



Open it

1. What is your favorite thing to do? Who is considered the best in the world at your favorite hobby?

Daily Devotions

Day 1

Today's Theme: Explore It

Read Hebrews 3:1–6

2. What does the author say his readers share in?
3. What two roles/offices does the author link Jesus to?
4. What are the main differences listed between Moses and Jesus?
5. Why is Jesus worthy of more glory than Moses?
6. Who makes up God's house?

Day 2

Today's Theme: Consider Jesus!

Read Hebrews 3:1–2

Has it ever happened to you that you completely forgot something super important? Maybe it was a test you forgot to study for, an assignment you forgot to do, an audition you didn't prepare for, or worse—you forgot to do the chores before your parents got home. Sometimes we need reminders to keep things fresh in our minds so that we don't forget about the important things.

Hebrews 3:1 starts things out by saying, "Therefore." That's always an important word in the Bible, and every time you see it, you should think this: If it says therefore, I need to figure out what it's there for. Great job! Here we are told, "Therefore ... consider Jesus." Why should we consider Jesus? For that answer you look at the verse or verses right before the "therefore," which in this case tells us that because Jesus suffered when He was tempted, He can help anyone who is being tempted! So therefore, we should consider Jesus. What does that mean?

It means a little more than just to have Jesus' name cross your mind. It really means to take into consideration Jesus, or to ponder Jesus. Maybe the best way to think of what it means to consider Jesus is this: to focus your thoughts on who Jesus is and what Jesus has done.

7. Why would it be important and helpful for us to focus our thoughts on who Jesus is and what He has done?

8. How can Jesus help you when you are being tempted?

Day 3

Today's Theme: The Builder and the Building

Read Hebrews 3:3–6a

When a music artist releases a new song and it quickly jumps to the top of today's hits, what would we say is greater, the song or the artist who wrote and performed the song? Obviously the artist! The song would be nothing without the one who wrote and performed it! That's the exact reasoning that Hebrews is using here to compare Jesus with Moses.

Hebrews tells us that Moses was a GREAT servant in God's house. He was faithful to do all that was asked of him: he led the Israelites out of Egypt, he received Law from God and delivered it to Israel, he led the people in the wilderness. Moses had a super legit ministry and calling from God. But his calling was to be a servant in God's house. That's why Hebrews says that Jesus is greater than Moses—because while Moses served with excellence in God's house, Jesus CREATED God's house!

To say that Moses was greater than Jesus is like saying that the song on the top of the charts is greater than the artist. It's great that Moses served well in God's house, but God's house wouldn't exist if Jesus hadn't built it!

9. Think about what you know about Moses and what you know about Jesus. How are their lives similar and how are they different? How is Jesus' calling and ministry greater than Moses'?

10. For the Jews, Moses was considered to be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, Jew to ever live. Who would you say is the greatest Christian to ever live? How is Jesus greater?

Day 4

Today's Theme: What is Jesus' House?

Read Hebrews 3:1, 6b

I remember a song from when I was younger that went, "Come and go with me to my Father's house. It's a big, big house with lots and lots of room; with a big, big table with lots and lots of food; with a big, big yard where we can play football." As a kid, this is what I thought of when we talked about God's house. What do you think of when we talk about God's house? Mansions of gold? The building where you go to church?

What is God's house? Well, this passage tells us something pretty wild about God's house, and guess what? It isn't that it has a huge yard to play football. It isn't the building where you go to church. This passage tells us that God's house is God's people! Did you see that in verse 6? "We are God's house, if we hold fast our confidence and our boasting." You and I and all the Christians around the world make up God's house.

This is why, in verse 1, the author of Hebrews calls his friends "holy brothers." We don't really say things like that much today, so what does he mean when he calls them that? To be holy literally means to be set apart, or to become special. So he's basically saying that his Christian friends are set apart as special and they're a big family because of Jesus!

So next time you hear someone talking about God's house, you'll know what God's house really is! It's you and I and all the other Christians in the world. We are God's house!

11. How does understanding that God's house is made up of people change the way you think about other Christians and how you might treat them?

12. These verses say that Moses was a faithful servant in God's house, to "testify to the things that were to be spoken later." What does that mean and how did Moses testify to the things to be spoken later?