

# LESSON 1

## WHO IS JESUS?

### BEFORE YOU TEACH

#### The Name of Jesus

The name “Jesus” means “YHWH saves” and was revealed to Mary by an angel (Lk 1:31). The name itself was common in the Old Testament (cf. Joshua). But when Mary gave birth (after conceiving through the Holy Spirit) and named the child Jesus, “Jesus” became the name of the one true God. He had previously only been known as “I AM” or “YHWH,” a word so ancient and unspoken its actual pronunciation was forgotten.

Before immersing ourselves into what Jesus has done and is doing, we need to know who Jesus is. “Who is Jesus?” Simply put, Jesus is our God. What He has done in the past are only reflections of what He can do in us today (Jn 21:25). Every title He has and every action that Jesus does leads back to the meaning of His name, to the fact that Jesus is God and that He saves.

#### Titles of Jesus

In the New Testament, Jesus has many different titles. They include the Word, the Lamb of God, Faithful and True, and, famously, the seven “I am’s” as recorded in the Gospel of John. However, they are not just mere titles. The many names serve to show that He is God, He is love, and He is the Savior. His love, care, and offer of salvation for everyone are best demonstrated in everything He said and did while on earth—in other words, His miracles and teachings. Through these events, Jesus showed the vast roles He plays in our lives. He has not changed and continues to take on the roles of counselor, friend and Savior for all who come to Him today. The following are the titles that Jesus Himself has claimed, thereby erasing all doubt that He is the Lord God.

The Son of Man	Mt 8:20; 16:27; Mk 8:31, 38; 9:9; Lk 6:22; Jn 1:12:23, 34
The Son of God	Mt 11:27; Mk 14:61-62; Lk 8:28; 10:22; Jn 1:18; 3:35-36
The Messiah/Christ	Mt 23:9-10; Mk 8:29-30; Lk 24:25-27; Jn 4:25-26
Teacher/Master	Mt 26:18; Jn 13:13-14
Lord	Mk 5:19; Jn 13:13-14; 20:28
Savior	Lk 19:10; Jn 3:17

#### The Prophecies About Jesus

There are a number of passages in the Old Testament that tell about a specific person God would send to save the Israelites from their sins. This person was, of course, Jesus Christ. These passages include details about the birth of Jesus (Isa 11:1; Jer 33:15; Ezek 37:24), His name (Isa 7:14), His sufferings (Ps 22; Isa 53), His crucifixion (Ps 22), and His resurrection (Ps 16:9-11; Isa 53:10-11). In fact, the Old Testament pointed to the coming of the Messiah, the one who would carry out God’s plan of salvation.

### BIBLE TEXT

Luke 5:1-11, 17-35

### BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus is God, the Son of God, the long awaited Messiah, and our Savior.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To realize that, unless we constantly strive to know who Jesus is, we cannot be close to Him.
2. To know that God is there to protect His children and to look after them, if they completely trust in Him.
3. To remember that Jesus is still working now and, when we worship in His name, He is with us.

### MEMORY VERSE

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

(2 Peter 3:18a)

### PRAYER

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Lord Jesus, we are about to begin a new quarter. In this quarter, we will be learning more about You and the wonderful things that You did while You were on earth. You came to save us from sin; because You died for us, we can be closer to You. You are our Savior. Please help us to understand Your words and teachings. Help us learn how to keep You in our lives every day. We praise Your holy name. Hallelujah! Amen.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENTS

“Who is Jesus?” How would your students answer this question? They may say that He is the Savior, the only true God, or the long awaited Messiah. While this is all true, what kind of impact does this have on them? Your students are still at an age where having a deep understanding of the roles of Jesus is difficult, but their answers can be more than mere lip service. At this age, learning is primarily based on memorization. The more stories and testimonies they hear from you, the deeper their appreciation of who Jesus is will become. Reflect on how you understood Jesus when you were in elementary school, and on the simplicity of what Jesus does. He teaches, we learn; He heals, we pray to Him; He is God,

we come to church and worship Him.

