

READ HEBREWS 1-2

HEAD

The book of Hebrews describes in detail how Jesus Christ not only fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, but also how Jesus is better than everything in the Jewish system of thinking. In those times, God used many approaches to send His messages to people. He spoke to Isaiah in visions (Isaiah 6), to Jacob in a dream (Genesis 28:10-22), and to Abraham and Moses personally (Genesis 18; Exodus 32:18). God also spoke to people through prophets. But after the birth of Jesus, God spoke through His Son!

Jesus is God's Son, and He is greater than the angels. He created the world, shines with God's glory, and sits beside God in heaven. Angels are important, but they are still only servants under God. Jesus is King forever.

In chapter two, we're told to pay close attention to what we've heard about Jesus, so we don't drift away into false teachings or wrong thinking. Jesus became human like us so He could help us, save us, and understand what we go through. He died to defeat evil and take away our fear of death. Because He lived as a person like you and me, He knows how we feel, and He is always with us.

HEART

God, as Jesus, became a living, breathing human being. The Book of Hebrews points out many reasons why this is so important. Jesus is the perfect leader, and He wants to lead you. He is the perfect model, and He is worth imitating. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice, and He died for you. He is the perfect conqueror, and He conquered death to give you eternal life. And Jesus Christ is the perfect High Priest, and He is merciful, loving, and understanding.

HANDS

What an amazing truth it is to know that Jesus, who is greater than the angels, was also human like you and me. He knew joy, disappointment, love, and sadness. The Bible tells us to always remember this truth and pay attention to all we hear and learn about Jesus, God's One and Only Son. I know that paying attention is hard work. It involves focusing our minds, bodies, and hearts. Listening to Jesus means more than hearing. It also means obeying.

Have you ever been tempted to do something even if you knew it wasn't right?

Take comfort in knowing Jesus understands what it is like to be tempted. Have courage because we don't face struggles alone—Jesus is with us. Jesus cares enough to help us when life is tough. When we face temptation to lie, be unkind, or disobey, we can pray immediately and ask Jesus for help.

- Practice pausing before acting—take a breath and ask, “What would Jesus want me to do?”
- Encourage others by reminding them, “Jesus understands and will help you, too.”
- Next time you're tempted, stop and say: “Jesus, help me do what's right.”

Let's pray together as we think about the awesomeness of Jesus!

PRAYER

Dear Lord in Heaven, thank You for the wonder of Jesus. We know Him to be fully God and fully human. Jesus had the power to call all angels to His side, but He chose to walk on this earth with people living as they lived. He did this so we could know Him as a brother, friend, and teacher. He sacrificed His life for us to know Him as our Savior, Lord, and King. All glory to You, King Jesus! Amen.

KIDS HOUSE CHURCH GAMES

BIG BAD WOLF

1. Have the children stand in a line at one end of the game area.
2. One leader or child is the “Big, Bad Wolf” and will stand at the other end of the area with her back to the children.
3. In unison, the children shout, “What time is it, Mr. Wolf?”
4. The wolf answers with an hour. For example, “four o’clock.”
5. The children take that number of steps forward. If the wolf said, “4 o’clock,” the children would take 4 steps toward the wolf.
6. When the wolf thinks the children are close enough to her, she answers their question with, “It’s eating time!”
7. Then she chases them back to their starting line. Anyone she tags joins her as a wolf.
8. The game ends when all but one participant has been tagged.

OVER / UNDER

1. Players are divided into two teams.
2. Teams line up in parallel rows with players standing behind one another.
3. The first player on each team is given an item (ex: beach ball, balloon, etc.)
4. When the leader says, “Go,” the first player on each line passes the ball backward over her head to the second player.
5. The second player passes the ball under his legs to the next person in line, and so forth.
6. The ball/item continues to be passed backward down the line, alternating over and under, until it reaches the last player.
7. The last player, receiving the ball, runs to the front of his or her line and begins to pass the ball back again.
8. Game can end when the player at the back makes it to the front with the item for the first time.
9. The team whose first player gets to the front of the line again is the winner.

