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Lucifer's War

Key References: Isaiah 14:12-16; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Revelation 12:7-9; *The Great Controversy*, chap. 29, pp. 492-504; *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 7, pp. 109-112; Our Beliefs, nos. 19, 8, 4.



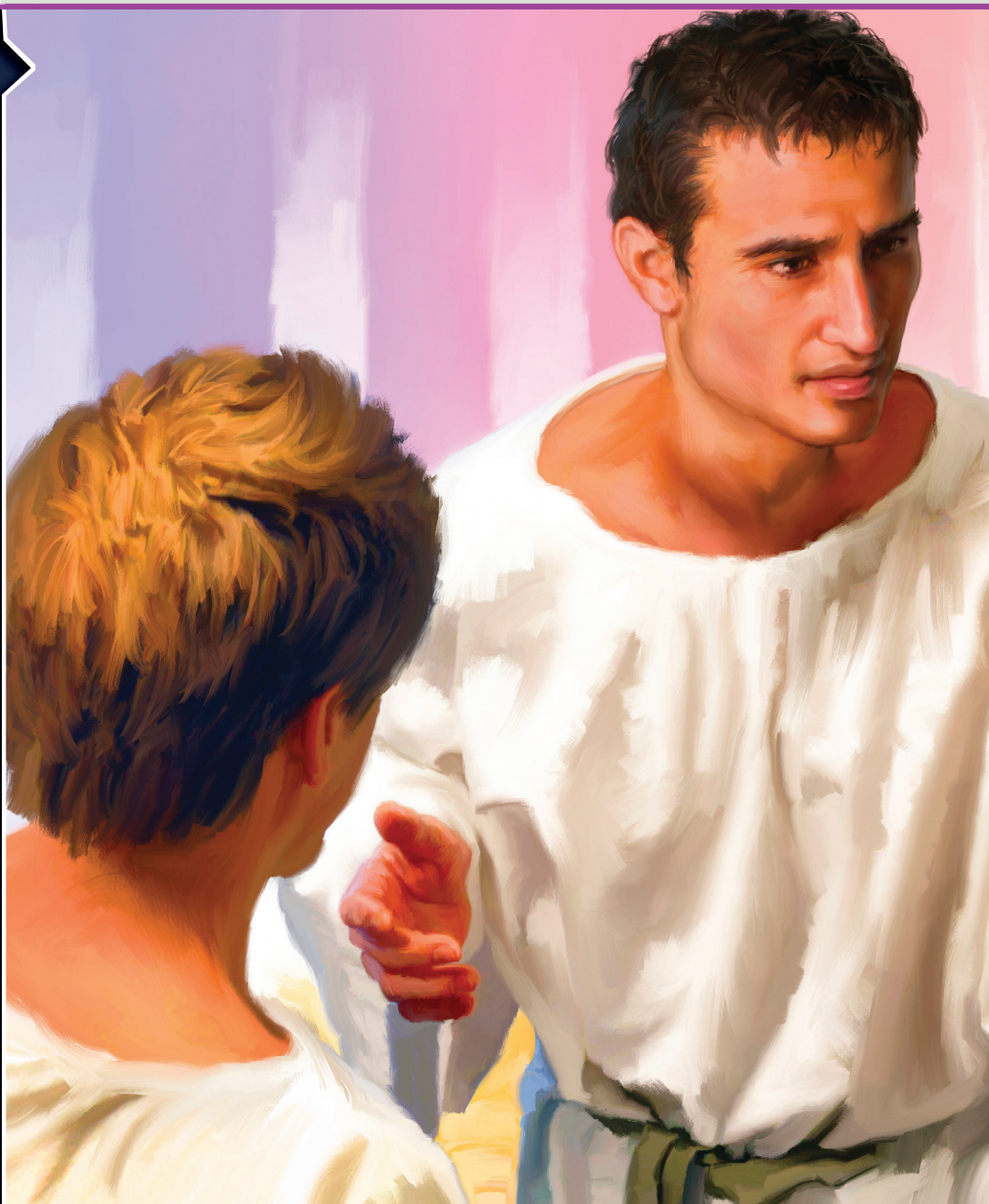












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"And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation'" (Exodus 34:6, 7).

Sabbath

DO Do the activity on page 18.

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God's law of love exposes Satan's lies.

When have you done something wrong but been afraid to admit it? How do you feel when you have to admit you are wrong? Is it easy to forgive other people when they make mistakes or lie about you? When Lucifer was in heaven he rebelled against God and told lies about Him.

As the angels gathered into the large hall for an important meeting, they learned that Lucifer had gone too far. He had claimed that he should be equal with God. *How could he even think such a thing?* many of the angels wondered.