The lessons throughout this quarter all focus on Jesus and His teachings. This is a great opportunity for the students to develop a personal relationship with Him. They need to experience for themselves that Jesus is more than a figure in the Bible. In turn, they will learn how all of these roles Jesus plays can help them rely on Him whenever they need help in any area of their lives. When they need a friend, a teacher, a helper, a comforter, or a Savior, they should be able to go to Jesus. Always encourage them to pray constantly and to read the Bible with their family at home. This way, their relationship with God will grow stronger with each day.

### VOCABULARY

**Savior:** one who rescues and saves

**Christ:** the anointed one; the only one who can save us

**conceive:** to become pregnant

**compassion:** pity or sympathy; the desire to help someone who is having difficulties

**disciple:** follower, student

**forgiveness:** to pardon, to release someone from the bad things they did

### REVIEW

#### Elementary 1 Year 2 Book 3: Blessed Are the Obedient

Lesson 1: Solomon Requests Wisdom

Lesson 2: Solomon Builds the Temple of God

Lesson 3: Solomon's Failure

Lesson 4: Josiah Repairs the Temple

Lesson 5: Queen Esther

Lesson 6: Mordecai and Haman

Lesson 7: The Jews Are Saved

Lesson 8: Ezra and Nehemiah

Lesson 9: Daniel and His Three Friends

Lesson 10: The Fiery Furnace

Lesson 11: The Writing on the Wall

Lesson 12: Daniel in the Lions' Den

Lesson 13: Review

**Themes from this book:** Choosing to listen to and obey God; following God's directions; being loyal to God; growing in God's wisdom

**Key characters:** Solomon; Josiah; Esther; Ezra; Nehemiah; Daniel

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## BIBLE STORY

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Who can tell me the names of some of the people you learned about last quarter? We learned about kings, queens, and prophets [give students time to recall and prompt them if necessary, e.g., "Remember Queen Esther? Who was she and what did she do?"]. Today, we are going to fast forward hundreds of years from the time of these servants of God and learn about someone who was greater than any king or queen. This Person was more powerful than them and an even more faithful servant who did everything God wanted Him to do. We are going to learn about Jesus this quarter. Even though Jesus taught and performed miracles for only three years, He did many things for all the people around Him to show them that He was not just the Son of Man, but that He was also the Son of God.

Let's first play a short game to see how much we already know about Jesus. We are going to play heads down, thumbs up [ask students to put their heads down on their desks and close their eyes]. Thumbs up if you know: who Jesus is; how Jesus was born; that Jesus was a teacher; that Jesus was a Shepherd; that Jesus was a doctor; that Jesus was a leader. Thumbs up if you think: that Jesus stopped working after He resurrected; that Jesus is still working now.

Jesus is God, and He came to earth. Can you believe that? Two thousand years ago, Jesus was on earth. He was a baby once, too, but He was conceived in a very special way—by the Holy Spirit. This showed that He was God. Still, He grew up just like each one of you. He would get hungry like us and get tired like us, but He wasn't just like any of us. Not many people knew how great Jesus was; a lot of people thought that He was just an ordinary man and barely *anybody* knew that He was God. Only those closest to Him knew that He was the Son of Man and the Son of God. This was because Jesus had a special mission while He was on earth for all the people then and for us today. Turn to the classmate next to you and quickly discuss what Jesus came to earth to do. [Allow each pair to respond.] Jesus came to die for us so that we could be saved and believe in Him. There are two words I want you to remember today: Savior and Christ. Jesus is both of these things. As a Savior, He can rescue us from sin. Christ is a special name that means "anointed one," meaning only Jesus can save us. There are a lot of things only Jesus can do because He alone is God. Only those who were really close to Him knew this. So this quarter, we are going to learn about what He taught while He was on earth so that we can grow closer to Him and know how He can always help us.

Jesus loved to be with all the people because He loved them. Sometimes, He would barely have time to eat or rest because so many people needed His help. Today, we will learn two stories of how Jesus helped two people see who He really was. One of them was someone who was very

close to Him, a disciple of His called Simon Peter; the other was a complete stranger who really needed help, and Jesus did more than help him.

