

*Halloween – Sunday School Lesson
For Younger Elementary Students (8-10 years old)*

Theme: God is the Biggest!

Teacher Pep Talk: At Halloween, you will find that elementary age students are old enough to have questions about God, the devil, fallen angels and other aspects of the spiritual realm. Instead of dodging their questions, it's better to face them head on with some scripturally sound materials at your side. My prayer is that this lesson will help you answer some of the questions your students may have.

Major Points: In these lessons, students will learn that God is the Creator of all things, including all spiritual beings, such as angels. The devil was originally created as a beautiful angel, named Lucifer, but he rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven. Together with the other fallen angels, the devil wars against God, but in vain.

Throughout time God has foretold the devil's final defeat. In the Garden of Eden, God said that from the descendents of Eve there would come One who would crush Satan's head. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when He died on the cross, crushing the devil's claim over mankind. Satan's final destruction will occur at the end of time, when he will be cast into the Lake of Fire to suffer eternally.

Scripture Verses: NOTE: The scripture references in this section are presented for your own personal study and preparation for teaching this lesson. The references are summarized in the lessons. Please refer back to these as needed!

Scripture Verses: God is the Creator of all things.

Genesis 1:1 and 3:15, Ephesians 3:9, Colossians 1:16 (Speaking of Christ) *For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.*

The story of Lucifer's creation and fall.

Isaiah 14:12-15 KJV *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*

Luke 10:18 (Jesus) *replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

Ezekiel 28:12-19 " *You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.' "*

(NOTE: Although these words in Ezekiel 28 are written prophesying against the King of Tyre, it has been long believed that these words also describe the finding of sin in Satan. For a great discussion on this visit this webpage:

<http://www.goodseed.com/learning/article/isaiah-14-ezekiel-28/>)

Ultimate destruction of Satan at the end of time.

Rev. 20:10 *And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

LESSON FOR YOUNGER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (8-10 year olds)

Introduction: Wow! Today is October 31st! Halloween! Tell me about your plans for tonight! *(Wait for answers. If your church is sponsoring an event for children that evening, be sure and promote it in class.)* At Halloween, a lot of people have questions about spooky things. We're going to talk about some of them in class today. And if you have questions maybe we will get to talk about some of them.

Lesson Sometimes people have questions about Satan. Satan is the name we use for the devil. Sometimes he is also called Lucifer. No matter what he is called, he is still the same spiritual being, and he has been around for a very long time.

One of the first things we need to learn about Satan is that he hasn't existed forever. He was created.

The Bible tells us that God created all things, both seen and unseen. That means that God created everything that exists, whether we can see it or not. God created all the angels.

Satan is what we call a "fallen angel." When God created Lucifer (who we now call Satan), he was the most beautiful and perfect of all the other angels. *[In the Bible his name means "Morning Star" or "son of the morning" which means that he was the brightest and most beautiful of all the other angels.]*

Because of his beauty, Lucifer became very proud. He said things like this: (Isaiah 14:12-14)

"I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.
I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High."

"I... I... I... I... I..." Lucifer said "I" 5 different times in that statement. He was thinking only of himself and how he could become more powerful. He even wanted to become like God!

But God didn't let that happen. God says of Lucifer: "But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit." (Isaiah 14:15) And God also says: "Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings." (Ezekiel 28:17)

In the end, Lucifer rebelled against God, and took one-third of all the other angels with him. God cast Lucifer and the fallen angels out of heaven. Now they make war against God and His servants. But one day they will be thrown into the Lake of Fire that burns forever and ever.

Gospel Message: Way back in the Garden of Eden, Satan deceived Eve, and as a result she and Adam sinned. Because of Adam's sin, God sent them out of the garden and all of mankind was doomed to death. All seemed lost!