God had called this meeting to address this very serious issue. Silence fell over the audience as God the Father addressed the assembly. Solemnly and with deep sadness in His voice God revealed to His beloved angels that someone in heaven had chosen to make false accusations against Him.



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Sunday

READ Read Ezekiel 28:11-13 and this week's story, "Lucifer's War."

LEARN Begin to memorize the power text.

PRAY Ask God for help in the battle against evil.

Monday

READ Read Ezekiel 28:14.

DISCOVER Whom does the king of Tyre symbolize? What do the gems represent?

THINK How did Lucifer's removal from heaven reflect God's grace?

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Thank God for His protection against evil.

Tuesday

READ Read Ezekiel 28:15-17.

THINK What caused the change in Lucifer?

COMPARE Sketch or describe Lucifer when he was a loyal angel and after he had turned against God.

REFLECT What in your life can cause you to turn away from God?

EXPLAIN Tell someone that sin and suffering in the world is a consequence of Lucifer's rebellion. Explain that Lucifer's rebellion in heaven led to the great controversy between Christ and Satan. This is why God sent His Son, Jesus, into our world to save us from sin under Satan's dominion and to offer us the gift of salvation.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Ask God to help you be grateful for His grace.

The angels were faced with an important decision. They were called to take a stand either on the side of God or on the side of Lucifer. They could choose to remain loyal to God, whose love and faithfulness they had experienced. Otherwise they would follow Lucifer into rebellion against God.

One of the first false claims made by Lucifer was that God's leadership was unfair. Lucifer became jealous that God the Father and God the Son did not include him in some of their councils. As the highest-ranking angel, Lucifer maintained that he should have a part in decision making.

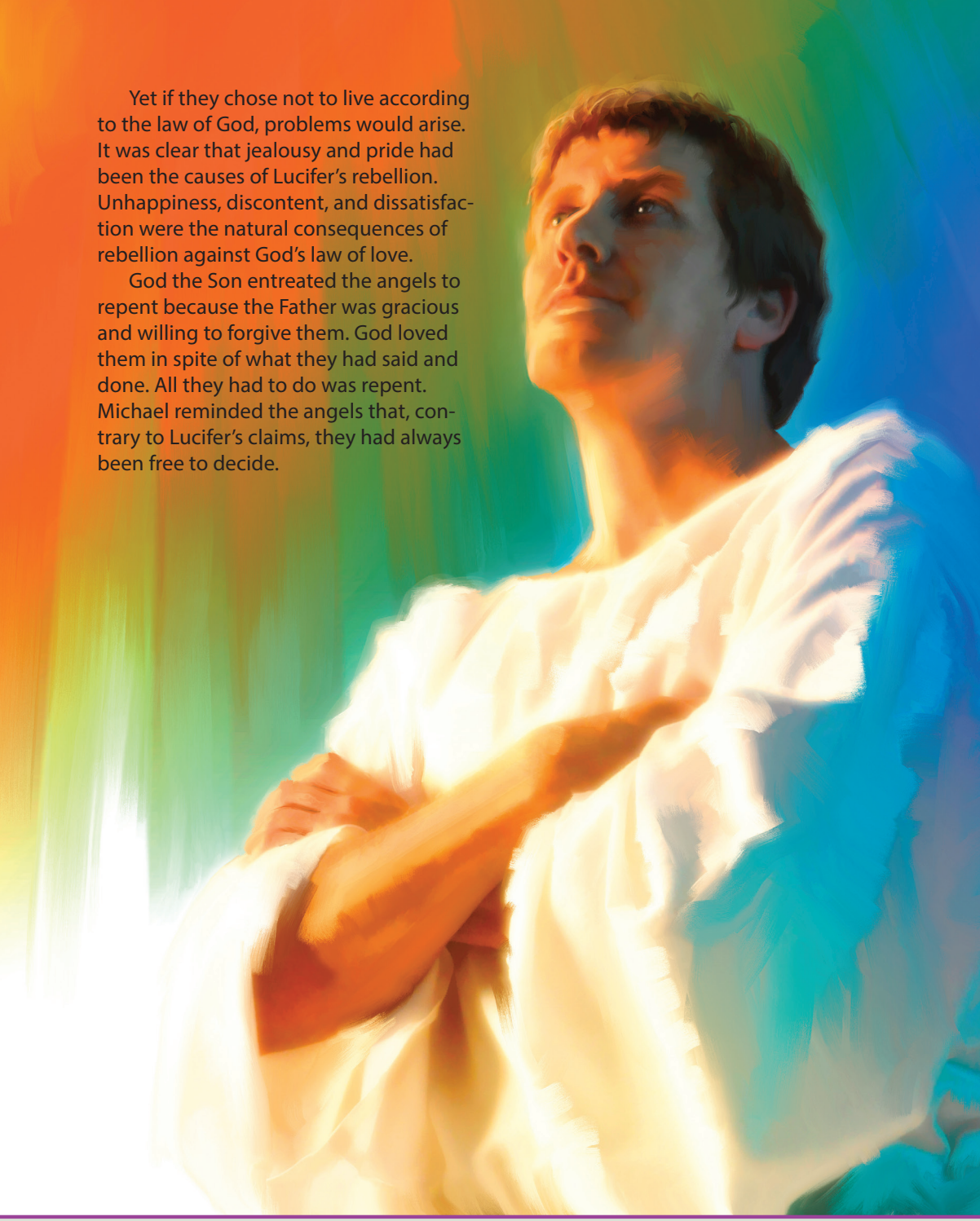
Furthermore, Lucifer claimed that God was too strict in asking that His angels obey His commands. Lucifer questioned God's authority, saying that the created beings should have complete freedom to do whatever they wanted.

