

March 2, 2003
Early Childhood
Jesus Is Superior to Angels

Hebrews Chapters 1-2
HEB01EC

Hebrews

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:


- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.


Memory Verse:


Hebrews 1:4: (Jesus) is superior to the angels.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** As the year progresses, numerous children will excel in their knowledge and enthusiasm to learn in your classroom. These children usually have strong reinforcement of Biblical truths from their parents during the week. Others may seem to be distracted and uncooperative during the teaching times. Have two or three children in mind before each Sunday who need a little extra attention and make a special effort to love and encourage them. Your adult attention may be the only spiritual leadership they see all week.
- Who Was Abraham?** Use the flannel graph board and show a man named Abraham who was chosen by God to move to a new place. His faith grew. He had a son Isaac. (Put up a second man.) Isaac had Jacob (put up a third man). Jacob had twelve sons. (Put up twelve men.) They all married and had children so the Hebrew nation became large after that. The children and grandchildren of Abraham were known as Hebrew or Jewish people. The book we'll learn from today is called Hebrews.
- Old and New Center:** Bring in one each of an old and new item for the children to touch and talk about. Some examples might be shoes, candles, hats, books, toys, etc. Make two piles - old and new. Also include a Bible with the Old Testament marked and the New Testament marked. Which is bigger? "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn that in the Old Testament God talked to his people through angels and prophets. In the New Testament, God spoke to us through Jesus, His Son, who is better than all the angels and prophets of the Old Testament."
- An Angel Talks to Mary:** Provide a picture story book of the angel talking to Mary and read it to the children. "In the book of Hebrews, we learn that angels are God's messengers. God used angels to send messages to people." Other Bible stories that tell about angels bringing messages from God to people are the two angels who told Abraham and Lot about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the angel who told Joseph to marry Mary because she would have a baby named Jesus, and the angel who led Peter out of jail.

 **Jesus Is Crowned with Glory and Honor: (HEB01ECGF7)** Give each child a GF7 picture and have them color Jesus. Outline the crown carefully with a felt tip pen. Glue five rhinestones, glitter or large stars in the circles provided on the crown. Cotton balls may also be glued to the cloud. "Jesus is God the Son and has superiority over everyone. That means that Jesus is the top ruler over all other rulers—like kings, presidents, and police. He controls the sun, moon and stars and is better than the angels. After Jesus died and rose again, He went back to heaven and God crowned Him with glory and honor."


 **Play Dough Creation:** Provide play dough and straws cut in different lengths for the children to create what they see Jesus has made. Have the children make a sun, moon, stars, animals, food, angels, etc. Cookie cutters could be used for some of the shapes. "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn that Jesus, the Son of God, made everything. He is superior or better than everything He has made." You may want to make a letter "H" out of play dough and have the children practice the "H" sound. Then say "Hebrews" often to familiarize the children with the name of the book we are learning from today.


 **God Told Prophets What to Say:** "Today, I will act like a prophet and tell you what I was told to say. Just as God told the Old Testament prophets the words to tell the Hebrew people, I will tell you what to do, and you listen carefully." Give each child at the table the same color and shape of paper. Have smaller shapes and colors available in the center of the table. The teacher will read an instruction and the children should listen carefully and then glue their pieces together. Do not show them a model, but encourage them to listen. Some suggestions could include: Put your triangle in front of you with the point toward your tummy. Glue a yellow circle on a black square. Glue the black square and yellow circle in the center of your triangle. Glue a blue triangle above the yellow circle, etc. Did every child make the same design? Prophets in the Old Testament would tell people what God had told them to say, and the people were to listen carefully and obey.



Book:

Presentation Ideas

 Color the **HEB01ECGF1, HEB01ECGF2, HEB01ECGF3, HEB01ECGF4, HEB01ECGF5** and **HEB01ECGF6** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save the pictures for review in future Hebrews lessons.

 **Glow-in-the Dark Stars:** Tack glow-in-the-dark stars on the ceiling and high up on the room walls. Before or after the Bible Adventure, turn off the lights and use a flashlight to look for the stars. Who made the stars in the heavens? (God, Jesus) How many stars are there? (Too many to count) How many stars do we have in our room? Who keeps the stars in place? (Jesus) "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn Jesus is superior to anyone and anything. He made the stars and keeps them in place. No one else has Jesus' power to keep the stars in place."

 **"The Sun and Moon" Finger Play:**

Over there the sun gets up	<i>(Extend arm horizontally)</i>
And marches all the day.	<i>(Raise arm slowly)</i>
At noon, it stands right overhead;	<i>(Point straight up)</i>
At night, it goes away.	<i>(Lower arm slowly and drop down)</i>

At night, I see the twinkling stars	<i>(Wiggle fingers)</i>
And a great big smiling moon.	<i>(Circle arms overhead)</i>
My Mommy tucks me into bed	<i>(Lay finger in cupped hand)</i>
And sings a good-night tune.	<i>(Rocking motions with hands)</i>

Bible Adventure for 2s & 3s

(Hold up the Old Testament section of your Bible.) This is the Old Testament section of the Bible, and this is the New Testament section *(hold up the New Testament section).*

(Show the HEB01ECGF1 picture and point to the Old Testament side of the page.) In the Old Testament, God's people were called Hebrews. God showed the Hebrew people the way He wanted them to worship Him.

(Show the HEB01ECGF2 picture.) In the Old Testament, God talked to the Hebrew people through prophets. Moses was a prophet who received the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. Prophets were very important in the Old Testament because they spoke God's words to the Hebrew people.

(Show the HEB01ECGF3 picture.) Angels were important in the Old Testament, too. Sometimes angels took a message from God to a person. When God wanted to tell Mary that she would be the mother of baby Jesus, He sent the angel, Gabriel, to tell her.

(Show the HEB01ECGF1 picture again and point to the New Testament side of the picture.) In the New Testament, there is a book called Hebrews. That is the name of the book we are learning from today. The book of Hebrews was written to the Hebrew people who had come to believe in Jesus as their Savior. They loved Jesus.