[It may help students if when each time a different role/title of Jesus is mentioned, it is written on the board to help illustrate the vast number of roles Jesus plays in our lives and to help them follow the narrative. Italicized words in parentheses in the story below are the roles/titles that can be written on the board.]

When Jesus began preaching, He would preach to hundreds of people. There were so many people that He couldn't fit everyone into a classroom like ours, or even a chapel like ours. He would teach outside. One day, He walked by some boats where fishermen were washing their nets. One of these boats was owned by a man called Peter. To be able to teach all of the people (*Teacher*), He climbed into the boat and asked Peter to row a little bit away from the shore. Jesus taught them everything about God and about why He had come to this earth. When He had finished, He told Peter to throw his net into the water to catch some fish. Peter said, "Master, we have worked all night and caught nothing, but at Your word I will let down my net." (*Master*.) Peter obeyed Him, and when he threw the net in, he caught so many fish that other people had to help him because the net was breaking. This was a miracle! Jesus had allowed such a great number of fish to be caught. Peter immediately knew that Jesus wasn't an ordinary man or teacher. He fell at His feet and cried, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (*Lord*.) [Have students take turns acting this out by falling on their knees and saying it.] Imagine how afraid and guilty Peter must have felt. He may have done bad things in the past, and he may have doubted that he would be able to catch any fish, but he knew without a doubt that Jesus was Lord. Jesus loved Peter and He said, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." Jesus is the only one who can forgive sins because He is God, so He wanted Peter to follow Him and know more about who He was. He wanted Peter to stop catching fish and instead bring other people to know who Jesus was—someone who could command creation, change lives, and save them.

Peter did follow Jesus, along with his brother Andrew and his friends, James and John; they followed Jesus for three years. As one of Jesus' disciples, Peter saw everything Jesus did and slowly learned of who Jesus is. One day, after following Him for a while, Jesus asked Peter, "Who do other people say that I, the Son of Man, am?" Peter answered that some people thought that He was like other prophets, the servants of God that we learned about in previous lessons. But Peter knew better.

So when Jesus asked Peter who he thought He was, Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living

God." Hallelujah! Children, if we can keep ourselves close to Jesus by praying, reading the Bible, and coming to church, we too can learn who Jesus is because He is our best teacher. We also have to follow what Jesus said to Peter and all the other disciples! We have to bring other people to know Jesus; we have to become fishers of men.

Not long after Jesus taught on Peter's boat, he went around to different places and taught and healed people. There were so many people who needed to be healed and who wanted to hear what Jesus said; people were beginning to see that He was not an ordinary man, that He was the Son of Man and Son of God. One time, Jesus was teaching in a house and nearby there was a man who couldn't walk. The man's friends really wanted him to see Jesus because they knew that Jesus would be able to heal him, but they couldn't get through the large crowd. So, they went onto the roof and lowered the man into the room so that Jesus could see the man. When Jesus saw this act, one full of love and faith, He said to the man, "Your sins are forgiven you." Do you think this healed the man so that he could walk again? This seems like a very strange thing for one man to say to another. If we say to someone, "Your sins are forgiven," does it mean anything? When Jesus said this, it meant that the man was set free from the bad things he had done. Jesus is God and this is why He could forgive sins. But a lot of people around Jesus weren't happy with this; they couldn't believe what Jesus said

because only God could forgive sins! How could this Jesus say something like this? They couldn't see that Jesus is God (*Son of Man; God*). They could only see what was in front of them and couldn't believe that Jesus is God. So, Jesus asked them, is it harder to say "Your sins are forgiven" or "Rise up and walk"? Have you ever seen anyone tell someone who couldn't walk to get up and walk, and that person could suddenly walk? Probably not. But Jesus did it. He had the power to heal people and, more importantly, to forgive their sins, because Jesus is God! So, He told the man to pick up the bed that he was sitting on and walk. The paralyzed man immediately stood up. Another miracle!

