Hebrews 1:4-14

Above the Angels

Behold Jesus ...

- I. Heaven's Angels
 - A. Glorious Beings
 - B. Servants of God
 - C. Perpetual Worshippers
- II. And Their Lord
 - A. The Only Begotten Son
 - B. Firstborn in the World
 - C. King Forever
- ... and praise His excellent name!

Children, Listen ...

- 1. Who made the angels?
- 2. Name some ways Jesus is different than the angels?
- 3. If angels worship Jesus, Who must He be?
- 4. Who did Jesus come to save?

All Eyes on Jesus

With one eye always on Jesus, the author has us consider the unseen world of angels. Angels play a prominent role in the history of redemption and they make for a fascinating study in and of themselves. While we are invited to briefly consider the wonder of these celestial beings, we are instructed to take in the fact that Jesus is far superior to these magnificent creatures. The author makes this case using numerous Old Testament passages. In some of them we are privy to a monologue by God the Father to His Son, which reflects a filial relationship that the angels simply do not enjoy. In fact, the Father calls the angels to worship His "begotten" son who is "firstborn into the world." Angels could not save us nor could mortal man, but only the Son of God, Who is God far above the angels, and yet Who become a little lower than the angels like us!

Christ, in highest Heav'n enthroned, Equal of the Father's might, By pure spirits, trembling, owned, God of God, and Light of Light, Thee 'mid angel hosts we sing, Thee their maker and their king. Jean B. de San-tëuil 1686