(Show the HEB01ECGF4 picture.) The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus has superiority over prophets and angels. Jesus is better than prophets, angels or anyone else. The theme of the book of Hebrews is "Superiority of Christ." (Show the sign for "Superiority of Christ.") Jesus is seated at the right hand of God in heaven because He is God the Son and superior to everyone. He is better than every prophet and angel.

(Show the HEB01ECGF6 picture.) Angels obey and worship Jesus. He is the only One who has the name "Son of God." The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is superior because He created the universe. He created the earth and everything living on the earth. He created the sky and everything in the sky, such as the sun, moon and stars.

We should never worship or pray to anyone except God. Jesus is God the Son and has superiority over everyone. We can pray to God through His Son, Jesus. Let's pray to Him right now.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending us Your only Son. Jesus is better than the prophets or angels, and we can worship Him as our Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4s, 5s & K

(Hold up the Old Testament section of your Bible.) This is the Old Testament section of the Bible, and this is the New Testament section (hold up the New Testament section. Sing the song "Old and New" from the **Song** section.)

(Show the HEB01ECGF1 picture.) In the Old Testament, God's people were called Hebrews. Sometimes they were called Israelites and sometimes Jews, but the Hebrews were the children and grandchildren in the families of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Hebrew people lived during the time of the Old Testament, and they worshiped God the way He told them to.

(Show the HEB01ECGF2 picture.) In the Old Testament, God talked to the Hebrew people by telling a prophet what to say to them. Moses was a prophet of the Hebrews who received the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone at Mount Sinai. Prophets were very important in the Old Testament because they spoke God's words.

(Show the HEB01ECGF3 picture.) Angels were important in the Old Testament, too, because they sometimes took a message from God to a person. When God wanted to tell Mary that she would be the mother of God's Son, He sent the angel, Gabriel, to tell her. Angels were important in the Old Testament because they sometimes took messages from God to people.

(Show the HEB01ECGF1 picture again and point to the New Testament side of the picture.) In the New Testament, there is a book called Hebrews. That is the name of the book we are learning from today. The book of Hebrews was written to the Hebrew people who were the children and grandchildren of the families of Abraham, but who had come to believe in Jesus as their Messiah-Savior. They were called Hebrew Christians or Jewish Christians because they believed in Jesus. The book of Hebrews was written to Hebrew people who loved Jesus. (Sing the second verse of "Old and New.")

(Show the HEB01ECGF4 picture.) The book of Hebrews in the New Testament tells us that Jesus has superiority over all prophets and angels. Superiority means that Jesus is better than prophets or angels—better than anyone. The theme of the book of Hebrews is "Superiority of Christ." (Teach the sign for "Superiority of Christ.") Let's all say the theme together. (Repeat several times.) Jesus is seated at the right hand of God in heaven because He is God the Son and superior to everyone. Jesus is better than every angel and prophet.

(Show the HEB01ECGF5 picture.) The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is superior to angels. Some Hebrews thought that praying to angels would help them, but the book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is superior to angels. Angels are servants of God who do whatever job God asks them to do. We should not pray to angels because Jesus is superior to angels, and we can pray to Him.

(Show the HEB01ECGF6 picture.) Angels obey and worship Jesus because He is the only One who has the name "Son of God." Jesus is God's Son--God the Son. The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus created the universe—the earth and everything living on the earth—and everything in the sky—the sun,

moon and stars. Jesus is the powerful Son of God who keeps everything in its place by speaking a word. When Jesus says, "Sun, stay in your place," it obeys because Jesus is the powerful God. When Jesus says, "Moon, stay in the sky," it obeys because Jesus has superiority over everything.

We should never worship or pray to anyone except God. Jesus is God the Son and has superiority over everyone. We can pray to God through His Son, Jesus. Let's pray right now.

(After the prayer sing the third verse of "Old and New.")

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus. Jesus is better than the angels or prophets, and we can worship Him as our Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2s & 3s:

1. **What is the name of the book of the Bible we learned from today?** *(Hebrews)*
2. **Who is superior to prophets, angels and everyone else?** *(Jesus)*
3. **Who created the earth and the sky and everything in them?** *(Jesus, God)*

Aim Questions for 4s & 5s:

1. **What is the name of the book of the Bible we learned from today?** *(Hebrews)*
2. **What is the theme of Hebrews?** *(Superiority of Christ)*
3. **Who is superior to angels, prophets and everyone else?** *(Jesus. Say the Memory Verse.)*
4. **Who created the earth and the sky and everything in them?** *(Jesus, God)*
5. **Why do angels worship and obey Jesus?** *(Jesus is superior to angels.)*



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Tack large stars with the **Aim Questions** written on the backs of them on the white board or wall, and have a child take off a star each time a question is read.
- Snack Suggestion:** Make finger Jell-o in the shapes of the sun, stars and moon or any other shapes you may have of creation. Crackers or cookies could also be used. Remind the children that Jesus made all things. We pray to Jesus and not to angels. Pray before snack time acknowledging we pray only to God.
- Transition Idea:** Walk on tiptoes with arms stretched high. Jesus is the highest or superior to everyone and everything.
- "Jesus Is Superior to the Angels" Craft: (HEB01ECGF7 and HEB01ECGF8)** Materials needed: GF7 picture copied on cardstock paper and cut out for each child, two or three GF8 cutout angels, yarn, crayons. Color the picture of Jesus and of the angels. Punch two or three holes in the clouds under Jesus and through the top of the angels. Thread pre-cut, colored yarn through the cloud and the angel, and tie all the angels below the picture of Jesus. "Angels are servants of God who do whatever job God asks them to do. Jesus is superior to angels because He is the Son of God."
- Hebrews Booklet: (HEB01ECGF10 and HEB01ECGF11)** Copy the GF10 and GF11 pages so that each child has a set. Fold each page in fourths and tuck the GF11 page inside the folded GF10 page to make a booklet. Review what the children learned today. As the children color their booklets, talk about what each page says and means. Sing songs from the **Song** section to reinforce the lesson.
- Memory Verse Review:** Have the children sing the Memory Verse Song. Sing it several times slowly for the younger children. Clap with your hands while humming the tune. "Superior means better than anything else. Jesus is better or more important than angels. Angels are messengers of God who obey and worship Jesus."
- "Messengers of God" Game:** The class can be divided into two teams to see which team can finish first or each child can take a turn and the other children can encourage him to finish his task. Think up several different activities and write them on individual cards. Place the cards in or under something. Have a child go to the card pile, take a card and run to a leader to have the card read. He then does what the card has asked him to do and then goes back to his team and the end of the line. Some ideas to include on the cards could be: Jump four times, hop three times, jump and turn around, do three sit-ups, touch toes to nose, clap three times behind back, two squat thrusts, four jumping jacks, etc. "Angels obey Jesus and serve as messengers to people. You are a messenger when you take the card to the teacher so he can read it."

