

*Halloween – Sunday School Lesson  
For Older Elementary Students (11-12 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 this lesson, 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 here 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 OLDER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (11-12 year olds)

NOTE: To use this lesson outline, go from one heading to the next. Each heading contains a major point for the lesson and at least one accompanying Bible verse. Then there is a paragraph of things for you to read or say to the students.

You have the option of having the children look up and read the given Bible verses as you go along. You may choose to skip some or all of them. But if the students have questions about any point you are making, have them go back and find the appropriate verses and read them aloud.

Introduction: Today is October 31<sup>st</sup>, which means that it is... (*Halloween!*) Maybe some of you have plans for this evening. Tell me what you are planning to do. (*Wait for answers. If your church is planning some sort of event for the evening, be sure and promote it in class.*)

I understand that sometimes people your age have questions they want answered about this time of year... things they wonder about. One of the things people wonder about is the devil. Where did he come from? Or where is he headed? Sometimes people might even wonder... Is he bigger or stronger than God? We're going to look at some of those questions today.

Lesson: **Only God existed from the beginning.**  
*Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Before we start our lesson it's important for us to get one thing straight. Only God has existed from the beginning. (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit)

**God created all things.**

*Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

*Hebrews 2:10 ...God, for whom and through whom everything exists...*

*Colossians 1:16 (Speaking of Jesus 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.*

God created all things! There is nothing, whether seen or unseen, that wasn't made by God. In addition, the Bible says that all things were created by Jesus (God the Son) and for Jesus.

**Satan is a created spiritual being.**

*Ezekiel 28:15 (Referring to Satan) You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.*

So, believe it or not, God created Satan! You may ask “Why would God create a being which is so evil?” The answer is that He didn’t! God originally created Satan as a beautiful, shining angel.

**Lucifer’s creation and fall.**

*Isaiah 14:12 (KJV) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!*

*Ezekiel 28:12-15 " '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... 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.***

Back then Satan’s name was translated as “Lucifer”, which means “son of the morning” or “Morning Star”. [When the sun comes in the morning, all of the stars fade away. The Morning Star is the last one to fade away because it is brighter than all the others.] So, Lucifer was the brightest and most beautiful of all the other angels, until the day when wickedness was found in him.

**Lucifer was prideful and sinned against God.**

*Isaiah 14:13-14 (NIV)*

*You said in your heart,*

*"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."*

*15 But you are brought down to the grave,*

*to the depths of the pit.*

***Ezekiel 28:16-17***

*16 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. 17 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.*

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

Lucifer became proud on account of his beauty. He said in his heart that he would ascend up to heaven, raise his throne above all the stars (or angels) of God, continue to claim positions that were higher and higher, and then at last become like God Himself. Because of Lucifer's pride and sin, God cast Lucifer out of heaven, along with all the other angels which followed him. (That made up 1/3 of all the angels in heaven.)

**The devil is doomed to complete destruction.**

*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.

The devil, or Satan, (originally known as Lucifer) is doomed for complete destruction at the end of time. Until then he will continue to deceive mankind and cause all sorts of evil. But, in the end, God will completely destroy him and his fallen angels in the Lake of Fire.

Gospel Message: In the Garden of Eden, Satan deceived Eve, and as a result Adam and Eve 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 when Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We thank you that one day Satan will be completely destroyed! Amen

ACTIVITIES for Older Elementary Students (11-12 years old)

**BIBLE DRILL or SWORD DRILL:**

Ask the following three questions and ask the students to look up the verses in the Bible. The first one to find the verse gives the answer out loud. Alternatively, assign the verses and have the children read them out loud at the appropriate time. You can cut the verses out of a copy of this paper if you like and hand them out.

**What did Jesus and His followers say about Satan?**

Satan is a Murderer, a Liar, and the Father of Lies

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Satan comes only to steal, kill and destroy

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

**What does the Bible say about Jesus being victorious over the devil at the cross?**

Jesus came to destroy the devil

Hebrews 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Jesus was victorious on the cross

Colossians 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Since His death and resurrection, Jesus now has all authority in heaven and on earth

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Jesus now holds the keys of death and Hades

Rev. 1:18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

**What does the Bible say will happen to Satan in the end?**

Devil thrown into lake of burning sulfur

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.

ACTIVITIES for Older Elementary Students (continued)

**iBOGGLE – “HALLOWEEN”**

Provide paper and a pen or pencil for each child. Write the word **Halloween** on the board.

The object of the game is to make as many real words as you can, using the letters in the word “Halloween”.

You may decide if the children will work in teams or separately.

