



Growing as followers of Jesus

Leaders Guide

Introduction:

This week we are exploring who Jesus is.

Every Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and part of that story is the incredible announcement that Jesus is God with us. This session we introduced the gospels as the place to learn about Jesus that each one gives us a unique perspective.

Ideas for families:

There are some elements where kids, might talk to you about what they have done or ask you to share some of our thoughts. It is good to have a quality times of talking with our kids, and it is great to be able to talk about faith and discipleship. Some of the activities might work well if you become involved, especially the one which challenge them to do some things during the week, and it could be great if you could come up with some simple's ideas to help them remember to do some of the activities.

Ideas for Congregations:

Here are some activities that you can weave into a service or use with a group/ groups to help them think about how Jesus is God with us.

Question Time?

What is your favorite gospel and why?

What does is show you about Jesus and God that really matters to you?

How does Jesus show you who God is? You could turn this into a worksheet for the whole congregation and they could share it with each other's.





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Gathering idea

Draw a picture of a time when you felt like that Jesus was with you or a picture of how you think that Jesus is with you. Talk about what you have drawn with someone in your family or congregations and about Jesus being you.

Draw a body shape on a series of A4 shapes. Spread them amongst the community and get people to draw or write what is important to them about Jesus.

Heart of the Story (Everyone Chat)

Get a person to stand in the middle and place a few children (and adult) around them, ask each one to describe what they see exactly about the person.

Highlight for people that whilst they are looking at the same person what they see is different, because of what is most important to them and what is closest to them....

Have 4 sheets of paper, one with Mathew, one with Mark, Luke, and John on them.

Give them to our people surrounding them. All of them were seeing the same Jesus but each of them shows us different part, sometimes they overlap sometimes they do not. But all of them help us to know and understand who Jesus is.

Activities

This is a great opportunity to get out bibles and help kids to find the gospels and explain how it works. We do have sessions coming on what is the bible. The key to this session is understanding Jesus was a real person in history and in the Bible, we have 4 people who share the story of who Jesus was.

You could have a treasure hunt where you need to find a reading about Jesus so the kids learn how to look things up.

You could get the kids to look at a story and act it out to the rest of the group. Luke 2:41-46 is a great story of Jesus as a young person. It helps us to connect to him as a person but also understand that even from that young age he had a special relationship with God.





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Who is Jesus?

Name of
the Book

Chapter

Verse

MATHEW 1 18-23

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet[b] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, [c] because he will save his people from their sins." 22. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" [d] (which means "God with us")

Write or draw 3 things you might already know about Jesus.



Jesus was a very special human being; in the Church we say that Jesus was God's Present on the earth walking amongst us.

So, For Christians, Jesus is the best one to teach us and help us to connect with God. We learn about Jesus' life specifically in the 4 gospels found in the bible, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. Each of them gives us a different perspective and report on different part of Jesus life based on what is most important to them. If you want a quick read have a look through Mark, if you are a girl, you might be interested in how Luke talks about the women around Jesus, if you want to see how it fits within the Jewish tradition of which Jesus was part of read Mathew, if you love deep thinking visit John. Jesus did amazing things, told amazing stories, and changed the way the whole world saw God, why not check it out for yourself!

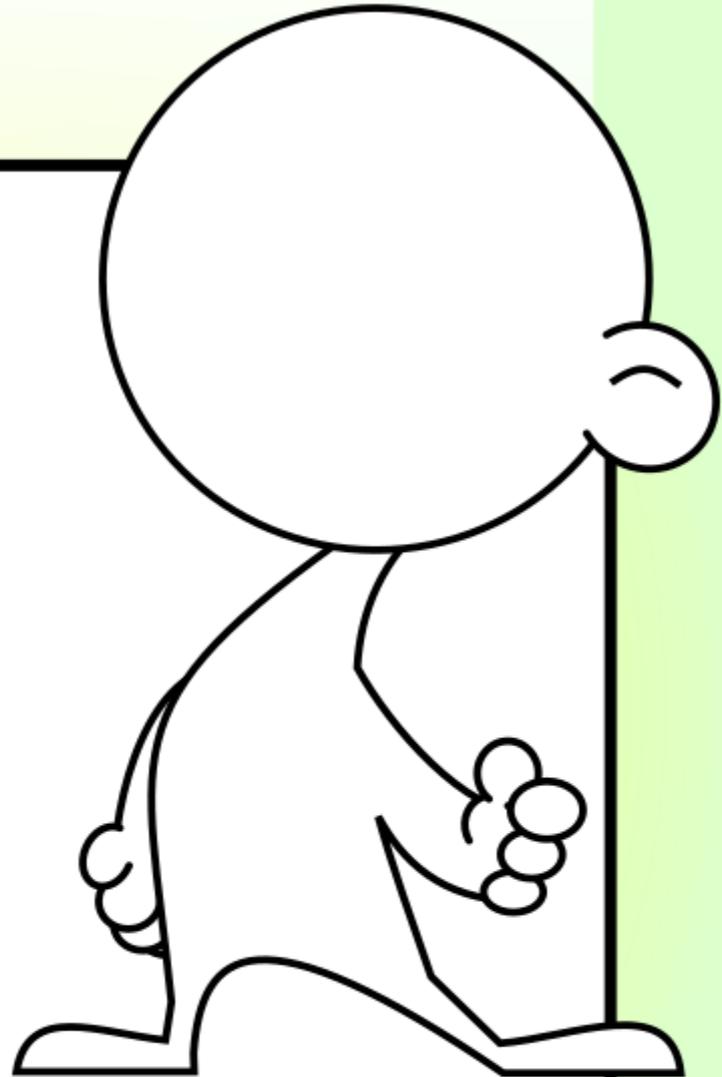
PRAISING GOD,

Jesus, thank you for being with us. It is amazing to think that you are God and that you are always with us wherever we are and what ever we are doing. Thank you for knowing us about God. Amen

SORRY GOD!

Jesus, we know that you are already with us. You ask us to love other people the way that you did, and we are sorry when we forget to. Help us to remember you to live well as we follow your way. Amen.

Jesus is God on earth, God like a person and God who could be seen doing the things God wants us to do. Add the human features to the blank person below. Write some of the things you think Jesus showed others.



TELLING OTHERS!

Challenge with you friends, how many things you know about Jesus? Get an adult to check to see who wins!

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Ask an adult what the most unusual story is you know about Jesus.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Check out the video by the Bible Project - Who is Jesus?
<https://youtu.be/p7XRPGzL6kk>

BLESSING

Bless me God that I might walk in your ways all the days of my life, may I be a guide to show others the way to you. Amen

