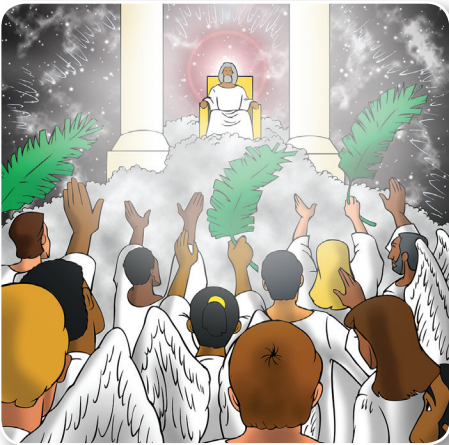
Lesson

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Hebrews 1:1-9



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: HONOR HIM



Key Verse: [God said,] “Let all God’s angels worship him (Jesus)” (Hebrews 1:6b, NIV).

GOD’S WORD

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but 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. **3** The 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. **4** So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. **5** For 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”? **6** And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” **7** In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire.” **8** But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. **9** You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

Bible Story


Like Father, like Son: Honor Him (Hebrews 1:1-9)

In the past, God had spoken many times and in various ways to our ancestors. God spoke through the prophets. But in the final days, God spoke to the people through His Son, Jesus Christ. God promised all of His creation to His Son as an inheritance. It was with His Son that God had created the universe and everything in it. The Son is a reflection of God's glory and He is an exact copy of God. The Son uses God's power to maintain God's creation.

After the Son died to save us from our sins, He took His place of honor at the right side of God. This is proof that the Son of God is greater than the angels. Even His name is greater than the names of the angels. God never called any of the angels His Son or claimed to be their Father. When God spoke of Jesus, He claimed Jesus as His Son and He named Himself to be Jesus' Father. When God presented Jesus to the world as His Son, He called for the angels to worship His Son.

God told Jesus that His throne would last forever and His power would be shown through His righteousness. God said that Jesus loved what was right and hated what was wrong. God anointed Jesus by pouring more joy on Jesus than on anyone else.

Exploring the Story with *Nicholas and Cornelius*



Nicholas: Hey there, Christian friends...Nicholas and Cornelius here! Today, we are in Bethlehem. Do you know why Bethlehem is so important? That is the place where Jesus, our Lord and Savior, was born.

Cornelius: That's right, Nicholas, and what a great joy that is! Without Jesus, our sins would not be forgiven, and that's no good.

Nicholas: No, it's not. God gave Jesus, His Son, a big job to do and a lot of responsibility. That's why even the angels had to bow down and recognize Jesus' importance. Jesus had authority! Who else in your life has authority and has an important job to do?

Cornelius: Teachers, parents, and other adults, too! That's why it's important for us to obey our elders.

Nicholas: And it's also very important for us to honor the Word of God, just like the angels honored Jesus. Jesus is a gift and we should appreciate that gift.

Who Are You?

Charmanique was talking to Iesha about a class assignment.

"This is going to be an easy assignment," said Charmanique. "My mom always says that I look like her but act like my father."

Laughing, Iesha said, "Your mom's right. But how can you write about your parents when you are adopted? What do you know about your birth parents?"

"I don't know much about my birth parents, but I can make some assumptions," said Charmanique. "I assume one of them was short, because I'm always the shortest person in class. I assume at least one of them had narrow feet, since my feet are narrow. And, I assume neither one of them wanted to raise me or couldn't raise me because of whatever reasons."

"Wow!" replied Iesha. "I never thought about it that way. Do you ever feel badly about being adopted?"

Iesha responded, "Not really. Sometimes I want to talk with my birth parents, but most of the time, I'm glad that I was adopted by my parents. When I listen to some kids talk about their parents, I realize my parents are good. They have helped me appreciate my differences. I also can see how I'm like my parents. It's like I'm becoming like them. I may look like my birth parents, but I act like my adoptive parents."



Letter Key Decoded

Fill in each blank with the correct letter from the Letter Key in order to form a message from today's lesson.

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11 – A	18 – H	25 – O	32 – V
12 – B	19 – I	26 – P	33 – W
13 – C	20 – J	27 – Q	34 – X
14 – D	21 – K	28 – R	35 – Y
15 – E	22 – L	29 – S	36 – Z
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