



His Instruments

Focus Music plays a major part in our culture and in our worship today, but music has always been a part of worship in heaven too. Satan was originally created to lead worship, directing all praise and glory to God. After he was cast out of heaven, God then created *us* to become His instruments of worship here on earth!

Fun What did you want to be when you grew up? Share with the group.

Review Key Scriptures: Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28

1. Why did Satan fall?

Satan was an angel who was created to lead worship, but he desired to be worshipped himself. He wanted to be like God. Because of his rebellion, he was cast out of heaven and became the first sinner. Since then, Satan is always trying to get us to worship something or someone other than God. There will come a time when Satan demands that all the people on earth worship him (Revelation 13:4).

2. Who created instruments?

God created instruments, then He created Satan to be a worship leader. However, rather than direct the worship toward God, he grasped at it for himself. Musical instruments were meant to be used to worship God (1 Chronicles 13:8) but can also be used to prophesy (1 Chronicles 25:1). We are His instruments on the earth.

3. What did God do?

When God's worship leader fell from heaven, all seemed dark, but light returned when God created Adam and worship was restored (Genesis 1:2–3). Mankind was created to worship and praise God. When we lift up our worship to Him, His glory fills our house.

Group Dynamics Idea Allow time at the end of your study for praise reports and prayer requests. When answered prayers are shared, it builds people's faith.

Discuss

1. Worship is love, and true love is always expressed. Why do you think some of us have difficulty expressing love?
2. Examine Isaiah 14:13–14, and list the five “I will” statements Satan said in his heart. What was God's response to this rebellious attitude (Isaiah 14:15)?
3. Read Matthew 4:8–10. When the devil encountered Jesus in the wilderness, what did he want Jesus to do? What did Jesus say to rebuke him?
4. The words in Isaiah 14:11 and Ezekiel 28:12–16 were spoken to certain kings but aptly describe Satan. Discuss the characteristics that pertain to him in these verses.
5. Satan wanted to be like God. In the Garden of Eden, he told Adam and Eve they could be like God. This desire led to rebellion. How did God redeem us from this sin?
6. In what form did God appear when He filled the house with His presence? (2 Chronicles 5:13–14) What moves God to fill our houses with His presence?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God desires to be worshipped.
- God created Satan to be His worship leader.
- Satan fell because he wanted to be worshipped.
- God created instruments for worship.
- We are God's instruments here on earth.
- When we praise and worship God, His presence fills our house.

Prayer

Lord, I want to be your instrument. I will give my praise and worship to You because I love You. You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! May Your glory fill my house. In Jesus' name. Amen.

New Leader Tip Identify which group members might be able to substitute for you if you need to miss a week of study. If you do this ahead of time, there will be less stress and greater peace of mind.