

In the Beginning...Jesus



Lesson 33 Jesus: Son of God

Themes:

- Jesus is fully God and became fully Man.
- Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament promises concerning His deity.
- Because Jesus is God, He is able to do what God's people could not do—save sinners.
- Jesus is the only way sinners may be saved.

Scripture:

Matthew 8:23-27; John 1:1-3, 14, 51; 6:32-33, 35; 8:53, 56-58; 14:6

Memory Verse:

John 1:14a (and review verses 1-13)

Jesus Fulfilled These Old Testament Clues:

BREAD FROM HEAVEN, I AM, ONE WAY

Home and Heart:

Read Colossians 1:15-19. Who do these verse describe? What does it mean that Jesus is the “image” of the invisible God? (See Hebrews 1:3a.) What does it mean that “all the fullness of God” dwells in Jesus? What does the word “preeminent” mean? Think of attributes of God; He is holy, almighty, eternal, righteous, faithful, wise, good, merciful, etc. Do these attributes also belong to Jesus? [Yes.] Have your child recall ways Jesus demonstrated His *deity* (God-ness) while He lived on earth as a man. Because Jesus is fully God, what is He able to do that no other person could do? (Read verses 20-22.)

Read Philippians 2:5-8. Even though Jesus is fully God, what did He do? (You may need to explain that Jesus never stopped “being fully God” while He was on earth. Rather, He gave up some of the privilege and status of His God-ness. For example: Jesus is almighty, yet in obedience to His Father, Jesus did not use this power at times.) According to these verses, did Jesus do this willingly? How should this serve as an example for us? Why does verse 5 say we should have this mindset, too? How would that be lived out? (Read verses 3-4.) Is this hard to do? Why?

Point out that there are many religions in the world that believe Jesus was just “a good man,” just “a good teacher,” or just “one of God’s prophets.” According to the verses read in this lesson, was Jesus *just* a good man, teacher, and prophet? Who does the Bible say Jesus really is? Does this matter? Why? Read and discuss John 14:6 and Acts 4:12. What do these verses say? Can salvation come through anyone else? Who do you believe Jesus is?