Everyone listened intently as Michael began to speak. The loyal angels were waiting with anticipation, trusting that Michael might convince the rebels to repent. Michael reminded the angels that God had provided for all of their needs. Lucifer was the highest ranking angel and had been the closest to God among all the angels. He had seen firsthand that God does not issue unfair commands. The Father asked only for obedience in response to His law of love.

Living according to the principles of God's law was simply the loving response of the created beings for everything they had received from the Father. God's desire was to provide for the well-being of the angels.

Yet if they chose not to live according to the law of God, problems would arise. It was clear that jealousy and pride had been the causes of Lucifer's rebellion. Unhappiness, discontent, and dissatisfaction were the natural consequences of rebellion against God's law of love.

God the Son entreated the angels to repent because the Father was gracious and willing to forgive them. God loved them in spite of what they had said and done. All they had to do was repent. Michael reminded the angels that, contrary to Lucifer's claims, they had always been free to decide.



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Wednesday

READ Read Isaiah 14:12-14.

CREATE This passage and the one in Ezekiel are called "laments." After looking up the word in a dictionary, create your own lament. Try setting it to music.

THINK What were some of Lucifer's desires? Why did those desires lead to sin? Describe them in a word.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Pray for protection against pride and selfishness.

Thursday

READ Read Revelation 12:7-9.

IDENTIFY What are other names for Michael?

WRITE In your Bible study journal,* record Lucifer's names (Matthew 10:25; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 2:9; Isaiah 14:12; Revelation 20:2).

THINK How do his names reflect his character?

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Thank God for the victory won by His grace.

Friday

READ Read Isaiah 9:6.

THINK How do these names prove that Lucifer lied about God? What is God really like?

DISCUSS At family worship, read and discuss the three passages about the war in heaven.

CREATE Together, draw, paint, or make a collage of God's grace.

SAY Repeat the power text aloud by memory.

PRAY Thank God for His grace, which exposes Satan's lies.

NOTE * Your Bible study journal is found at the back of your PowerPoints Bible study guide. If you need additional space, use a notebook or open a special file on your computer. Writing out your thoughts and ideas every time you study the Bible helps to engrain them in your mind.

By deciding to remain loyal to God and to obey His law, they would choose life. Everything good in their lives had come from God. He was the very source of their existence. Real joy, peace, and fulfillment were gifts they had received from the Father, and these were found only in Him. God was not trying to keep any good things from them. His laws were there only to protect them from evil and unhappiness. Yet God could not force His creations either to follow Him or to keep His gifts.

Lucifer and his angels were given many opportunities to accept God's forgiveness and to obey His law of love that was designed for their peace and happiness. But Lucifer couldn't be persuaded. He refused to repent. He chose to stand against God's law of love. Working hard to persuade other angels to follow him, he eventually was able to take one third of them to war against God's Son. Lucifer and his followers lost the battle and had to leave their heavenly home.

God stood at the gateway and watched them go. Oh, how He wanted their peace and happiness. The Father and the Son had a plan in place for the salvation of everyone who would want to escape the life of sin and misery brought about by Lucifer's rebellion. God was willing to pay the greatest price to make sure that no one else would follow Lucifer into rebellion. The Son of God would sacrifice His own life to offer salvation and eternal life to everyone who would believe in Him and accept God's amazing grace.



PUZZLE 1

SHINE BRIGHTLY

Instructions: Each box contains two letters. Circle only boxes in which both letters are the same. Then read these circled letters in order (one from each pair), from left to right, top to bottom, to find out what the light of Jesus will do.

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