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He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:32-33, NKJV)

Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11, NKJV)

Evil Fallen Angels

Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” (Mark 1:23-24, NKJV)

2. Do you observe a difference between the names good and evil angels use for Jesus?

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Teacher Notes

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Read each passage to the student or write them on a white board so that the class can read this together. Circle or underline key words to help the student with his observation. The objective here is to raise the student's awareness that there are different types of angels and their view of Jesus are not the same.

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Ask the student: what does the name Jesus mean? Does the biblical text give you a clue?

While the name of Jesus is known, many do not know the meaning of His name. Jesus is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name Yēšua' which means "Yahweh is salvation." This is the name God gave to Jesus.

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Son of the Highest. Ask the student: highest of what?

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Savior and Christ the Lord. Ask the student: what does "christ" mean?

Christ means "anointed one" in Greek. In Hebrew, this word is translated as "Messiah."

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Holy One of God. Ask the student: what does holy mean?

Holy means to be set apart for God like something special you keep separate just for God.

2. Do you observe a difference between the names good and evil angels use for Jesus?

Review the different names. Do you see a difference?

Good unfallen angels use names for Jesus that reflect some reverence to God's position or role in God's plan.

Evil fallen angels use names for Jesus that reflect only a respect of His person and power.