



Elementary

“The Gospel Project”

Jesus as a Child

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Unit Key Passage: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” John 1:1-2 (CSB)*

Bible Passage: Matthew 2; Luke 2

Main Point: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father’s plan.

Big Picture Question: *Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.*

1 Getting Started

All Team Members: Make sure you have a name tag on! Welcome and introduce kids to one another.

2 Main Session Teaching

Supplies:

- ❖ **Bible story pictures-** (We are just referencing a few of the stories to review)
 - Jesus born in a manger
 - Simeon holds baby Jesus
 - Jesus as a child in the temple

- ❖ **Other templates-**
 - **Key passage:** John 1:1-2
 - **Main Point:** Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father’s plan.
 - **Big Picture Question/Answer:** *Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.*

❖ “The Gospel Project” DVD Lesson: “Jesus as a Child”

Review:

- **Say:** Who remembers what we’ve been learning about recently? Can anyone remember any of those stories? (Take a few answers and then, review these stories below with pictures):
 - Last week, we learned about Jesus’ birth and when he was dedicated in the temple. When Simeon and Anna each saw baby Jesus, they both praised God for sending a Savior!

Today’s story:

- **Say:** Today, we will learn about Jesus’ childhood, and how even as a boy, he wanted to do God’s will!
- **Play the DVD video story.** (If DVD not available, teach the story using the printed version at the end of this curriculum)
- **Recap:** Some of you may have had scary situations where you got separated from your parents in a crowded place. It can feel terrifying—especially for a parent. Imagine how Mary and Joseph might have felt. God had given them the important job of raising the Messiah, and they left Jerusalem without Him! But remember, Jesus was no ordinary child. While you or I might have been afraid or gotten ourselves into trouble without parents around, Jesus was in the temple discussing God with the teachers of the law! ***(Show picture of Jesus as a child in the temple)*** The Bible tells us that everyone there was amazed by Jesus’ ability to understand the Scriptures. ***(Show main point template)*** **Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father’s plan.**
- **Christ Connection:** *God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose. Even as a child, Jesus wanted to honor God. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His Father’s plan: to die on the cross and rescue people from sin.*
- **Big picture question:** *(Say) (Show big picture question/answer templates)* Our big picture question is ***Is Jesus God or a human?*** *(Allow kids to respond)* ***As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.***
- **Review key passage:** ***(Show key passage template):*** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” John 1:1-2 (CSB)*

3 Snack & Life Group

IMPORTANT!!!! Please check each child for a yellow allergy sticker along with referring to the sign-in sheet to be properly informed on children who may have food and other allergies.

Snack: “Scrolls”—Show kids how to make a “scroll” using a Fruit-Roll-Up and two pretzel rods. Remind the kids that Jesus was in the temple discussing God’s Word that was written on scrolls.

As the children enjoy their snack, discuss these Life Group questions with them.

Life Group Questions:

- Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Jerusalem each year? (*for the Passover, Luke 2:41*)
- How long did it take Mary and Joseph to find Jesus? (*three days, Luke 2:46*)
- What about Jesus astounded people? (*His understanding and His answers, Luke 2:46-47*)
- How can God use you in His kingdom even while you are young? (*Invite kids to share ideas of ways they can serve God when they are young. Emphasize that God can use anyone who is willing to obey Him. God’s plan for us is better than any plan we can imagine for ourselves. We can rely on the Holy Spirit to lead us as we follow Jesus. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Eph. 1:9-10.)*)
- **Big picture question:** *Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.*
- **Base 5/6-For Further Discussion:**
 - How can we grow in wisdom and obedience to God? (*Invite kids to share their ideas. Emphasize that we grow through the power of the Holy Spirit. Encourage kids to read the Bible consistently, pray, and spend time in fellowship with other believers. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Heb. 10:24-25.)*)
 - How can we live out God’s plans for us? (*Discuss the idea that God’s plan for all believers is for us to glorify Him by loving others, obeying Him out of love, and sharing the gospel throughout the earth. Remind kids that we can live on mission no matter where we are.*)
- **Say: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father’s plan.** He perfectly obeyed His earthly parents and all of God’s commands, eventually dying for our sin.
- **Review the Key Verse with the kids:** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” John 1:1-2 (CSB)*