Angel Messenger Game: Have the children stand in a circle facing the center, hands cupped behind their backs. One player is the angel and stands outside the circle. The angel walks around the circle carrying a message (large walnut). He says, "I have a message, but it is not for you, or you, or you, but for you!" When he gets to that child, he places the nut in his hands and runs around the circle. The child with the walnut chases him. Whether he catches him or not, the child with the walnut is the next angel messenger. Play until everyone has had a turn or interest wanes.

④ **Message Game:** (like the telephone game) Have the children sit in a large circle. Tell the children that you have a message you want to pass along to each of them. You will whisper "Jesus is superior" into the ear of a child sitting beside you. That child must tell the next child the same message until the message goes around the circle. The last child to hear the message must say it out loud. Tell the children that the angels we hear about in the Bible were important because they sometimes took messages from God to people. But the angels were not as important as Jesus.

④ **Fruit Basket Upset: (HEB01ECGF1, HEB01ECGF2 and HEB01ECGF3)** Have the children sit in chairs placed in a circle. Give each child only one of the following pictures to hold onto. Cut out the GF2 picture of Moses, the GF3 picture of an angel and the GF1 New Testament side of the Bible. Make sure the children know what picture they are holding. Next, call out one of the pictures--for example, "Moses." All the children holding the picture of Moses have to get up out of their chairs and move to another chair. Call out another picture and those children must switch chairs. Tell the children that when they hear you say, "Jesus is superior," they all must switch chairs. "In the Bible Adventure today, we learned that the New Testament book of Hebrews says that Jesus is superior to everything. Jesus is superior to Moses and to angels."

Songs:

Bible Themes Song (*tune: "Bible Songs for Preschool Children—Titus" tape*)
(Chorus)

We like to sing about the Bible themes.
We like to sing about the Bible themes.
We like to sing about the Bible themes.
It helps us understand God's Wo-ord.

Second Timothy—endurance in ministry
Titus—conduct of the church
Philemon—bondage to freedom
Hebrews—superiority of Christ
(Repeat chorus)

Hebrews 1:4 Memory Verse Song (*tune: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"*)

Jesus is superior
To the angels and pro-ophets.
Hebrews o-one, verse fou-our says,
"Jesus is su-per-i-or."

Old and New (*tune: "Deep and Wide"*)

Old and new, old and new
In the Bible there's the old and new.
Old and new, old and new
In the Bible God's words a-are true.

He-brewn lived in the old
But the Hebrews book is in the new.
He-brewn lived in the old
But the Hebrews book is in the new.

Old and new, old and new
Jesus Christ is better in the new.
Old and new, old and new
Jesus Christ is better in the new.

Superiority (tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves" chorus)
Super-i-or-i-ty
Super-i-or-i-ty
Jesus is the best! He has
Super-i-or-i-ty.

Better In Every Way (tune: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God")
Better in every way
Jesus is su-per-i-or,
Better than angels or prophets.
He's better than all the rest.

His Name Is Wonderful
His name is wonderful; His name is wonderful;
His name is wonderful—Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything.
His name is wonderful—Jesus, my Lord.
Better than angels, better than prophets,
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him.
His name is wonderful—Jesus, my Lord.

He's Got the Whole World
He's got the whole world in His hands. (Make large circle with arms; hold out hands, palms up)
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands. (Make small circle, thumbs and fingers touching for sun)
He's got the prophets and the angels in His hands. (Fold hands as though praying)
He's got you and me, children, in His hands. (Point to a child, then to yourself.)
He's got the whole world in His hands. (Make large circle with arms; hold out hands, palms up)