Why did Jesus first forgive this man's sins? Jesus forgave the sins of this stranger because He was full of love for him, just as Jesus loves us today. He wants us to stop doing things that displease God, because Jesus came to earth as our Savior and Christ. Do you still remember what these two words mean? [Wait for answers.] Jesus came and died for us, and He can do so much for us. He is our Teacher, our Healer. But most importantly, Jesus is our Savior and God. Now discuss with the classmate next to you how Jesus has already helped you in your life. [Allow each student to share.] Please share one role or title of Jesus and what it means to you [direct the students' attention towards the board to remind them of the different roles and titles of Jesus].

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

### Fill In the Blank/True or False/Questions to Think About

1. Jesus healed many \_\_\_\_\_ (sick) people because He loved them.
2. Jesus was the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ (Man) and the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ (God).
3. Jesus didn't want Peter to follow Him because Peter had sinned. False; Jesus asked him to follow Him.
4. Jesus is Christ, which means the "anointed one." True.
5. Jesus has the power to forgive and save everyone because He is God. True.
6. What are some of the titles of Jesus? What do they mean? Son of Man: Jesus was born on earth; Son of God: Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Christ/Messiah: the anointed one; Savior: He came to save everyone; Teacher: He would teach His disciples how they could be saved.
7. What was Jesus' mission or purpose on earth? To save people and forgive their sins.
8. Why did Jesus heal everyone who came to Him? Because He loved them and wanted them to know that He is God/the Son of God.
9. Jesus helped many people, even people who were sinners. Is it okay to help sinners? Answers may vary; ask for reasons. An important point to bring up to make them think: are we sinners? Jesus helped sinners, so we need to follow what Jesus did and help as many people know about Jesus as possible.
10. Why did God have to come in the form of a man to save us? Answers may vary. Important points: He loves us; this was His plan; He wants us to be closer to Him and to know who Jesus is.

## MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Please reinforce the memory verse every week.  
You can practice the memory verse with your students anytime during class.

**“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18a)**

## SPIRITUAL TEACHING & LIFE APPLICATION

### 1. Unless we constantly strive to know who Jesus is, we cannot be close to Him.

Our book this quarter is titled “Who Is Jesus?” You may wonder, “Does it really take twelve lessons for us to learn who Jesus is?” Well, in fact, it takes far more than just twelve lessons for us to really get to know who Jesus is—it takes a lifetime! When Peter first met Jesus, he had just spent the entire night in the sea catching fish. How many did he and the other fisherman catch? [Let students answer.] He didn’t catch any! Remember, Peter was a professional fisherman. He couldn’t catch any fish that night. Imagine walking up to him and saying, “Throw your net into the water again and catch some fish.” Would Peter have listened to you? [Let students answer.] Probably not. However, he did when Jesus told him to do so. Why? He respected Jesus as a teacher and therefore humbled himself before Him. In the same way, we also need to humble ourselves if we want to know who Jesus is. We need to listen carefully to what Jesus says, and do it with a humble heart. What happened to Peter when he listened? He caught so many fish that his net started breaking! It was a miracle! Today, even though Jesus is no longer on earth, He is alive and watching over us. He reveals His teachings to us through the Bible. We need to study diligently and act upon His word, just like Peter did when he listened to Jesus and threw his net back in the sea.

When Peter first met Jesus, he called Him a “master.” But what did he call Jesus after he witnessed a miracle? [Let students answer.] He called Him “Lord.” He knew that Jesus was not just an ordinary man. However, to be able to say “Jesus is Lord” is merely the first step in our walk with Jesus. Like Peter, it took him constant discipleship before he confessed that Jesus is the Son of God. The Bible says, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (Jas 4:8). Unless we constantly strive to know who Jesus is, we cannot be close to Him. So, how can we get close to Jesus? When Jesus was on earth, He already predicted His own death. But before He was nailed on the cross, He said to His disciples, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (Jn 14:26). Jesus has promised to send us His Spirit to help us! Students, do you know what Jesus’ Spirit is? [Let students answer.] Jesus’ Spirit is the Holy Spirit! When people receive the Holy Spirit, they receive Jesus inside them. This is why we have to earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit. We cannot be close to Jesus and understand His word unless we constantly strive to know who He is.

