



Preschool

“The Gospel Project”

Jesus as a Child

March 22, 2020

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

Bible Passage: Matthew 2; Luke 2

Main Point: Jesus came to earth to do His Father’s plan.

Big Picture Question: *Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.*

1 Getting Started

9:30-10:00

A team member will stand at the door and be sure that the children are signed in while the other team members will engage the children as they enter the class. Be sure that you are asking to see the parent’s security tags and making sure that the number is written on the sign in sheet and on the child’s name tag. Greet new parents and introduce visitors.

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

2 Create the Story

10:00-10:15

Activity: “Where is Jesus”

Supplies: “Where is Jesus” activity page, crayons/markers

Directions: Guide preschoolers to use the key to find and circle Jesus. Then circle Mary and Joseph.

Say: Jesus was 12 years old when He went to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration with His parents. After Passover, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not with them. They found Him in the temple, listening to the church teachers and asking them questions.

3 Worship & Main Session Teaching

10:15-10:45

Supplies:

- ❖ Bible story pictures- (We are just referencing a few of the stories to review)
 - Jesus was Born & Jesus was Dedicated
 - Jesus as a Child
- ❖ Other templates-
 - **Key passage:** John 1:1
 - **Main Point:** Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan.
 - **Big Picture Question/Answer:** *Is Jesus God or a human? 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 how Jesus was born to rescue people from sin, and Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus.

Today's story:

- **Say:** There is no other book like the Bible because only the Bible is God's Word. God's Word is true. Today's Bible story comes from the Books of Matthew and Luke. Listen to hear what Jesus did when He was a child like you.
- **Play the DVD video story.** (If DVD not available, teach the story using the printed version at the end of this curriculum)
- **Christ Connection:** Jesus' earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, were worried when they could not find Him. They were surprised to find Him in the temple talking to the church leaders *(Show the picture of Jesus as a Child)*. The people were amazed at how much Jesus understood. **Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan** *(Show the Main Point template)*. Jesus was getting ready to do what God sent Him to do.
- **Big picture question:** If Jesus is God, then how could He also be a 12-year-old boy? ***Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.*** Jesus came to earth to do God's plan. Even as a boy, Jesus understood that.
- **Review key passage:** *(Show key passage template)* "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1 (CSB)

Restroom Break Schedule (Preschool Coordinator will assist you)

4 Snack & Life Group

10:45-11:00

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: Cheerios & bananas

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

Life Group Questions:

- Why did Jesus' family travel to Jerusalem? (for a special celebration called Passover)
- How old was Jesus in today's story? (12 years old)
- What did Mary and Joseph realize after they were on their way home to Nazareth? (Jesus was not with them; they couldn't find Jesus.)
- Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? (the temple)
- Why did Jesus stay at the temple? (to listen to the teachers and ask questions, to be in His Father's house)
- **Main Point: Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan.**
- **Big Picture Question: *Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.***
- The Word is Jesus. A few verses after our key passage says the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. Jesus brought God's Word to life right here on planet earth! He lived with people. He knows what it is like to be like us, but He never sinned.
- **Review the Key Verse below with the kids:** *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1 (CSB)*

5 Craft

11:00-11:15

Craft #1: Paint with Cotton Swabs

Supplies: Print "Cotton swab Painting" printable, water color paint, water, cotton swabs

Directions: Print a "Cotton Swab Painting" printable for each child. Allow a child to choose the page she would like to paint first. Provide watercolor paints to the preschoolers. Show a child how to dip a cotton swab into water and then the paint and fill in the circles on the worksheet to spell JESUS or paint a church. Mention that Mary and Joseph took Jesus with them to the temple in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

Say: When it was time for Mary and Joseph to return to home, Jesus was not with them. When His parents noticed Jesus was gone, they worried. They returned to Jerusalem and began to search for Him. They found Jesus in the temple talking to the teachers. **Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan**, and even as a boy, Jesus knew that. Jesus got ready to do what God sent Him to do.

Craft #2: "Jesus as a Child" color page

Supplies: "Jesus as a Child" color page, crayons/markers

Directions: Allow preschoolers to color their picture from today's story.

Say: Jesus' parents looked and looked for Him, and they were worried for His safety. They finally found Him at the temple asking the teachers questions. God had a plan for Jesus to rescue people from sin when He was older. When His parents finally found Him, Jesus told them He needed to be in the temple, His Father's house. ***Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.***

6 Games/Activities

11:15-11:30

OPTION #1: Play "Where is it?"

Supplies: None

Directions: Look around the classroom and choose an item. Describe the item to preschoolers, mentioning its color and shape. Give additional clues and ask a child if he knows where the item is. Guide him to walk over and point to the item. Allow children to take turns describing items and guessing where each item is. Be prepared to offer assistance as needed.

Say: When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with His parents, Mary and Joseph, to Jerusalem. After the celebration, Mary and Joseph started traveling home with a large group of people. Later, they discovered Jesus was not with them! They did not know where He was. **Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan.**

OPTION #2: Toss and Travel

Supplies: Print “Movement Cubes”; green, red, yellow, orange, purple and blue construction paper

Directions: Print, cut out, and assemble the “Movement Cubes.” Consider stuffing the cubes with shredded paper for support. Arrange colored paper on the floor around the room. Invite a child to toss both cubes. Identify whether a child will hop, crawl, or gallop to the green, red, or blue piece of paper. Let another child toss the cube and move accordingly. Continue the play, taking turns and moving as directed.

Say: You have traveled all over the room. When Jesus’ family traveled to Jerusalem, Jesus went with them. After the Passover celebration, everyone began to travel back home, but later that day, Mary noticed Jesus was not with them. She and Joseph hurried back to Jerusalem and found Him in the temple listening to the teachers. Jesus would one day die on the cross to rescue people from sin. Even as a boy, Jesus wanted to do His Father’s plan. ***Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.***

7 Closing Activity

11:30-11:45

Closing Activity- Journal page

Supplies: Journal page, crayons/markers

Directions: Offer the journal page and invite preschoolers to draw a picture of a scroll. Jesus was found in the temple with the priests studying the law from the scrolls. Remind the preschoolers that **Jesus came to earth to do His Father’s plan.**

Pray: Jesus, thank you for coming to do Your Father’s plan. Thank you for dying on the cross for our sins, and coming to rescue us from sin and death. Amen.

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

After Jesus was born, wise men came to Bethlehem to worship Him as King. When they left, an angel told Joseph in a dream to leave Bethlehem because King Herod wanted to hurt 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 took a trip to Jerusalem for a special celebration called Passover. On Passover, the Jewish people got together to remember when God saved His people from slavery in Egypt. They celebrated all the things God had done for them.

When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem. After the celebration, Mary and Joseph started to go home. They traveled with a large group of people, but Jesus was not with them. Mary and Joseph thought that Jesus was somewhere in the group, but He had stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Mary and Joseph walked for a whole day. Then they started looking for Jesus. They searched among their friends and family, but they could not find Jesus anywhere!

Mary and Joseph hurried back to Jerusalem. They looked for Jesus, but they could not find Him. Jerusalem was a big city, and Jesus was just a boy.

Finally, Mary and Joseph found Him in the temple (***Show the picture of Jesus as a Child***). Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. The people were surprised at how much Jesus understood. Jesus' parents were surprised too. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this? Your father and I were worried. We've been looking everywhere for You."

Jesus asked, "Why were you looking for Me? Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

Mary and Joseph did not understand what Jesus was talking about. Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph. He always obeyed them, and Mary remembered these things. Jesus grew taller and wiser. God was happy with Him, and so was everyone who knew Him. **Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan (*Show the Main Point template*).**