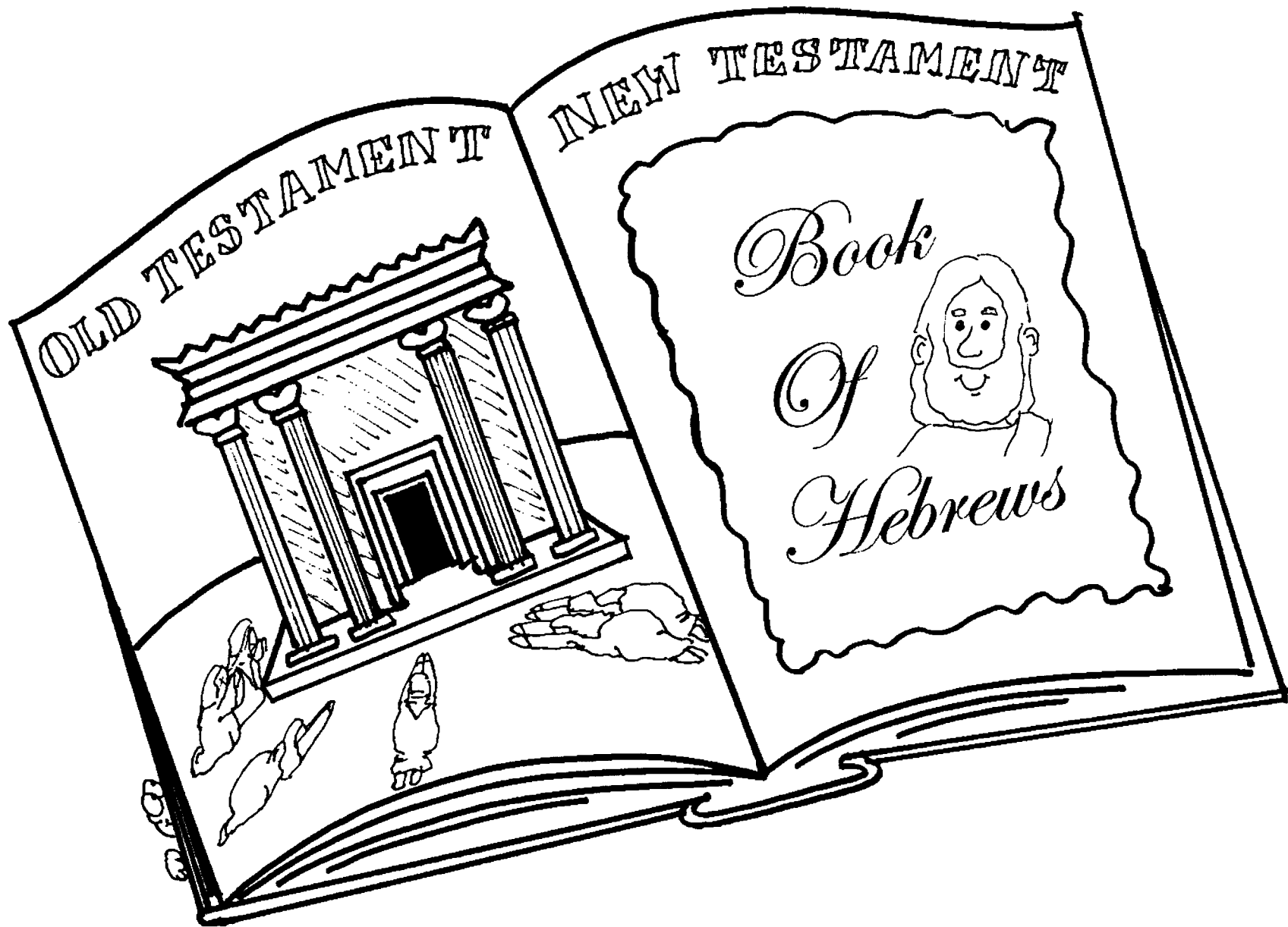


Took:

"Building a Sun" Group Activity: Glue a small yellow plate to a dark paper background. Draw a happy face on the plate. Draw sun rays out around the plate. Tear up a yellow plastic foam egg carton (18 count) into small pieces. Dot liquid glue onto the sun's rays. Firmly press the foam pieces onto the glue. Keep gluing and pressing the pieces on the paper until you finish all the rays. With a felt tip marker, write "Jesus made the sun" on the paper. "In today's Bible Adventure, we learned that Jesus created the sun in the sky. Jesus is the powerful Son of God who keeps everything in its place. Jesus is superior to angels and prophets."

"Old and New Testament" Craft Page: (HEB01ECGF1 and HEB01ECGF9) Copy a GF1 page per child and cut out around the Bible. Fold along the center line to make a "book." Copy the GF9 page on yellow paper and loosely cut around one Jesus picture along with the words above it (Hebrews—Superiority of Christ) for each child. The children can glue the picture and words to the front page of their "Bible" booklets. As the children color their booklets, sing "Old and New" from the **Song** section.

Preschool Page for Parents: (HEB01ECPPP) Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and Memory Verse.



Hebrew people lived during the time of the Old Testament.
The book of Hebrews is in the New Testament.



God gave His words to Moses
in the Old Testament.



The angel gave Mary a message, "You will have a baby--God's son."



