

From Adam to Jesus

Bible Story: Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1

Memory Verse: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. **John 1:1-2**

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

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10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Aces in the Pot /LCR Dice Game

What You Need: 2 dice (per group), 2 tokens per player, a "pot"/bowl

What You Do:

- Each player starts with 2 tokens.
- Decide who goes first.
- Players take turns in a clockwise fashion. A player rolls the dice and loses tokens according to the following rules.
 - If one of the dice show a "1", he puts one of his tokens in the pot.
 - If he rolls double "1s", he puts two tokens (or one if that is all he has) in the pot.
 - If he rolls one "6" (the number 6, not a combination that adds to six) he must pass one token to the player on his left.
 - If he rolls a double "6", he passes two tokens (or one, if that is all he has) to the player on his left.
 - If he rolls neither a "1" nor a "6", he takes no action and passes the dice.
 - If a player has no tokens, he is out of the game and can still receive tokens! He is unable to roll the dice, and passes his turn until such time as he has gained one or more tokens.
 - Play continues until all tokens are in the pot except for one. The player with the last remaining token rolls the dice three times in a row. If he does not roll a "6" he wins. If he rolls a "6", he passes the dice to the next player who rolls the dice three times, and so forth. The first player to roll the dice three times without rolling a "6" wins.

What You Say "That was a fun game. I love playing games with you guys. It helps me learn more about you. Like today I learned ... Let's clean up and get ready to hear about how we can Follow the Leader today.

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

CONTEXT

The prophecies concerning Jesus' birth are numerous, and many of them refer to Jesus' lineage. Old Testament prophecies tell of the promised Messiah being born from the seed of a woman (Gen. 3:15); from the seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:18), Isaac (Gen. 21:12), and Jacob (Num. 24:17); from the tribe of Judah (Micah 5:2); from the line of Jesse (Isa. 11:1); and from the house of David (Jer. 23:5). The prophecies said He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14) and would be the Son of God (1 Chron. 17:13-14; Ps. 2:7). Jesus fulfilled all of these prophecies.

In Bible times, Jews took great care to accurately record family genealogies. The family a person belonged to was directly linked to property rights. Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38 both chronicle the genealogy of Jesus. The account in Matthew presents Jesus as the king of the Jews—the legal heir to the throne of David. The account in Luke was written to Greek Christians and focuses on Jesus' descent from Adam.

Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem. He had earthly parents—Mary and Joseph—but His true Father is God. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

As fully God, “the entire fullness of God’s nature dwells bodily in Christ” (Col. 2:9). As fully man, Jesus has a human body, human mind, and human emotions. (See Luke 2:7,52; Matt. 26:38.) He is our sinless representative (2 Cor. 5:21), sympathetic high priest (Heb. 4:15), and substitute sacrifice (1 John 4:10).

Use this Bible story with the kids you teach to review Jesus’ ancestors and their stories in the Old Testament. Help kids recognize that God had been working out His plan to send Jesus over hundreds of years—through Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Rahab, Ruth, David, and others. God sent His Son to earth to save people from their sins.

TEACHING FOCUS (Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1)

As you tell kids about Jesus’s family tree, teach them that before He came to earth as a human being, God the Son was with the Father. No one created Him; He has always existed. God created the first people, Adam and Eve, but they did not obey Him. All along, God planned to send His Son to earth to save people from sin. At just the right time, Jesus came to earth as a baby.

Jesus had earthly parents so that He could relate to us and so that we would witness His love in all that He did especially dying for us. Jesus’ family was not a list of perfect people. All of Jesus’ ancestors were sinners, just like we are and just like our ancestors were. Even so, God used them in His miraculous plan to bring forgiveness to sinners because nothing could stop God’s plan to save the world.

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Today’s Takeaways

- God never forgets His promise. He promised salvation to His people in the Old Testament, He delivered on that promise by sending Jesus for us.
- He always wants to save people.
- God used imperfect people to bring about His perfect plan because He is in charge.
- **Bottom Line:** Nothing could stop God’s plan to save the world.
- God showed us His powerful love for us by sending Jesus because He wants us to believe in Him and to follow Him.

PRAYER AND TIME OF COMMITMENT

Give kids a chance to believe in Jesus for the first time. Remind them that God loves them so much that He sent Jesus to earth to pay for their sins. Lead them to pray as you pray. Pray that believers will submit their lives to the Holy Spirit, follow Jesus, and tell others about Him.

25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- **Where was Jesus before He was born as a human baby?** (*with God the Father, John 1:1*)
- **Who were three of the women named in Jesus’ family line?** (*Rahab, Ruth, and Mary; Matt. 1:5,16*)
- **Who was Jesus’ earthly father?** (*Joseph, Luke 3:23*)
- **Why is it important to understand who was part of Jesus’ family?** *Guide kids to understand that many of God’s promises about the coming Messiah had to do with specific families. Abraham,*

Isaac, and Jacob were promised blessings to bless the world; and David was promised a descendant who would reign forever. Seeing Jesus' family line helps us understand that Jesus is the Messiah.

- **How do you feel knowing Jesus' family was not perfect?** Discuss the idea that God uses imperfect people to bring about His perfect plans. Jesus' family was not perfect, our families are not perfect, and we are not perfect. Even so, God can use us in His plans.
- **How can we be a part of God's family?** Remind kids that Jesus' death and resurrection made the way for us to be forgiven of sin and adopted into God's family. Even though people in God's family are not perfect, we can love one another and help one another with God's power and help. Someday all believers will be perfected at Jesus' return and the restoration of the world.

Activity: Fully God, Fully Man

What You Need: Attributes of God Printable (1 set per group, cut apart), Bibles

What You Do:

- Before group, hide the cards around the room.
- Challenge kids to find cards and sort them into two categories – things that describe only God, and things that can describe God and people.
- As time allows, select kids to find and read the referenced Bible verses on the cards.

What You Say “We saw today that Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah. Is Jesus God or human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human. The traits that describe God alone are called incommunicable attributes-like eternal, all-knowing, holy, everywhere, sovereign, and unchanging.

We are made in God's image and can reflect some of His attributes- His communicable attributes-like truthful, loving, just, merciful, and good.

Jesus came to earth as a baby, and He had earthly parents. But Jesus' true Father is God. Jesus never stopped being God when He came to earth, but He fully took the form of a man. (Use this time to allow kids to ask questions about this or other things they want to know about God. If you do not know the answer, ask them if you can get back to them with the answer later.)

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, Bible Memory Verse Grid Poster laminated or put in page protector, sticky notes, dry erase markers

What You Do:

- Show kids the Memory Verse Grid and have them say the verse with you 3 times.
- Then cover all the words with sticky notes.
- Split the group into 2 teams and give each team a different color dry erase marker.
- Get teams to take turns in choosing a space and saying which word should be under the post it note.
- If they are correct, they can circle the word in their team color. They can discuss answers in their team but a different person must speak each time.
- The first team with 3 words in a row/across is the winner.

What You Say ” Jesus life as a human started when Mary became pregnant, but God the Son existed long before that. In fact, He has no beginning and no end. He has always existed and will always exist. That what our memory verse teaches. Jesus was with God the Father and the Holy Spirit at the start of creation, and He is God the Son.”



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Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed.

What You Say:

"Father, thank You for sending Your perfect Son to live a perfect life and die the death we deserve. Help us to see Jesus, the Word made flesh, more clearly today. Help us love Him more and obey Him better. Amen.

5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCEAs adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Question: **Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.** Encourage families to pick up the Family Study Guide online or on the slat wall. "