But before Adam and Eve left the garden, God promised them a Savior. God prophesied that Satan would be destroyed by one of Eve's descendents. "...He will crush your head and you will bruise His heel..." (Genesis 3:15)

This prophecy came true when Jesus (God's One and Only Son) came and gave up His life on the cross. Jesus crushed Satan's power over the world and all mankind. Jesus said "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out." (John 12:31)

After Jesus' Resurrection, He told His disciples "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18)

Because of Jesus and His death on the cross, we can be forgiven of our sins and live forever! We do not have to be under the power of death anymore!!

Even though Jesus has destroyed Satan's power over us, we still wait for the devil's ultimate destruction at the end of time. The Bible tells us that at that time "the devil, who deceived them" will be "thrown into the lake of burning sulfur" where he will "be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Rev. 20:10)

We can look forward to this great and glorious day!!

God is able to do all these things because **God is the Biggest!**
Let's pray and thank God that He is the Biggest!

Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you that you are the biggest! We thank you that Satan was defeated on the cross and that one day Satan will be completely destroyed! Amen

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (8-10 years)

Focusing on Jesus

You will need:

One narrow strip of light colored paper for each child (to write Bible verse on)
One sheet of dark colored construction paper for each child
Newspapers
Glue (*preferably in squeeze bottles... don't use glue sticks!* 😊)
Pencils and/or crayons
Glitter
Scissors – (*if students are to write out their own verses*)

NOTES:

- 1.) Consider coordinating the colors of your items in a Halloween or Fall Theme.
- 2.) You may wish to print off Bible verse for each child on a strip of paper.
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18)

Directions in class:

First, cover your work area with spread out newspapers.

On a sheet of white or light colored paper write the Bible verse:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18)

Cut this out and glue it to the top of the dark sheet of construction paper.

On the dark sheet of construction paper, write the name JESUS in the center of the page with a pencil or a light colored crayon. (*Can you write in cursive?*)

Then go over the name JESUS with glue.

While the glue is wet, sprinkle it with glitter.

Tap off the excess glitter by holding up the paper and letting the glitter slide off onto the newspaper below. (Watch out for drips!!)

Allow to dry. Take home!

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
(Matthew 28:18)*

Jesus

ACTIVITIES for Younger Elementary Students (Continued)

Teaching Bible Techniques:

“Front, Back, and More or Less Middle”

In this game, students will learn a bit about the Bible and where certain verses and books are located.

Take your Bible and open to the front.

Flip through the cover page and the index, etc.

And there you have GENESIS!! (The first book of the Bible.)

Notice that Genesis has chapters (1, 2, 3...) and verses (1, 2, 3...)

Find and read Genesis 1:1

Now take your Bible and open to the back.

Flip back through the cover page and the maps, etc.

And there you have REVELATION!! (The last book of the Bible.)

Notice that Revelation has chapters (1, 2, 3...) and verses (1, 2, 3...)

Find and read Revelation 20:10

Now close your Bible and open it to the middle (more or less).

You will probably find yourself in Psalms. (This is the biggest book in the Bible.)

Notice that Psalms has chapters (1, 2, 3...) and verses (1, 2, 3...)

Find and read Psalm 90:2

Other Games for October 31st

Turn the page for the MINI-CARNIVAL ideas! Use any or all of them in your classroom as time allows!

Author's Note:

Call me mushy... but these games remind me of the fun we used to have at school carnivals when I was a kid. They are lighthearted and wholesome fun... (Well, mostly wholesome... except maybe for the mummy reference... ☺)

Enjoy the time you have with the children. Remember, the memories you make with them today will stay with them for their whole lives.

They will know the fun and joy of having a good time in a loving atmosphere. It will help them to know the difference later, when others may invite them to do things which are not so wholesome or so fun.

They will remember that once upon a time you made Halloween fun and safe for them. And they will do so for their own children in turn.

MINI-CARNIVAL

Option for your own classroom on October 31st.

These 3 games alone will keep a room full of 8-10 year old children occupied for 30 - 45 minutes. Do the necessary preparations and set up ahead of time. Have at least 1 adult or Youth helper for each game. Run games simultaneously as desired. Give out very small treats or gifts at each game. Everyone wins something if they participate!
Option: Have everyone decorate their own "Treat Sack" prior to starting the games.

