



TEACHER'S GUIDE

Jesus is the Son of God

Guiding children into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ through teaching them the Word of God is an incredible privilege. The lessons in this unit are best used with children ages 6 to 9. Each lesson teaches a basic Bible principle with a practical application. A single lesson includes sufficient material for 75 minutes, but some games and activities may be omitted at the teacher's discretion.

Sharing Time: We suggest beginning each session with prayer and a couple of songs that reflect the theme of the lesson. Allow the children to briefly share personal experiences and needs.

The 'Jesus is the Son of God' unit, helps children understand that Jesus is more than just a man—He is the Son of God. He wants to forgive their sin and guide them in their everyday life as they trust in Him. Watch your students grow in faith and understanding from week to week.

Lesson Titles

1. The Birth of John
 2. An Angel Appears to Mary
 3. The Birth of Jesus
 4. The Wise Men Worship Jesus
 5. Jesus Obeys His Parents
 6. Jesus Stands the Test
 7. Jesus Chooses Twelve Disciples
 8. Jesus' First Miracle
 9. The Centurion's Faith
 10. Jesus Calms a Storm
 11. Jesus Sets a Man Free
 12. Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man
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USING THE LESSONS

The Teacher's Guide provides step-by-step guidelines including suggestions for student interaction and learning activities for each lesson. Students are given an opportunity to share personal needs and experiences and respond to God's Word in prayer.

Each lesson has the following components:

Bible Text: The chapters of the Bible on which the lesson is based.

Bible Truth: The focus point of the lesson. Every segment of the lesson reinforces this point to help the learner remember this truth about God.

Bible Verse: Each lesson has a Bible Verse to be memorized. To enable the children to hide God's Word in their hearts, be sure to review verses from previous lessons.

Lesson Plan: The chart shows the various segments of the lesson, approximate times needed to teach each segment, suggested games, activities, crafts, and supplies needed.

Focus on God's Word: The opening segment has a discussion or activity using everyday objects to capture the children's interest and lead them into the lesson topic.

Memorize God's Word: Each lesson includes an activity to help children memorize and understand the Bible Verse. Be attentive to children who find it difficult to memorize the verse.

Learn God's Word: The Bible story closely follows the Scriptures but uses simple language to help children understand this very important part of the lesson. As you narrate the story in an interesting manner, the children will learn to relate to the truths within it.

Connect with God's Word: Activities, discussion and simple questions help children connect what they have learned from God's Word to their own lives. Each lesson includes an opportunity to listen to God, respond to Him in prayer, and grow in faith.

Act on God's Word: In this segment children learn how to live out God's Word and share it with others.

Review God's Word: Review questions reinforce the lesson. Fun activities help the children process what they have learned and bring facts from the head into the heart.

Crafts: Most lessons give instructions for a simple craft using basic supplies. Templates for coloring pages are not included as there are many available for free on the internet.



LEADING A CHILD TO JESUS

Each lesson provides an opportunity to lead a child to Jesus. It is important that each child understands and makes their own personal decision to follow Him.

If a child does not appear to grasp what it means to be a sinner and why Jesus came to earth, do not pressure them to pray a salvation prayer. Encourage them that it is good to keep learning about God and to wait until that special moment when they are ready.

If the child seems to have a clear understanding of who Jesus is and what He did and is ready to respond to the Lord, explain simply what they need to do using the examples below.

- A. God wants each person to be a part of His family. But there is the problem of sin. Sin keeps us separated from God. Every person thinks and behaves in ways that God knows is not good – that is called sin. The Bible says everyone has sinned and cannot meet God’s standard. Romans 3:23
- B. God’s solution to our problem of sin is Jesus. God loves you and does not want you to pay the penalty of sin, so Jesus came to take the punishment for you. When we accept God’s solution and believe that what He said in the Bible is true, our sin will not keep us separated from God. John 3:16
- C. Jesus came from heaven to earth to take care of your sin problem. He did that by dying because sin brings death. But Jesus didn’t only die, He came back to life because He is more powerful than sin. The Bible says that when Jesus died, he broke the power of sin in our life. Romans 6:10
- D. When we believe that Jesus did this for us and we choose to live our life God’s way, we become one of God’s children and begin to learn what that means. 1 John 3:1, 1 John 3:23-24

A prayer to lead a child to Christ:

Dear Jesus, I am a sinner. I need You. I believe that You died to take care of my sin problem. Please take my sin away so I won’t be separated from You. Guide me every day and help me to live for You. Thank You for loving me.

Welcome to God’s family. We will help you to keep growing as a child of God.

If appropriate: Inform the parents of their decision and involve them in the follow-up.

Simple Salvation Message

**Jesus loves me.
I have sinned.
Jesus died for me.
I choose to follow Jesus.**

UNIT 1 JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD—SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Lesson 1 The Birth of John

Bible Text: Luke 1:5-25, 57-68.

Bible Truth: God always keeps His promises.

Bible Verse: Praise the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to save his people. Luke 1:68 (CEV)

Lesson 2 An Angel Appears to Mary

Bible Text: Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56

Bible Truth: I will believe and obey God's Word.

Bible Verse: If you love me, you will do as I command. John 14:15 (CEV)

Lesson 3 The Birth of Jesus

Bible Text: Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

Bible Truth: I will celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Bible Verse: For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 (NKJV)

Lesson 4 The Wise Men Worship Jesus

Bible Text: Matthew 2:1-16

Bible Truth: I will worship Jesus and give Him my best.

Bible Verse: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Phil 2:10-11 (ESV)

Lesson 5 Jesus Obeys His Parents

Bible Text: Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:40-52

Bible Truth: I will obey my parents.

Bible Verse: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

Lesson 6 Jesus Stands the Test

Bible Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Bible Truth: Knowing God's Word helps me make right choices.

Bible Verse: I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

Lesson 7 Jesus Chooses Twelve Disciples

Bible Text: Matthew 4:18-24; 9:9; 10:1-4; Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-14; 3:13-19; John 1:43-50

Bible Truth: Jesus wants me to follow Him.

Bible Verse: If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. John 8:31 (NIV)

Lesson 8 Jesus' First Miracle

Bible Text: John 2:1-11

Bible Truth: Jesus has the power to meet my needs.

Bible Verse: You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16 (NET)

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Lesson 9 The Centurion's Faith

Bible Text: Luke 6:17-19; 7:1-10

Bible Truth: I will trust Jesus to help me when I am sick.

Bible Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

Lesson 10 Jesus Calms a Storm

Bible Text: Mark 4:1, 35-41; Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25

Bible Truth: No matter what happens, Jesus cares for me.

Bible Verse: In God I trust; I will not be afraid. Psalm 56:4 (NIV)

Lesson 11 Jesus Sets a Man Free

Bible Text: Luke 8:26-39; Mark 5:1-17

Bible Truth: I will be kind to those who need help.

Bible Verse: The Spirit of the Lord God is on me. The Lord has chosen and sent me to tell the good news, to comfort the brokenhearted, and to announce freedom for captives. Isaiah 61:1 (CEV abridged)

Lesson 12 Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

Bible Text: Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26

Bible Truth: Jesus forgives my sins.

Bible Verse: The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. Mark 2:10 (NIV)