CATCH THE DRAGON TAIL

1. Ask the kids to form a long human chain by holding hands.
2. The person standing first is the head of the dragon and the one at the end is the tail of the dragon.
3. The head should try and catch the tail, while the others in the middle should try and stop the head, without breaking the chain.
4. If the head succeeds in catching the tail, the tail becomes the head, and the person at the end of the chain becomes the tail. The game continues with the new head and tail.

KIDS HOUSE CHURCH GAMES (CONT.)

EVERYBODY'S IT TAG

1. There are two rules: (1) Everybody is "It" and (2) When a player is tagged, he or she is frozen.
2. Have everyone stand in a circle.
3. Then the leader shouts, "Everybody's it!" and the game starts (and quickly ends).

ELBOW TAG

1. Assign all players a partner. Spread pairs out evenly across the playing area. Have the pairs link arms.
2. Choose one pair to start out as the chaser ("it"), and the chasee.
3. Just like regular tag, "it" tries to tag the chasee.
4. If the chasee is tagged, he or she in turn becomes "it" and the chase reverses.
5. The chasee's goal is to link with another player.
6. When the chasee links arms with one side of a pair, the player on the other side must unhook their arm and begin running as the new chasee.

AMOEBAS TAG

1. Tag with a twist. One player is the tagger; this person is "it."
2. When "it" tags a runner, the runner must stop and join hands with the tagger. The two must now try to tag other runners without unjoining hands. The chain of players will grow as the game goes on.

SHARKS AND MINNOWS

1. You will need a good-size running area for this game.
2. Have the children line up along one side of the area.
3. They are the "minnows". Have the leader stand in the middle of the area.
4. The leader is the shark. When the shark yells "Go!", the minnows run to the other end of the area.
5. The shark runs around and tags as many minnows as possible before they reach the other end of the field.
6. When a minnow is tagged, he or she must freeze wherever tagged.
7. When all the untagged minnows reach the end of the area, the shark yells, "Go!" again.
8. This time the shark and the frozen minnows may tag the runners.
9. The game continues until there is only one minnow left.

KIDS HOUSE CHURCH GAMES (CONT.)

GROUP JUGGLING

1. Have the children stand in a circle with their arms in the air.
2. Toss a ball to a child. The child will toss the ball to another child and put their arms down.
3. Play continues with each child putting their arms down after they have thrown the ball.
4. The last child to catch the ball should toss it to the teacher.
5. You can play again, speeding up the action slightly.
6. To “juggle,” the children may keep their hands in the air at all times as a second ball/item is put into play.
7. The object is to keep both balls in play.

GORILLA, MAN, GUN

1. This is just like “Rock, Paper, Scissors”, except the kids will act out the “gorilla” (both hands in the air and a big growl), man (arms folded with one hand on the side of the chin/jaw with a sophisticated look), gun (however you choose to model holding a gun).
2. Once each child in the group has a partner, have them get back-to-back and teach them the rules in song form.
3. “The gorilla beats the man, and the man beats the gun. The gun beats the gorilla, if you tie you die.” and then count all together “1, 2, 3!”
4. That’s when each back-to-back partners turns around as a “gorilla, man, or a gun”. Then match up the winners and repeat until you get to the final group and have a prize for the winner.

HOT POTATO

1. Players arrange themselves in a circle and toss a ball to each other while music plays.
2. The player who is holding the “hot potato” when the music stops is out.
3. The game continues until one player is left — that player is the winner.

SIMON SAYS

1. One person is designated Simon, the others are the players. Simon tells players what they must do.
2. The players must only obey commands that begin with the words “Simon Says.” If Simon says, “Simon says touch your nose,” then players must touch their nose.
3. But, if Simon simply says, “jump,” without first saying “Simon says,” players must not jump.
4. Those that do jump are out.