



Life of Christ

Who is Jesus?

Luke 2 & 24

Younger Verse

God showed His love...He sent His one and only Son. 1 John 4:9

Older Verse

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. 1 John 4:9

Lesson Goals

Tell who Jesus is
Explain why God sent Jesus

Welcome Time

Sing songs about Jesus (ex: Jesus loves me, Jesus loves the little children, Jesus in the morning, Deep Down in my Heart, etc.) Ask the kids who Jesus is. Really listen to see what their understanding is. Share that today's lesson is about Jesus.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We learn a lot of things about Jesus and how much He loves us. Do you know who Jesus is? This is our lesson for today.

At Christmas time, we learned a very important lesson about why we celebrate Christmas. Does anyone remember whose birthday it is? That's right! We celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas. He is the reason we have Christmas.

Jesus is God's Son. God sent Jesus to this world for a reason. We'll talk about that in a few minutes. First, let's see how Jesus came.

In Luke, chapter 2, we can read how Jesus came and where He was born. God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would become Jesus' mother. Through a special miracle, she became pregnant with Jesus. (This is more appropriate for older kids to understand.) She married a man named Joseph. Together, they had to travel to a town called Bethlehem because of the governor's law. It took them several days to get there because they had to walk or ride donkeys! They must have been really tired when they finally arrived in Bethlehem.

When they knocked on a door to get a room, they got a big surprise! There were no more rooms left! Oh, can you imagine how they felt, especially because they knew that Mary was about to have the baby.

The man at the door knew they needed somewhere to stay. So, he let them stay in the place where they kept the animals. He knew it would be a safe and warm place for them to spend the night.

Suddenly during the night, a miracle happened! Jesus was born. Mary and Joseph didn't have a crib for Jesus, so they put Him in a manger filled with hay. A manger is a place where animals eat their food.



That's how Jesus was born—Mary was Jesus' mother and Joseph was kind of like His adopted father. Do you remember who Jesus' father was? It's God!

Can you believe that God went to so much effort to send Jesus to us? He did this for a **very** important reason. Let me share it with you.

You see, God is perfect and pure. He cannot let anything into His presence in Heaven that is unclean on the inside. This means that anyone who has done something wrong (sinned) cannot be with God in Heaven.

God decided that there had to be a way for us to get to Heaven. But first, He had to figure out a way to make us clean on the inside, to get rid of all the bad things we have done.

God knew this could only happen if someone who was clean took our place and died for all our wrong things. Do you know what God did? He sent His only Son, Jesus, to do this. God knew that Jesus was pure and clean. He knew that Jesus could be our substitute and die to take away our sins. He could erase our wrongs so we could go to Heaven.

In Luke 23, we read that Jesus did die for our wrong things. The soldiers nailed Him to a wooden cross. When He died, some of His friends placed Him in a cave grave and sealed it with a big rock. In Luke 24, we read the best news of all!!! Jesus didn't stay dead. He came back to life 3 days later. Many people saw Him. They saw for themselves that Jesus was alive. Jesus shared with the people that because of what He did, people could be with God in Heaven.

Let me tell you how you can be with God in Heaven. You must believe that Jesus died for all the wrong things you have done. What do you do? Pray, asking God to forgive you for all the wrong you have done. Then, ask Jesus do come into your life. Know what? Jesus comes into your life and stays there forever. He helps you be a new person—it's like the old person is gone and you become a new person, trying to do what Jesus wants, and being best friends with Him.

Would you like to ask Jesus into your life? Talk to me about it anytime. (**Teachers:** when talking to the children about this, please let them tell you what they are thinking and feeling. Please do not ask them "yes" or "no" questions. Let them tell you what they know.)

Use activities that will help the kids tell you who Jesus is. Ask them questions about the lesson to see if they really understand. Be ready to go over the lesson again if needed, to help them learn this concept.

Learning Activities

There is a pretty picture that the kids can color that has the verse on it. Encourage the kids to color it and take it home. Ask them to think of places they can hang the sheet so they can remember the verse this week.

Memory Verse Activities

Model prayer for your kids. Show them how to be respectful to God by bowing heads and closing eyes. Make a circle and pray for specific needs.

Prayer Time

Help the children be responsible by teaching them the importance of picking up trash from the snacks and making the church look great when they leave.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Planning for January 20th
Who is the Holy Spirit?

Preschool Lesson
For
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God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be with us and live with us. Jesus loves us too! Do you remember what happened to Jesus? At Easter, we remember how Jesus died on a cross, but 3 days later, came back to life! That is the best news of all! Jesus is alive!

Thank God for sending His Son. Sing, "Jesus loves Me."

Hands-On Activities
For
Who is Jesus?

There are several object lessons to teach the kids about Jesus, how He was God and also Man. (too deep for younger kids)

Make a cross out of nails. Share how Jesus died and came back to life for us!

Make an Envelope Viewer and slide pictures of Jesus through the opening.

What would you say to Jesus? Have your kids write a letter to Jesus.

Make a paper box with pictures of Jesus on it.

Some of the older kids may have more questions about Jesus: how He was with God in the beginning (John 1:1), how Jesus was God but also Man, and how Jesus was tempted but NEVER sinned.