4 Activities/Games

GAME: Give Yourself

Supplies: wrapping paper (at least 2 rolls per class), adhesive gift bows

Directions: Form teams of about three kids. Provide each team with a roll of wrapping paper and an adhesive gift bow. Challenge the teams to select one kid to wrap. The first team to wrap a kid from head to toe and stick their bow on top wins. You may also alter the game by awarding points for wrapping style or coverage, and declare a winner not based on speed.

Say: By the end of that game, some of you looked like giant presents that would have been fun to unwrap. In a way though, this isn't as silly as it sounds. We can give ourselves to God by trusting Him in all areas of our lives. When we allow God to control our time, talents, money, or other treasures, we are giving Him ourselves. He can use us to glorify Himself and lead others to believe in Jesus. It doesn't matter that you are still young either. **Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.**

BASE 5/6 GAME: Amazing Feats

Supplies: dry erase board, markers

Directions: Explain that several world records are held by kids who have accomplished amazing feats. Form two teams. Describe a world record and ask a question. Team members should agree on a guess and write it on the board. Award one point to the team closest to the correct answer.

- A 9-year-old boy set the world record for most claps in 1 minute. How many times did he clap? *(1,080)*
- A team of 12 jumpers and 2 rope holders set the world record for most jumps over a rope in 1 minute. How many times did they jump? *(230)*
- A fifth grade girl set the record for longest distance to stretch homemade slime in 30 seconds. How many inches did it stretch? *(88)*
- A 17-year-old boy set the record for the world's largest drawing. How many square feet did it cover? *(3,486)*
- A group of children set the record for largest gathering of people dressed as rabbits. How many children participated? *(1,119)*

Say: Those were some amazing feats! When Jesus was twelve he was pretty amazing! He was astounding the leaders in the temple with His understanding of God's Word.

5 Activity Page

Supplies: one “Giving Treasure”/“List of Learning” activity page per child, pencils or crayons

Directions: Invite kids to complete the “” activity page. Help children to follow the instructions for each activity.

Say: Are you surprised by some of the things you can do even as a kid? You’ll learn much more as you grow. Did you know God can use you in His kingdom? Just like Jesus as a child, we too can have a relationship with our Father and be used for His kingdom.

6 Journal Page & Dismissal

**Kids will complete the journal page for this lesson in their New Song Nashville Life Groups in homes this week.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE KING’S KIDS TODAY!

Main Session Teaching: (Use if DVD is not available)

After Jesus was born, wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to find the new king of the Jews. The wise men worshiped Jesus as King. When they left, an angel told Joseph in a dream to leave Bethlehem because King Herod wanted to kill Jesus. So Mary, Joseph, and Jesus went to Egypt until Herod died. Then they went back to Israel and lived in Nazareth. Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Every year, Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. Passover was the biggest holiday for the Jewish people. Many people traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate and remember when God saved His people from slavery in Egypt.

When Jesus was 12 years old, Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem together. When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph began traveling to Nazareth with a large group of people. They didn't notice that Jesus was not with them; they thought He was among the group of travelers. But Jesus was not with the group. He had stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Mary and Joseph had been walking for a whole day when they started to look for Jesus. They looked among their relatives and friends, but they could not find Him. So Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem. They searched everywhere for Jesus. The city was so big, and Jesus was just a boy.

(Show picture of Jesus as a child at the temple) Finally, they found Him at the temple. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus could hardly believe how much Jesus understood. When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were surprised. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this? Your father and I were worried. We've been looking everywhere for You."

"Why were you looking for Me?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" But Mary and Joseph did not understand what Jesus was talking about. Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus was always obedient to them, and Mary remembered all of these things.

As Jesus grew up, He became even wiser. God was pleased with Him, and so was everyone who knew Him. *(Show main point template)* **Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.**