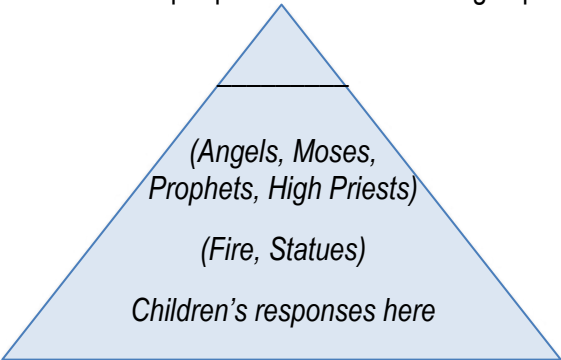


## Book of Hebrews

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<p><b>Preparation:</b> <i>(What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bibles to use in class</li> <li>• White board or Poster paper</li> <li>• Markers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lesson Title:</b></p>	<p>The New Testament Book of Hebrews Continue your NEW Testament Wall display by hanging the “Hebrews” wall card.</p>
<p><b>Scripture Reference(s):</b></p>	<p><b>Hebrews 1:1-4</b> – God’s Son is superior to all!</p>
<p><b>Emphasis or Theme:</b></p>	<p>There is no one greater than Jesus – Jesus is God</p>
<p><b>Introducing the Story:</b> <i>(What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)</i></p>	<p><b>BEFORE CLASS:</b> Hang your “Hebrews” wall card on your New Testament wall display.</p> <p><b>SAY:</b> <i>(Motioning to your New Testament Wall Chart)</i> We have learned that apostle Paul wrote many books in the New Testament – Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, etc. But we are not sure who wrote the book of Hebrews – this is a great mystery. But whoever it was, they wanted us to know that there is no one higher than Jesus. Jesus is greater than the angels, greater than Moses, greater than any high priest, and greater than any one or any thing. Jesus is God!</p> <p><b>ASK:</b> What does it mean to “cling on” to something? <i>(Pause; give examples.)</i> What are some reasons that we should “cling on” to Jesus? Why is it good for us to follow His teachings? Why should we make Jesus important in our lives? <i>(Brainstorm with students and write their responses on your board.)</i></p> <p><b>SAY:</b> Look at all these awesome reasons to have Jesus in our lives! The book of Hebrews is written for Christians who already know Jesus and people who already have Him in their hearts. The Book of Hebrews is written for believers like you and me!</p>
<p><b>LESSON:</b> Telling the Story Through the Bible: (Outline the story here. Then describe the method you will use to tell the story. Examples might include showing pictures, props, visuals, drawing as you tell, using puppets, costumed characters, dramatic storytelling or any number of other methods.)</p>	<p><b>DRAW</b> a triangle on your board.</p> <p><b>SAY:</b> Let’s think of some <u>important</u> people or leaders that we know <u>in our world today</u>. <i>(Brainstorm answers and write students’ responses in the bottom portion of your triangle.)</i> Good job! All of these people are known for doing important things.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="margin-left: 100px;">(Angels, Moses, Prophets, High Priests)</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">(Fire, Statues)</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Children’s responses here</p> </div> <p><b>SAY:</b> Believe it or not, before Jesus, people would worship some pretty interesting things. Before Jesus, people were praying to things like statues and fire. These were very important religious things to many people long ago. <i>(Add “fire” and “statues” – maybe draw a picture of each - to your triangle.)</i></p>

**SAY:** Now let's think of some important people that we know from the Bible. (*Brainstorm answers and write students' responses in your triangle. These can be people like Moses, Prophets, Angels, etc.*) Good work! Our Triangle sure has a lot of important information regarding people and things that are and were very important at one time or another.

**ASK:** Who do you think is at the top of our Triangle? (*Jesus/God! Write in at very top of triangle*)

**SAY:** Yes! Jesus is God. There is no one higher than Him. The book of Hebrews tells us that we don't need anyone more than Jesus to forgive our sins – Jesus is enough!

Back in the Old Testament, before Jesus was born, the old way for people to be forgiven of their sins was to sacrifice animals. Thank goodness that the New Testament gave a new way for forgiveness and our animals are safe! This new way is **Jesus**. The new way is to accept Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Jesus offered himself once for all time and no further sacrifices are needed. God can now forgive, and will forgive, those who put their trust in Jesus. This means that we should:

- Hold fast to confession
- Encourage one another to love and do good deeds

The book of Hebrews is famous for 2 things:

1. The mystery of who wrote it
2. Its Chapter 11, which gives a "Hall of Game of the Faithful" – it has been nicknamed the "**Hall of Faith.**" It is a long list of people from the Old Testament who accomplished great things.

**ASK:** Do you think you might know someone from the Old Testament that is included in the "Hall of Faith?" (*On you board, write: HALL OF FAITH. The entire list is below, however, it is not necessary to discuss all of them! If a student gives a name from the list below, write it on your board. This may be challenging for younger students, so just focus on the more familiar names (in RED) and give "hints" to help students recollect.*)

**Abel** – offered the first sacrifice of faith for sin

**Enoch** – walked with God

**Noah** – built an ark with nobody thought there would be any use for it

**Abraham** – left his homeland when God told him to and willing to offer his son as a sacrifice

**Sarah** – came to believe what she at first had laughed at because she saw it as impossible

**Isaac** – blessed his sons and foretold their future by faith

**Jacob** – believed that God would keep his promises

**Joseph** – believed that his bones would someday return to the Promised Land

**Moses' parents** – hid Moses when they saw he was a special baby

**Moses** – chose to suffer with Israel and turned his back on Egypt

**People of Israel** – walked through a sea on dry land and saw the walls of Jericho fall

**Rahab** – trusted in the God of Israel

**Gideon** – became a strong warrior

**Barak** – defeated an army

**Samson** – his weakness became his strength

**Jephthah** – defeated armies

**Samuel** – directed God's people by faith

	<p><b>David</b> – riled God’s people by faith  <b>The Prophets</b> – did amazing deeds by their faith</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION: <i>Select from any of the following . . .</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Tradition of Poon Paregentan (<i>summarize as needed for your age group</i>)</li> <li>2. “Feasts &amp; Fasts”</li> <li>3. “Planting the Seeds of Lent” mini lesson + Craft</li> </ol>
<p><b>Learning Activities:</b>  (Games, crafts artwork, songs, memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Lenten Calendar</b></li> <li>2. <b>Handprint Poon Paregentan Masks</b></li> <li>3. <b>Poon Paregentan Jester Hats</b></li> <li>4. <b>Planting the Seeds of Lent craft</b></li> <li>5. <b>OPTIONAL: Bring in cups, soil, and seeds for students to plant and grow something during Lent – pick something that will sprout quickly!</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>Review:</b>  (Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who wrote the book of Hebrews? <b>Unkownn</b></li> <li>2. According to the book of Hebrews, who is greater than Jesus? <b>No one!</b></li> <li>3. What is the nickname given to Chapter 11? <b>Hall of Faith</b></li> <li>4. Try to name 3-5 people listed on the Hall of Faith. <b>(Use list above)</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>Closing:</b>  (Prayer, last song, . . .)</p>	<p><b>Repeat and recite together</b>  <b>Recite:</b> <i>Hayr Mer</i></p>