

## Sunday school lesson – Upper Primary

<b>BIG IDEA</b>	God rules
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Hebrews 1:5-9
<b>Preparation</b>	<p><b>Read Hebrews 1:5-9</b> This section contains several quotations from the Old Testament. Since the letter was written primarily to Jews, it is likely they were familiar with these references. Only short sections are quoted in each instance, but the context of each of the quotations is important. The passages quoted are from Psalm 2, Deuteronomy 32, Psalm 104 and Psalm 45. The main argument centres on why Jesus is so much greater than the angels, by pointing out that angels are merely God’s servants, while Jesus is the chosen, eternal king, who will bring about justice on those who are opposed to him and is the source of hope for his followers. Since angel worship is not really a temptation for the children we are teaching, this lesson will only briefly touch on this, and will focus instead on Jesus as God’s chosen King. His coming guarantees justice as well as a future hope, which is a source of joy for God and for us. If you have time, it may be worth reading the full chapters quoted from the Old Testament, to get a more complete picture of the argument presented by the writer.</p> <p><b>Take home message:</b> Jesus coming guarantees God’s judgement and rescue. Which side are you on?</p> <p><b>Prepare for “Getting Started”:</b> Come up with actions for memory verse</p>
<b>Getting Started</b>	Revise memory verse using actions
<p><b>Finding Out</b></p> <p>1. Jesus comes as King (Matthew 1)</p> <p>2. The King brings judgement (Psalm 2)</p>	<p><b>Read Hebrews 1:1-2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recap previous week. When Jesus came to earth, he came so that God could speak directly to us.</li> <li>• <i>Q: Why is that a good thing?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Read Matthew 2:1-2,10-11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Q: How did the wise men describe Jesus? What did they do to show they recognised Jesus as a king?</i></li> <li>➤ The wise men recognised that Jesus was a king. They brought gifts that were appropriate for a king, and they worshipped him.</li> <li>➤ The person who wrote the letter of Hebrews also wanted his readers to know that Jesus was a king, and what that meant for them.</li> </ul> <p><b>Read Hebrews 1:5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The writer is quoting from the Old Testament, to show what it means that Jesus came as a king. To understand this, we need to read the quotation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Read Psalm 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Q: Can you find the verse quoted in Hebrews?</i></li> <li>➤ Because this is quoted in Hebrews, we know this Psalm is a prophecy about Jesus.</li> <li>• <i>Q: What are the people doing to God’s king (Anointed one)? (verse 1-2)</i></li> </ul>

<p>3. The King brings hope (Psalm 45)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Q: What will God ultimately do to those who set themselves against his king? (verse 4,5,9,12)</i></li> <li>• <i>Q: What are the people told to do? (verse 10-12)</i></li> <li>➤ Because we know this Psalm is a prophecy about Jesus, we know that his coming means that God’s judgement against people who set themselves against him is sure. Jesus’ coming is a warning, and an opportunity to repent.</li> <li>➤ This is the good thing. Imagine someone hurt you, and the people in charge did nothing about it. Would this be a good thing? Justice is a good thing. Jesus know this. His coming means that there will certainly be justice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Read Hebrews 5:6-7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The people that this letter was written to were tempted to think that angels were greater than Jesus, and to worship them instead of Jesus. The writer is explaining that angels are just God’s servants, unlike Jesus, who is the king.</li> </ul> <p><b>Read Hebrews 5:8-9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This is another quotation from the Old Testament</li> </ul> <p><b>Read Psalm 45</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Q: Can you find the verses quoted in Hebrews?</i></li> <li>➤ Because it is quoted in Hebrews, we know this is another prophecy about Jesus</li> <li>• <i>Q: How is the king described here (verses 2-4,8)</i></li> <li>➤ He is described as the best possible king. Someone you would want to rule over you. He is strong, gracious, blessed by God, majestic, fights for truth and justice, and beautiful.</li> <li>➤ This is a description of Jesus! Our King</li> <li>• <i>Q: What does verse 11 say the king will do?</i></li> <li>➤ The bible talks about the church as Jesus’ bride. He loves his people as much (even more) than a bridegroom loves his bride on their wedding day.</li> <li>➤ Jesus doesn’t just put up with us coming to heaven to be with him wants us to be with him as much as a husband looks forward to being with his wife! What an amazing king!</li> </ul>
<p><b>So What?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Jesus is God’s chosen king. His coming to earth guarantees that there will be judgement on those who are against him, and hope for those who follow him.</li> <li>➤ You can be on his side – that’s why he came to earth! To make it possible.</li> <li>➤ Don’t turn down the opportunity. There is nothing better than the hope of being with Jesus as his bride. The right response is to worship him</li> </ul>
<p><b>Memory Verse</b></p>	<p><b>HEBREWS 1:1-2</b></p> <p><i>In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.</i></p>

## Sunday school lesson – Lower Primary

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<b>Getting Started</b>	Revise memory verse using actions
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<p>3. The King brings hope (Psalm 45)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ God spoke through prophets, or messengers. This is reminding us about something that a prophet wrote a long, long time before Jesus was born. They were writing about what Jesus was going to do when he came to earth.</li> <li>➤ The prophet said that Jesus was going to be a king. And he would have a special job to do.</li> </ul> <p><b>Read Hebrews 1:9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Q: What would King Jesus love? What would he hate?</i></li> <li>➤ King Jesus would love righteousness and hate wickedness.</li> <li>➤ That means he loves what is good and hates what is bad and against God.</li> <li>➤ <i>Act out a scenario where a child does something naughty (e.g. takes away someone's toys). A parent finds out but doesn't do anything to make the situation right again – just lets the child get away with it.</i></li> <li>• <i>Q: How would you feel if you were the child whose toys were taken? Is it right for the parent not to do anything about it?</i></li> <li>• <i>Q: Would it be right for Jesus to ignore it when we disobey him?</i></li> <li>➤ King Jesus always does what is right. This means he will punish those who don't obey him, because this is right. God wants us to know this, so that we can say sorry when we disobey him and ask him to forgive us. He doesn't want us to be punished, so he warns us about what will happen.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ King Jesus will also make sure that people who are following him are looked after and get to be with him forever.</li> <li>➤ The prophet who is being quoted here also talked about a royal wedding.</li> <li>• <i>Q: Have you ever been to a wedding? What was it like? Why do people get married? (Show pictures of a wedding)</i></li> <li>➤ Weddings are very beautiful and very happy. Two people get together and say that they want to stay together always because they love each so much.</li> <li>➤ God says that he loves his people so much that (just like when people get married) he wants us to be with him forever.</li> <li>➤ If you trust in Jesus, then that is exactly what you can look forward to. One day you can be with him forever! And it will be more amazing than the most amazing wedding you have ever been to!</li> </ul>
<p><b>So What?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Jesus didn't just come to earth to be a baby – he came to be a king.</li> <li>➤ He is a great king, who loves what is good. If you are trusting him, you can look forward to one day being with him forever.</li> <li>➤ Pray that the children would understand what it means that Jesus is King and want to be on his side.</li> </ul>
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