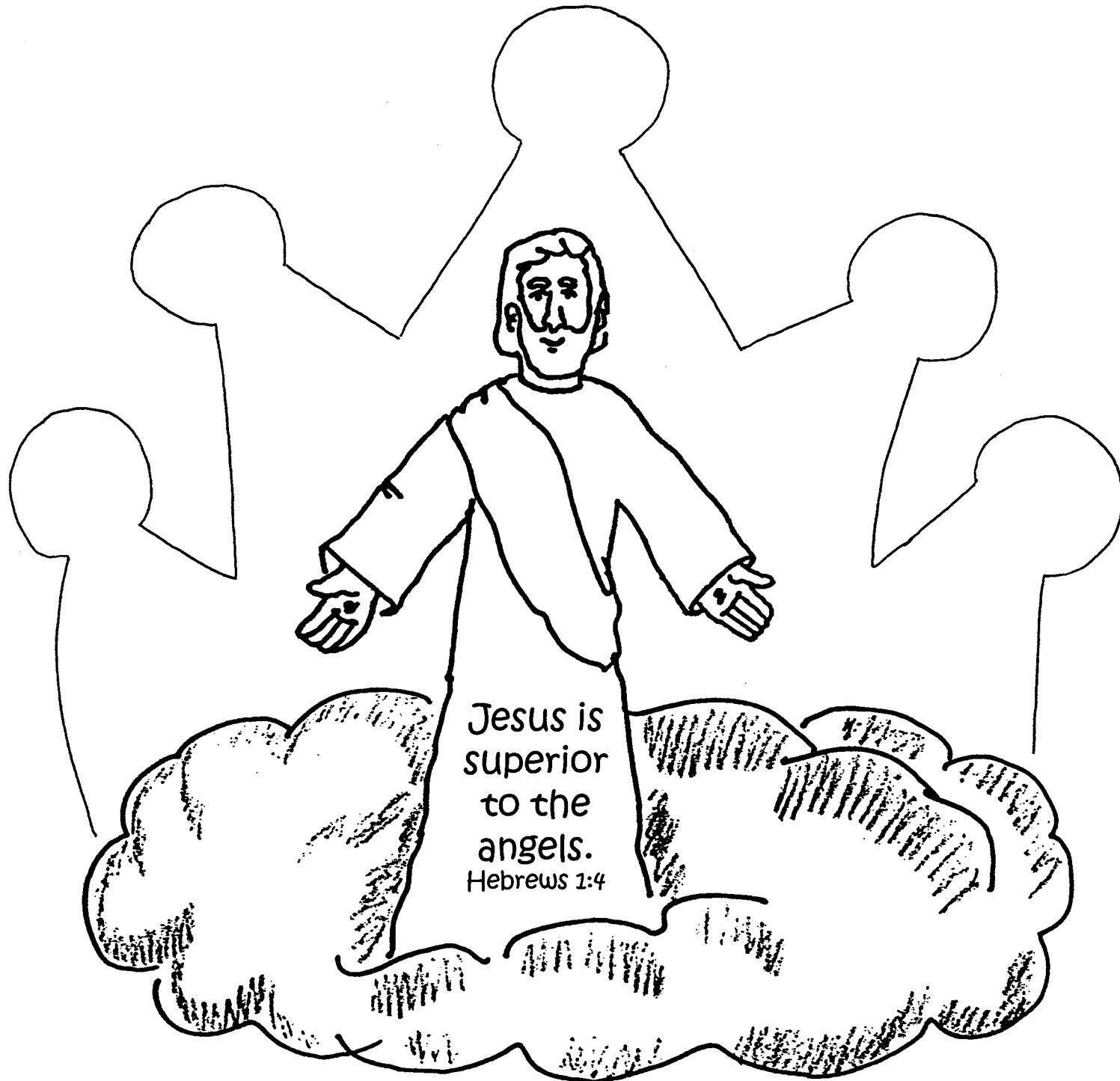
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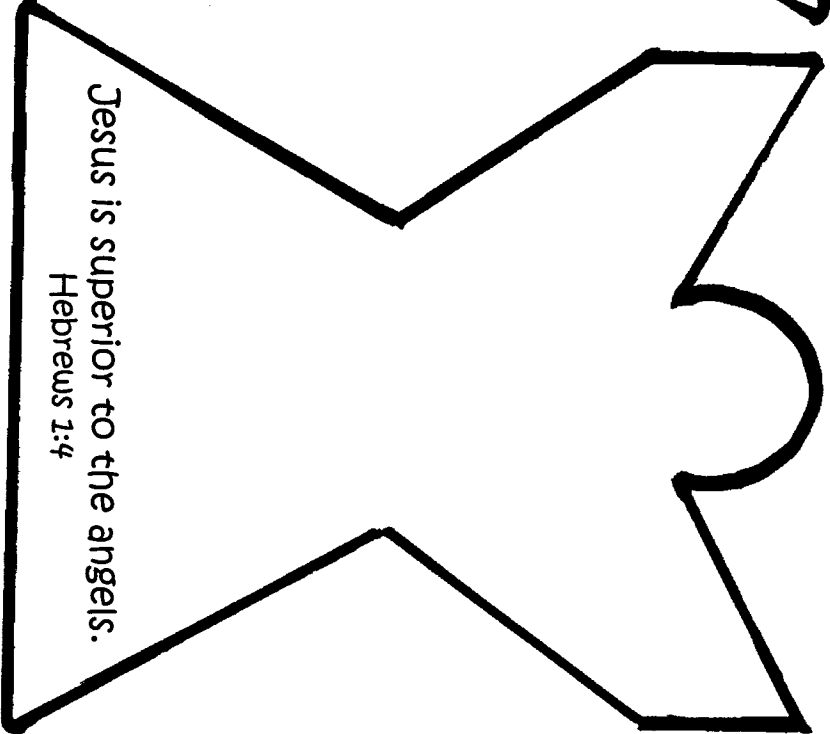


Angels worship Jesus because He is superior to everyone.

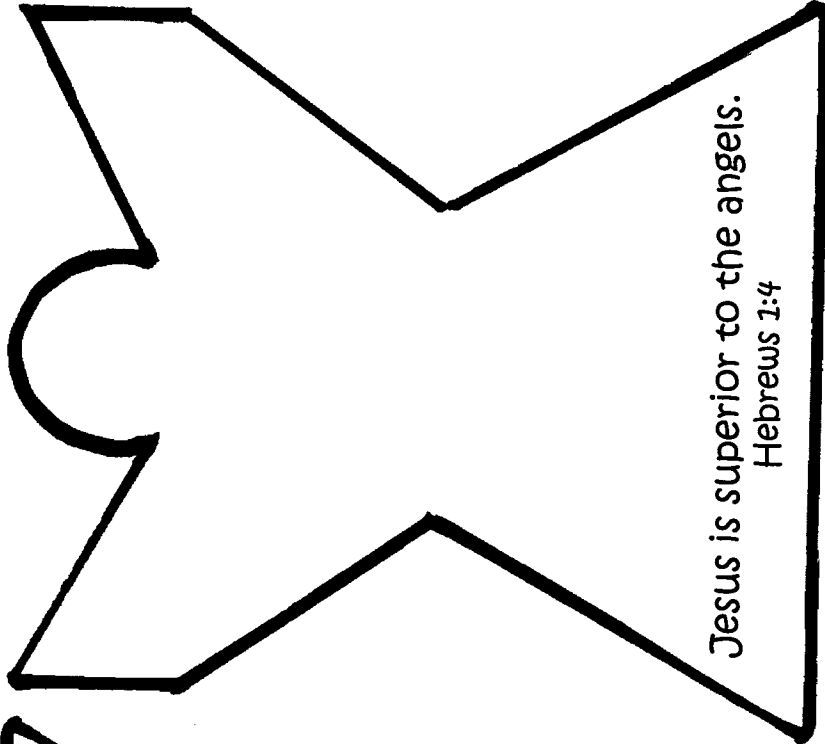
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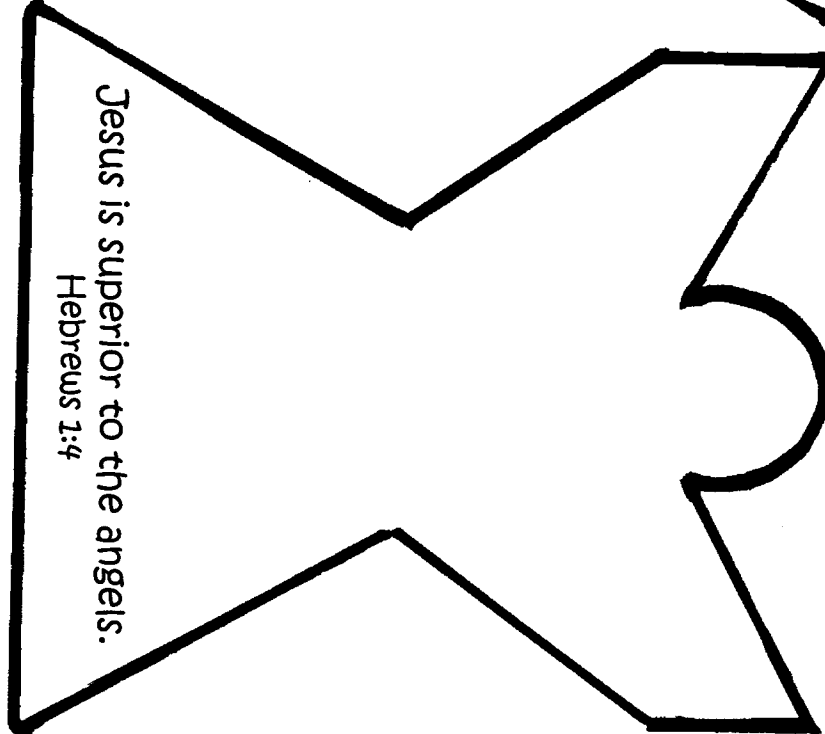