Students, how earnestly are you praying for the Holy Spirit? Are you humble enough, diligent enough, and desperate enough for the Holy Spirit? Being “earnest” and “desperate” for something means to want something really, really bad. Now, think of something that you really want. [Let students think.] Remember that feeling and double it! That’s called “desire.” You want it so bad. And now, triple that feeling! This is what “earnest” and “desperate” feel like. You want something so bad that you will keep trying and trying to obtain it until you receive it. You will not give up and you will not get lazy. This is how we should be when praying for the Holy Spirit! Are you ready? Here is a short testimony to encourage us.

Rachel had just come home from Student Spiritual Convocation. Together with some other students, she had been praying for the Holy Spirit very hard. She was determined to receive God in her heart and follow Him wholeheartedly. However, she didn’t get the Holy Spirit during SSC. Still, the pastor had told her that the Spirit moved her. He encouraged her to keep praying and never give up. Rachel took the pastor’s words to heart and decided to pray as much as she could until she received the Holy Spirit. As soon as Rachel stepped into her room, she knelt down again to pray. The Holy Spirit was so close to dwelling within her, all she needed to do was pray earnestly and sincerely for it. She knew that the Holy Spirit would help her understand the word of God. In her desperation and longing, Rachel prayed for an hour that night and finally received the Holy Spirit. She was overwhelmed with joy!

Students, do you have this longing for God?

## 2. God is there to protect His children and to look after them, if they completely trust in Him.

Now, take a minute to think about how Jesus has helped you in your life. [Let each student share.] Indeed, Jesus can help us with everything! It's amazing! Today, Jesus gave us His Spirit so that He could always be with us. John 14:18 says, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." If we have the Holy Spirit, then Jesus is with us, so we have to pray earnestly and ask God to enter our hearts and help us when we do not know what to do. The more we understand how Jesus helps us every day, the closer we will draw to Him. Let me share a testimony with you from a member in the True Jesus Church.

When I was 14, I was good friends with a group of people in school. We did everything together—walk to school in the morning, go to classes, eat lunch, sit on the playground and talk, go to afterschool activities, etc. I loved being with them very much. However, I started to notice something was wrong. They began to use many "bad words" in our conversations that were violent and very disrespectful. One after another, all of my friends were using those words. They used those words so frequently that it was as if they created a whole new language. I knew right from the beginning that using those words was not right in God's eyes, so I didn't say any of them, even though I started to feel as if I spoke a different language than they did. However, as time went by, I began to feel some pressure.

One time, my friend said to me, "You seem so different from the rest of us." And then another friend of mine responded, "Yeah, she's a Christian." Thinking back, I should have been very proud of myself. But at that time, I actually felt very hurt after that conversation. I thought that my friends didn't like me because I was different—I was the only Christian among my friends! I was very tempted to try saying some of those "bad words" just so I could fit in better at school. I was afraid of losing my friend. However, that thought always disappeared as soon as I prayed to God every night. Every time I prayed, I felt guilt in my heart, and I knew it came from the temptation I had. I couldn't pray about anything else until I repented to God.

A few months went by; I went through a cycle of being tempted, repenting, and then back to being tempted again. At that point, I knew it was the work of the Holy Spirit constantly fighting for me against my temptation. He kept reminding me that what I was tempted to do would not please God. One day, I was at church and my prayers felt particularly strong. I prayed to God to give me strength so that I could follow the will of His Spirit. Miraculously, from that point on, I never felt tempted again. Every time I heard a bad word from my friends, I felt disgusted. Not only was I not tempted to say those words, I wanted to run away! Gradually, I found myself with a new group of friends. By the grace of God, His Spirit saved me from letting unholy words come out of my mouth!