Cup-Cake Walk (The Take Away Variation) (8-10 year olds will love this one!)Ahead of time:

Write numbers (ex. 1-10) on full sheets of paper or construction paper. Decorate as you like. *(If you want to keep these for next year, cover front and back with clear contact paper.)* Tape the papers to the seats or backs of chairs. Place the chairs in a circle facing away from the center. Write the same numbers down on small strips of paper. Put the strips of paper in hat or bowl. Have fun music available to turn on and off during the game.

To Play:

Have the children stand in front of the chairs in a circle. Have enough chairs for each person playing. Start the music. Players walk around the chairs until the music stops. Everyone sits down in a chair. Draw one or two numbers out of the hat. Those players are out. Remove those chairs from the circle (and the numbers from the hat!) Start the music again. Repeat until you have one or two players left. Those persons win a treat! Everyone else gets a small piece of candy for participating. Start over using all of the chairs again. For extra fun let the winners from last time run the music the next time!

Mummy Wrap

Need 1-2 rolls of toilet paper for each team of 3 persons.

Also need a "panel" of judges. (You will do nicely... or invite a special guest or two.)

Divide children into teams of 3 persons: 1 mummy and 2 wrappers.

Read the rules. Set a time limit. Go!

RULES:

- 1.) Try to cover as much of the mummy in toilet paper as possible within the time limit.
- 2.) Absolutely NO toilet paper over the mummy's face. We want to see all of their eyes, their nose and their mouth when you are finished!! If we can't see those parts, you are disqualified! (i.e. No candy! ☺)
- 3.) Judges will choose the winners!

NOTE: This is fun thing to do as a group all together once. Take photos! Be generous with points! (A million points each for creativity, perseverance, wrapping style... etc!) Give away as many prizes as possible. Make sure each team gets a treat of some kind.

Ball Toss

If you have boys in your room, you have to have the Ball Toss. It is essential. ☺

The premise is that you have 3 balls which you toss into 3 different buckets.

Before Class:

Choose the balls and the buckets. While it is possible to throw any size ball at any size target, obviously some combinations will work better than others! Test out your options thoroughly ahead of time. Be creative! The idea is to make it challenging (but doable) for 8-10 year olds. Bean bags which you toss into empty gallon ice cream buckets will work great. Also, old tennis balls or small rubber balls can work as well. You can even have them toss the ball at cans, if you don't mind setting them up over and over, etc.

One great way to make the shots a little more challenging is to make them bounce the balls off the wall before they go into the buckets. Make sure that the teacher in the classroom next door (on the other side of the wall) isn't going to mind!!

Set Up:

Use masking tape or painter's tape to mark off a line on the floor behind which the child is to stand. Line up the buckets. I like to line them up in a line stretching away from where the child is to stand. This makes some shots more challenging than others.

During the Game:

Allow the children to stand behind the line and try and throw the ball so that it lands and stays in the bucket. Award points on some fair scale based on the way you have the buckets lined up. Make sure each child gets a token for simply participating.

Example for Points:

No balls in a bucket	Do over immediately (perhaps closer)
One ball in a bucket	One point
Two balls in anywhere	Two points
Three balls in anywhere	Three points
One ball in each of the buckets	Five points!! (And bragging rights!)

Frisbee Variation

If you have enough room, you can do a Frisbee Toss. This is fun! You only have to mark off the targets on the floor with tape. Play and score as above!

How to make a Bean Bag!

1.) Obtain 3 old clean socks. 2.) Fill each sock with 1 – 1 ½ cups of dried beans or rice. 3.) Tie off the sock tightly in a knot just above the beans. 4.) Cut off the extra length of the sock about an inch above the knot. 5.) Now you have 3 bean bags in time for class!

If you store these in a dry place in a sealed plastic bag, they will probably last forever!