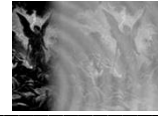




Angels Part Two: Fallen Angels

Plan with quiz answers



Aim:

- To show how evil entered the spiritual world.
- To look at the difference between safe and dangerous spiritual activities.
- Jesus is our door to spiritual life; the only safe door. He protects us from all such harm.

Key Bible verse

Jesus said, "I am the door, and the person who enters through me will be saved."

John 10:9 NCV

Quiz: The quiz is the focal point for interactive teaching and discussion. Some questions overlap 1st quiz.

1. What do these all have in common?

Cherubim Seraphim Spirit guides Archangels Demons

All are types of spiritual beings. Some good, some now bad

2. Who is this?

You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

You were in Eden, the garden of God; ...

You were anointed as a guardian cherub...

You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

From Ezekiel 28:12-14 NLT / NIV

a) Gabriel b) Jesus **c) Satan**

3. Which is the odd one out and why?

a) Satan b) Lucifer c) the old serpent/dragon d) the Destroyer e) Damian

e) Damian is not a name for Satan. Beelzebub = 'the lord of dung', or 'the dung-god'.

4. So what went wrong? - A discussion question

Ezekiel 28:15-17 NLT/NIV:

You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub...

Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour.

Isaiah 14:12-15 NIV:

"How you are fallen from heaven,

O shining star, son of the morning!

You have been thrown down to the earth,
you who destroyed the nations of the world.

For you said to yourself, "I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north.

I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.”

Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.

Revelation 12:7-9 NIV:

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient snake called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Satan and his angels started life as angels in heaven along with the rest. Some of them were very powerful and splendid. Then one of them who was a prince among the angels, became ‘too full of himself’ / proud and wanted to be equal with God. He led a rebellion against God and was thrown out of heaven. This ‘fallen’ angel became God’s bitter enemy. The conflict between them became very fierce. Our world has always been caught up in it. Satan decided to attack Adam, because mankind was the ‘crown’ of God’s creation and meant so much to God.

5. What was Satan’s status before he was thrown out of heaven?

a) Prince b) Archangel c) Cherub d) Power Ranger

c) Ezekiel uses the words **Cherub, and guardian.** He may have been an archangel / chief prince. Accept any except Power Ranger!

6. Satan has powers similar to God.

False. He would like to have such power but ‘the dark side of the force’ is not nearly as powerful and he cannot create as God can.

7. Which of these words does the Bible use to describe Satan?

proud powerful wicked subtle deceitful fierce
cruel liar murderer attractive beautiful

ALL of them

8. Spiritual beings can be visible or invisible. **True** / False

But they don’t have horns and tails!

9. Spiritual beings are very intelligent. True / False

True. They also have a great deal of knowledge, as they have been around a long time.

10. Demonic spirits can perform miraculous signs. True / False

True, but only up to a point.

Revelation 16:14 NIV. They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs.

11. Satan and his angels can foretell the future. True / False

False, but they can be good at making it look as though they can.

Isaiah 46:10 “Only I can tell you the future.” Could discuss: Acts 16:16-18.

12. Why does the Bible tell us to avoid mediums, fortune-telling, and certain other spiritual activities?

Deuteronomy 18:9-11 And do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. NLT

What does this look like for us today?

Choosing Spiritual Connections

Which of these are safe, and which are dangerous, and why?

- Prayer
- Meditation
- Jesus
- Prophecy
- Hearing God
- Vision
- Miracle
- Séance
- Ouija board
- Clairvoyant
- Fortune-telling
- Horoscopes & tarot cards
- Astrology
- Levitation

Involvement in occult related activities can open a door to demonic spirits.

Only Jesus can close such a door, once it has been opened.

We do not need to fear any spirits, although in the Bible people did sometimes find angels a bit scary. We are safe because Jesus has defeated the demonic spirits. But we need to avoid deliberate contact. If you have engaged in any of these activities, then speak to your pastor.

Jesus is the only safe door to the spiritual world for any of us.

Jesus: "I am the door¹ for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved ...The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:7-10 abbreviated.

¹ Derech hash'a'ar = way of the entrance. Some translations have 'door' others 'gate'.

Extra

Daniel lived in exile in Babylon, a culture full of different spiritualities – rather like New Age today. He managed to live within that yet stay apart from that. Even the king could see the difference.

Nebuchadnezzar had a strange dream which troubled him, so he summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him the meaning of this dream. In order to ensure that the interpretation was genuine, he insisted that they tell him what the dream was, or they would all die. Horrified they replied - 'There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans. The king so angry that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. This included Daniel and his friends so they prayed that God would reveal the dream and its meaning to them. When Daniel explained the dream to Nebuchadnezzar, he was so astounded that he 'fell facedown on the ground in front of Daniel.'

Daniel chapter 2 based on NIV & NCV.

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