Wow! Can you see how the Holy Spirit was a big helper in this testimony? What do you think would have happened to this church member if he didn't have the Holy Spirit? [Let students answer.] He would probably have given into his temptation and started using "bad words" to save his old friendships—friendships that weren't worth anything. There is nothing Jesus cannot do for us through His Spirit, and He is always with us. These are things we should never forget. "For with God nothing will be impossible" (Lk 1:37). Let's pray for His Spirit to dwell in us so that we can experience a closer relationship with Jesus!

## 3. Jesus may have been on this earth over two thousand years ago, but He is still working now and, when we worship in His name, He is with us.

Have you ever wondered, "What is Jesus doing right now? Has He gone somewhere to rest after sending us the Holy Spirit?" No. On the contrary, Jesus is working very hard right now! What is He doing? He is praying for us. He is watching us and praying for our every need. Why? So that we don't do bad things and sin, and so that we can one day see Him again in heaven. Because of His prayers, His Spirit that dwells inside of us can fight with us and for us against any temptations to sin.

Every time a sermon or a class begins, what does the pastor or teacher usually say? [Let students answer.] "In the name of Jesus Christ." "In the name of Jesus Christ" is how we begin any holy work. In other words, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to help us in our holy work so that we work according to God's will. Why is it so important for us to use Jesus' name, you might ask. From the Bible, we can find the answers. Let's turn to some Bible verses!

**1. Philippians 2:10**

*"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.*

Because we are worshipping Him when we do holy work, we begin our services, RE classes, and any holy work in His name.

**2. Acts 4:12**

*"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

Only by Jesus' name can we be saved. Jesus prays for us so that we don't sin. Why? Sins will keep us from going to heaven. Jesus loves us, died for us, and is praying for us. Everything He has done and is still doing is for one reason—for us to be saved. If we do not acknowledge Him, we have no part in God's salvation.

**3. John 14:13**

*"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."*

Whatever we ask in Jesus' name, He will give us. We live a temporary life on earth during which we will meet many challenges. But if we remember that we can always ask in Jesus' name for God's help, we will receive answers that will never lead us astray.

**4. Matthew 18:20**

*"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."*

When we gather in His name, Jesus is with us. Even though we cannot see Him, Jesus is here with us in class right now!

Students, these are little things that happen in our worship every day, but we should remember that they are not little at all. They are God's mighty work in our everyday lives. Jesus may have been on this earth over two thousand years ago, but He is still working now, and when we worship in His name, He is with us. Can you feel His presence in your everyday lives?

### HOMWORK ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. men
5. disciples
6. "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"
7. True
8. 1) Forgave his sins; 2) Healed him and made him walk.
9. Answers may vary.

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## ACTIVITIES

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**1****What Do You Believe?****Objective:** To help the students affirm their belief in Jesus.**Instructions**

Read each sentence carefully. Put a check mark next to the ones that mean Jesus is our Savior. Put an "X" next to the ones that say otherwise. Do you believe the sentences next to which you put a check mark? You should, because Jesus came to help and save us.

Next, give each student a partner and one of the correct descriptions of Jesus. Tell the pairs to brainstorm how these descriptions of Jesus can occur in our life today and to perform a skit for the rest of the students in the class. They must guess which description of Jesus it is. (E.g., "Jesus is my Savior"; students preach to their friends so that their friends may know who can save them. "Jesus is my teacher"; students put what they learn in RE classes into practice.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is an action hero, like a super soldier.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is just another character in the Bible. He is only a person from long, long ago.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is my Savior and Messiah. He loves me.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is only for sick people.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is my friend. He is always there to help me.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is my teacher. He teaches me to know more about Him.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is a healer. He alone can truly help us.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is not God. He is only the son of Mary.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus gives us hope that we can go to heaven.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus loves us but He cannot save us.

## 2

**Who Jesus Is to Me...**

**Objective:** To make posters to serve as reminders of who Jesus is and what He means to us.

Jesus should be at the center of our lives and more important than anything else.