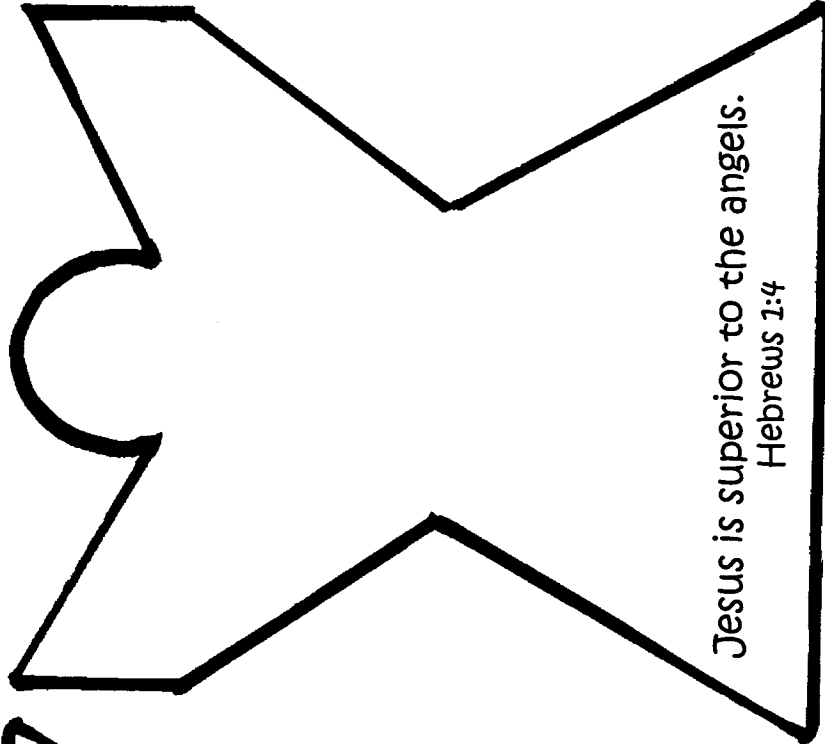
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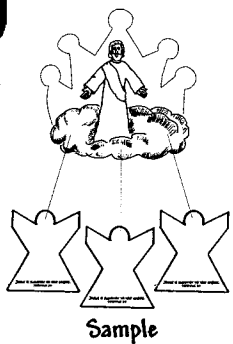
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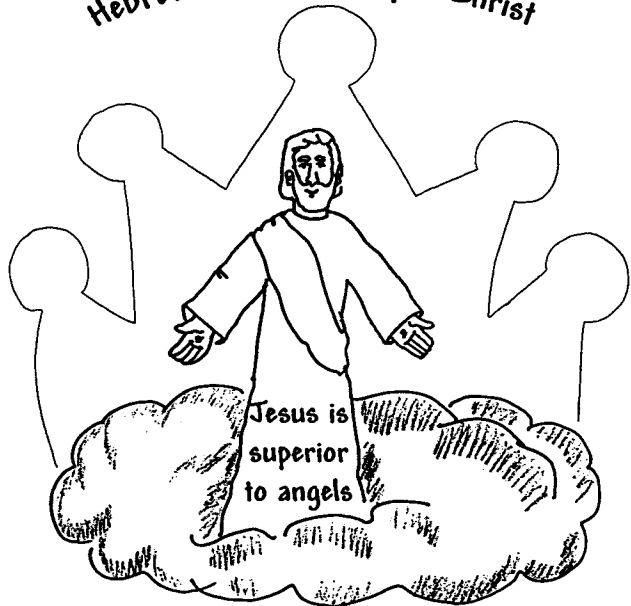


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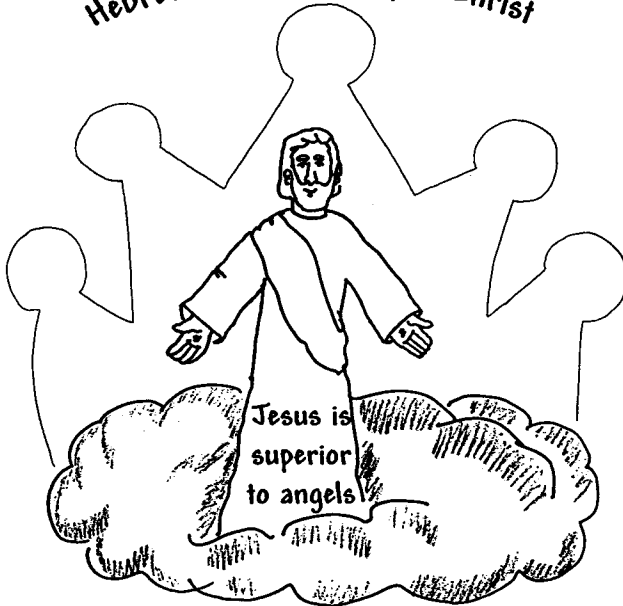