Read the rules. Set a time limit. Go!

**RULES:**

- 1.) Make as many different words as you can before time is up.
- 2.) Any word you make may contain any of the letters in the word Halloween. (That is, each time you make a new word you get to start fresh with all the letters available.)
- 3.) In any word you make, do not use any of the letters more times than they are found in the word Halloween. (For example: The word “wool” wouldn’t work because there is only one “O” in Halloween.)
- 4.) Abbreviations and pretend words do not count.

At the end, find out any of the following.

Who has the most words?

Who has the most words that no one else has?

Who has the longest words?

Who has the most words that are 4 letters or longer?

Some of the possible words:

hall, wall, wean, heal, eel, hole, when, wan, wane, hello, hell (yes... it’s a word), lean, well, wheal, wheel, we, ha, he no, nah, owe, won, hoe, hone, who, how, now, new, low, lawn, loan, ewe, all, owl, aloe, hen, hew, hewn, one, on

**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.

**SHAVING CREAM HAIRDO** (Tired of playing it safe? This game’s for you!)

OUTDOORS is best for this game. But if outdoors isn’t available, the very brave may try it inside. *(If you have access to a floor which can be mopped, I’d go there with it.)*

**If you try this in a carpeted area, cover the floor with a tarp or plastic sheeting.**

**For each team of 3 persons you will need:**

2 cans of shaving cream (cheap and unscented is best)

1 large plastic trash sack (to cover the clothing of the volunteer)

1 chair that can get wet (for the volunteer to sit on)

Towels... lots of towels... and someplace for the volunteers to clean up!

Camera (believe me you’re going to want to get photos!)

This game is best done with 2-3 teams and everyone else watching and cheering them on! The volunteers need to be dressed in old clothing which can get shaving cream on it and/or get wet. Cut a slit or hole in the center of the bottom of the trash bags and place them over the volunteers, so that their heads go through. (This should help protect their clothing!) Provide water and towels for clean up afterwards.

Divide into teams. Read the rules. Set a time limit. Go!

**RULES:**

- 1.) Each team has 3 players: 1 getting the hairdo, 2 designing the hairdo.
- 2.) The object of the game is to give the best hairdo with the most shaving cream possible.
- 3.) Each team gets 2 cans of shaving cream.
- 4.) The group will decide which team wins!

Give prizes for : Most Outrageous, Most Shaving Cream, Most on the Floor... whatever!

### **GUESSING GAME (Classic Fun with Candy)**

Have a large clear container with a known number of pieces of candy in it. (Different sized pieces work really well, by the way.) Have it full enough that the pieces can't be counted from outside the container. Place the container with the candy in the room (either on the day of your class, or earlier). Have the children write down their best guess at how many pieces of candy are in the container. At the end of class, read all the guesses out loud (don't say names). Then announce the actual number of pieces of candy! The winner is the person closest to the actual amount. Announce the winner!

Allow the winner to choose a few pieces of candy from the container to take home. Divide up the remaining candy among the other children.

Alternatively: Have some other prize for the winner, and divide up all the candy among the children.

### **HALLOWEEN BINGO**

Play Bingo as a group using Candy Corn or M & M's to cover the numbers called. When someone gets a Bingo, everyone eats the candy on their card! Yummy!

### **“SOCK IT TO ME” TWISTER**

You will need:

One Twister Game

Several pairs of clean socks

In this variation on the original Twister Game, all players must wear socks not only on their FEET, but on their HANDS as well!!

Divide the children into four groups. Line up each group on different corners of the Twister playing mat. Make sure players have socks on both their hands and feet. The first person in each group plays. Play continues as usual until some part of a player's body (except for hands or feet) touches the mat. Then they are replaced immediately by their next teammate. Play until you get tired of spinning the spinner, or until everyone has had a chance to play.

### **“IT'S IN THE BAG” TRIVIA**

Make up 2-3 dozen trivia questions about things your group should know. (Books of the Bible, the name of the Pastor's dog, the number of windows in the sanctuary, the middle name of a teacher, etc.) Write the word “Halloween” on two pieces of different colored paper and cut the letters apart. (Leave the LL's and the EE's together.) Divide the children into two groups. Give each group a “treat” bag. Go from one group to the next asking trivia questions. Team members work together to answer questions. Give out one letter of the word Halloween for each correct answer. ‘LL’ and ‘EE’ count as one letter. If one group fails to answer a question correctly, let the next team try to answer. If they are correct, then the first team forfeits one of their letters, which you take out of their treat bag. First team to completely spell “Halloween” wins! Treats for everyone!