**Materials**

- Poster or Bristol board
- Markers
- Scissors
- Construction paper (white and other colors)
- Decorative materials
- Glue

**Instructions**

1. In the center of the poster board, cut out or write "Jesus is..."
2. Brainstorm which titles or descriptions of Jesus you want to focus on. Come up with one for each student (the Savior, Christ, God, the light, my friend).
3. Cut out medium-sized circles and speech bubbles using white construction paper.
4. Ask students to draw their faces on the circles.
5. Write in each speech bubble, "Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in my life when..." Hand out one speech bubble per student.
6. Assign each student a description, and then ask the students to complete this description to show how Jesus completes this role/description in their lives and helps them to apply it to their lives.
7. Glue these faces and speech bubbles around the central "Jesus is..." and allow students to decorate the rest of the poster board using markers or construction paper. Make the poster board colorful, but remember that the speech bubbles and roles/titles should stand out the most.

## 3

**Singing Hymns**

**Objective:** To familiarize students with hymns about who Jesus is.

**Suggested hymns:** "He's Everything to Me," "Jesus Is All the World to Me" (1st verse only), or other appropriate children's hymns.

**Instructions**

1. Go through the lyrics slowly, depending on the students' reading levels.
2. Sing through it, emphasizing that we can remember who Jesus is by singing about Him every day.

## 4

**Remembering the Roles of Jesus / Optional**

**Objective:** To allow the students to remember what Jesus does for us through an interactive game.

**Instructions**

Assign each student a title of used for Jesus and sit in a circle. Play a name-memorization game where students call out different titles, instead of each other's names, while clapping in rhythm.

**Titles**

- Savior
- Christ
- Lord
- Son of God
- Son of Man
- Master
- Teacher

E1 Year 2 Book 4 Lesson 1—Who Is Jesus?

# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Truth:** Jesus is God, the Son of God, the long awaited Messiah, and our Savior.

- Lesson Objectives:**
1. To gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and what He means to us.
  2. To know the different roles Jesus held to those around Him.
  3. To learn how each of Jesus' roles can help us in our lives today.
  4. To realize that Jesus has to be the most important part of our lives.

**Bible Reading:** Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

**Prayer:** Please put a check mark in the space provided on the days you prayed to God.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Reading							
Prayer							

## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse.

(2 Peter 3:18a)

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## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Homework Assignment

*Understanding What You Have Learned*

## Multiple Choice

1. \_\_\_\_ : Which of these is NOT another title for Jesus?
  - a. Teacher
  - b. Son of Man
  - c. Fisherman
  - d. Master
  
2. \_\_\_\_ : Peter knew something about Jesus that not many people knew. What was it?
  - a. Jesus was the wisest teacher in the world.
  - b. Jesus was Christ and Son of the Living God.
  - c. Jesus was going to fight and become king.
  - d. Jesus had the power to heal people.
  
3. \_\_\_\_ : Why did Jesus heal people and become our Savior?
  - a. Because He has great power
  - b. Because people asked Him to
  - c. Because Jesus had nothing better to do
  - d. Because He loves mankind

## Fill In the Blank

4. Jesus wanted Peter to help Him preach, so Jesus told Peter, "I will make you fishers of \_\_\_\_."
5. The people who chose to follow Jesus and learn from Him were called \_\_\_\_\_.

## Puzzler

6. Rearrange these words to find out what Peter said to Jesus after a great miracle of catching fish!

(Lord, I, Depart, O, man, sinful, me, for, from, am, a)

" \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_!"

## True or False

7. Jesus is God, who came to earth and died for our sins so that we may be saved. \_\_\_\_\_

## Challenge

8. To show the people that He was God and had the power of God, Jesus did two things for the paralyzed man. What were they?
  - 1.
  - 2.

**Story-telling Time**

9. Tell two people about how Jesus showed that He is one of the following:  
Teacher, Master, Son of Man, Savior, Christ, Healer, God

Have the people fill out the sentence below for you:

**1st Listener**

I was told the story about how Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and I (circle one):

...enjoyed the story.

...only understood part of it.

...didn't understand the story.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Listener's Signature)

**2nd Listener**

I was told the story about how Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and I (circle one):

...enjoyed the story.

...only understood part of it.

...didn't understand the story.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Listener's Signature)