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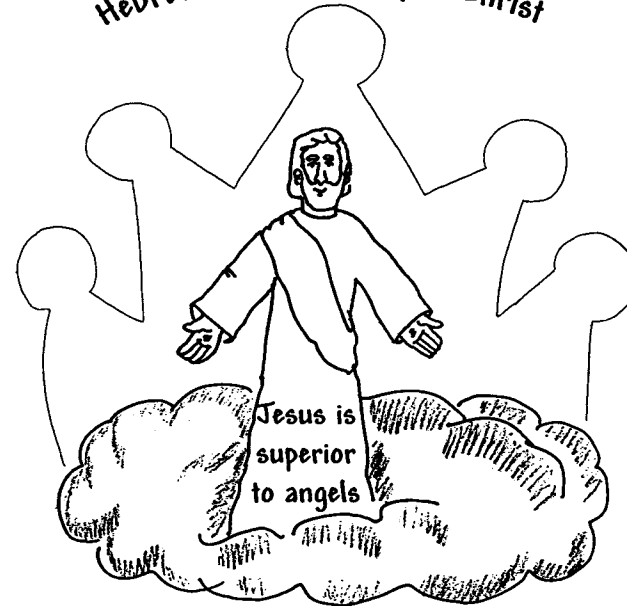
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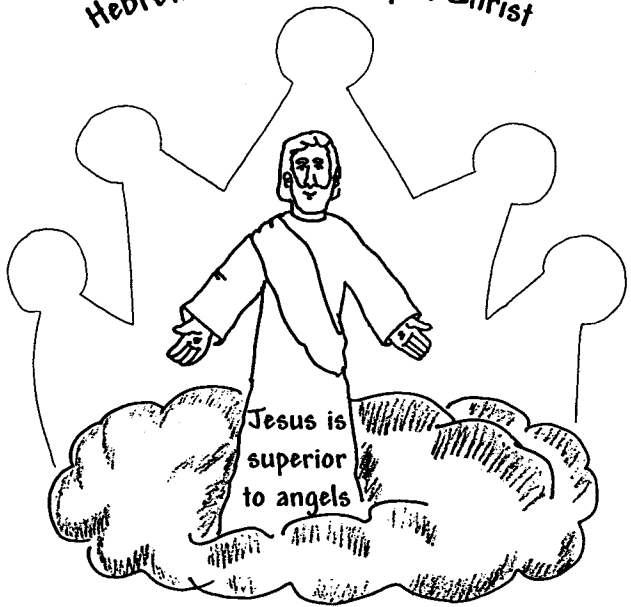
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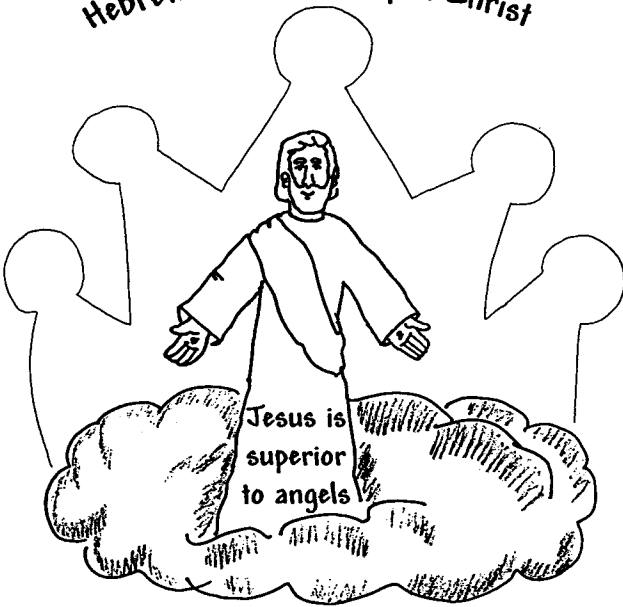
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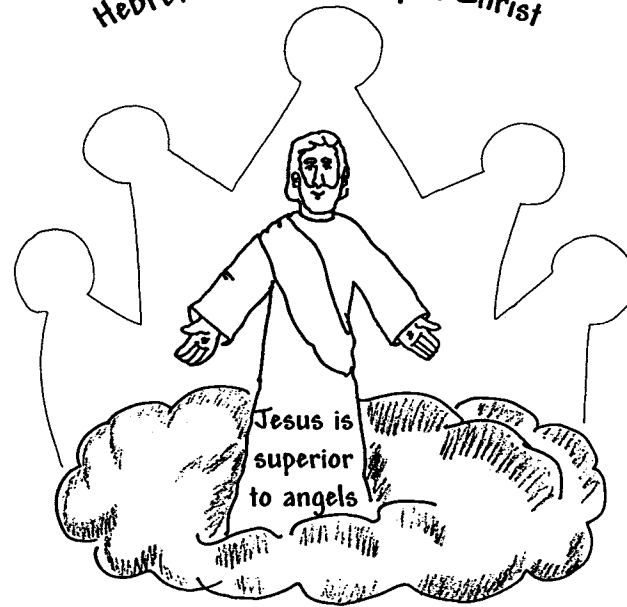
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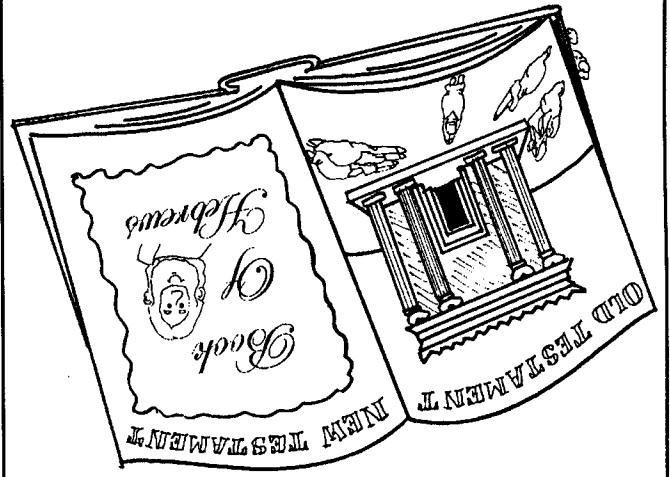
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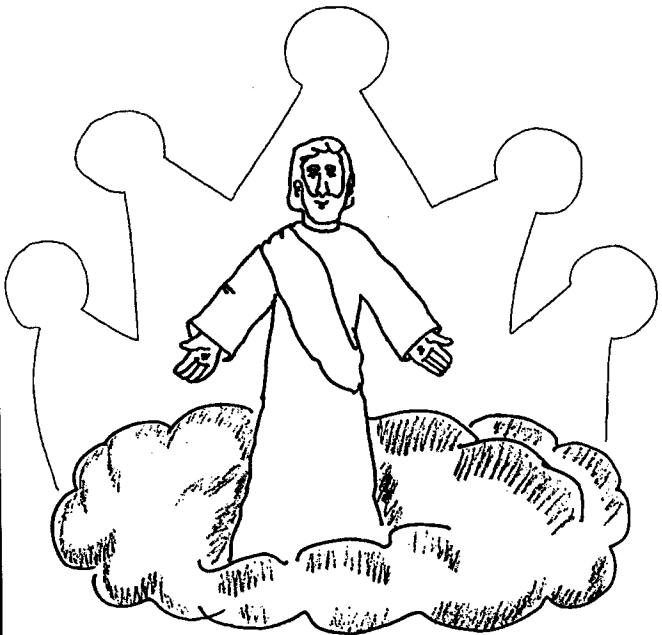
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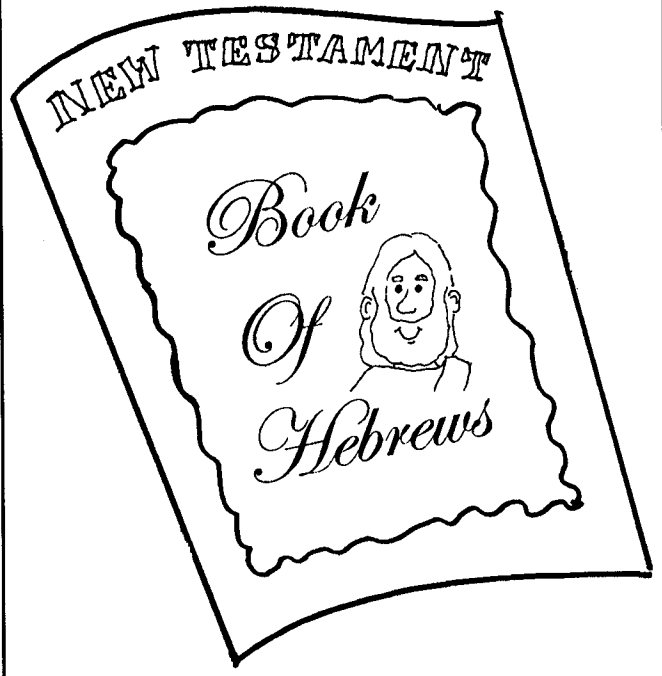
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Hebrew people lived during the time of the Old Testament.



