


assignment because we yielded to the devil and allowed sin into our lives and into this world. The only solution is for Jesus to come to our rescue by joining us in our human condition, suffering on our behalf and tasting death for all of us. When we place our trust in Him, our sins are forgiven and we become children of God.

- Have someone read aloud Hebrews 2:5-18 from a modern translation such as the Living Bible or the Message.

Wrapping It Up

- **God created the world and placed us in charge. We abdicated authority to the devil by choosing sin over obedience. There was no way for us to make things right, so God sent His Son, Jesus, to become like us and die for our sins. Because Jesus suffered on our behalf, we can be forgiven and become children of God.**

- Call on someone to lead the class in prayer.

 **Faith at Home**
Ask your family members to tell how Jesus can help them personally to be all the God designed them to be.

Making It Personal

Personal testimonies

- Ask volunteers to tell in one minute each why they desperately needed Jesus and what difference He has made in their lives. (You may want to arrange in advance for two or three to be prepared to share their testimonies.)

Teacher's Toolbox

*Getting your class into God's Word
and God's Word into your class*

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HOW TO USE TEACHER'S TOOLBOX: Make a four-page folded teacher's leaflet from the first two sheets by printing two-sided (or by putting the blank sides together). The other two sheets are for duplicating, displaying, distributing, or otherwise using as called for in the lesson plan.



Faith at Home – A specific application of today's Bible passage to family life, to be used for individual reflection, family discussion, or class activity.



Getting Started

Thinking about super heroes

- Ask learners to name some of their favorite fictional “super heroes” from comics and movies. They may mention Superman, Batman, Mighty Mouse, and others.

- **What makes those super heroes “super”?** Wait for responses, which will probably center on unusual powers and abilities they have.

- **But sometimes the villains in those stories also have great powers. Why are they not super heroes? What is the difference?** (the super heroes use their powers for good, to help people)

- **Today we are going to focus on the greatest super hero of all eternity, Jesus Christ, one who is all powerful and used His power to do for human beings what we could not do for ourselves.**

- Ask learners to find Hebrews 2:5-18 in their Bibles and follow along as someone reads the passage aloud.

Exploring God's Word

Identifying the characters

- Cut apart Item 1 and display on the wall the names of the six characters mentioned in this passage: God, Jesus, Angels, Humans, Believers, and Devil.

Finding parallel terms

- Call attention to the placard that says “Humans.”
- **Different phrases are used in this passage to indicate human beings: man, son of man, everyone, men.** Write these beneath the word “Humans.” Ask learners to look through the passage and find each of those terms in context.
- Call attention to the placard that says “Believers.”
- **Different phrases are used in this passage to indicate believers: many sons, those who are made holy, brothers, the congregation, children, Abraham’s descendants.** Write these beneath the word “Believers.” Ask learners to look through the passage and find each of those terms in context.

Identifying truths about angels

- Call attention to the placard that says “Angels.”
- **Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve Him and, at His direction, to serve people. They are superior to people in their powers, knowl-**

edge, experience and abilities. But people, not angels, are the focus of God’s eternal redemptive plan. They are not divine and, therefore, not to be worshiped.

In the Bible, God often used angels to protect or make announcements to people. Right now, angels seem to have a more intimate relationship with God than humans, but there will come a day when God’s people will rule over angels.

So, for a little while, humans are a little lower than the angels. And, for a little while, Jesus became a little lower than the angels in order to be like us. The original wording in verses 7 and 9 can mean either “a little lower” or “lower for a little while.”

Have learners find those verses and read them silently.

- **This passage tells us four things about angels. The first two I’ve already mentioned, that (1) humans were made a little lower than the angels for a little while and that (2) Jesus was made a little lower than the angels for a little while.** List those two on the “Angels” placard.
- **The other two facts about angels in this passage are in verses 5 and 16. What are they?** Wait for volunteers to respond, then list them on the placard: (3) It was not to angels but to humans that God

subjected the world; (4) It is not angels but believers that Jesus came to help.

- Call attention to the placard that says “Devil.” Have someone read aloud Hebrews 2:14. On the “Devil” placard write: “fallen angel, destroyed by Jesus”
- **The devil, or Satan, is a fallen angel who rebelled against God out of pride. He and his demons have sought to frustrate the will of God for humanity since the days of the Garden of Eden. He is still at work today and holds people captive to sin and death. In Jesus’ death, the devil was as good as destroyed and, as a result, we who have believed have been set free.**

Group search

- Divide the class into two groups. Assign each group either “God” or “Jesus.” Ask them to read through the passage and identify everything said about their assigned person. Allow five minutes, then call for reports, having them write their findings on the appropriate placards. Here are some truths from the passage they should mention:
 - God: has subjected the world to come to people; for whom and through whom everything exists; made Jesus the author of our salvation perfect through suffering
 - Jesus: crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death in

order to taste death for everyone; makes men holy; not ashamed to call us brothers; shared in our humanity; destroyed the devil; freed us; is our high priest; makes atonement for our sins; tempted; able to help those who are tempted.

● **Verse 17 tells us that Jesus has become our “merciful and faithful high priest.” In Judaism, the high priest was the one who stood between God and the people. He offered a sacrifice for the sins of the people. Jesus fulfilled that role for us in His death on the cross. The Book of Hebrews deals with this concept of the high priesthood of Jesus in great detail in later chapters.**

- Point out these things the passage says that Jesus, “hero of the world,” accomplished by coming to earth and dying for us:
 - tasted death for everyone
 - brought many sons to glory
 - made men holy
 - destroyed the devil
 - freed believers from the slavery of the fear of death
 - made atonement for our sins
 - helps us when we are tempted

Summarizing the passage

- Write on the chalkboard: “Jesus to our rescue.”
- **The point of this passage is that God placed humans in authority over His creation, but we have fallen short of that**

God

Jesus

Angels

Humans

Believers

Devil