Jesus is superior to the angels. Hebrews 1:4 8.



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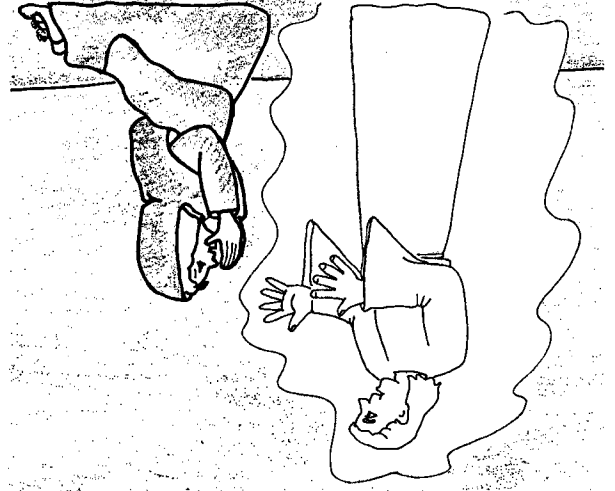
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Jesus has superiority over all angels and prophets.



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Angels are messengers who speak God's words to people.



Angels worship Jesus because He is superior to them.

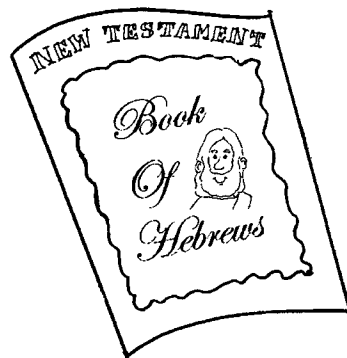
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God gave His words to Moses in the Old Testament.

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This is what I learned today!

Today we started learning from the book of Hebrews. This book was written to the Hebrew people who believed in Jesus. The theme of the book of Hebrews is "Superiority of Christ." Superiority means that Jesus is better than prophets or angels or anyone else. In the Old Testament, prophets like Moses were very important because they spoke God's words to the Hebrew people. Angels were important, too, because they sometimes took messages from God to people. The book of Hebrews in the New Testament teaches us that Jesus has superiority over the Old Testament prophets and angels because He is God's Son. He created the universe and keeps everything in its place. We should never worship or pray to anyone except God through His Son, Jesus.

Hebrews Memory Verse

(Jesus) is superior to
the angels. Hebrews 1:4

Old and New



Show your child where the Old and New Testament sections of the Bible are located by holding the Old Testament in one hand and the New Testament in the other. Sing the first verse of the song below as you lift the appropriate hand. Then put a marker in the book of Hebrews as you sing the second verse. Sing the third verse as you look at the picture on the back of this page and say the Memory Verse.

Old and New
(tune: "Deep and Wide")

Old and new, old and new
In the Bible there's the old and new.
Old and new, old and new
In the Bible God's words a-are true.

He-brews lived in the old
But the Hebrews book is in the new.
He-brews lived in the old
But the Hebrews book is in the new.

Old and new, old and new
Jesus Christ is better in the new.
Old and new, old and new
Jesus Christ is better in the new.

* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



Angels worship Jesus because He is superior to everyone.



The angel gave Mary a message, "You will have a baby--God's son."