



Backyard Bible Clubs Curriculum



Day 1

Day 1- Jesus is the Son of God

BEFORE LESSON STARTS: Gather all needed items: Bible, Jesus Storybook Bible, whiteboard and markers for Bridge Diagram

THEMES THAT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT IN LESSON:

- God created the world and it was perfect. People could have perfect relationship with him (Adam & Eve)
- SIN - people disobeyed - sin separates us from God who is holy; Sin is anything you think, do, or say and we all are sinners
- Jesus made a way for us to be saved if we repent (turn away from sin and toward Jesus) and believe
 - Today's encounter shows us that Jesus is the Son of God and that Jesus obeys God and Jesus is who he says he is.

WORSHIP/GOSPEL/MEMORY VERSE:

- **Song:** *My God*
- **THEME** = Have everyone sit - talk about the overall theme of the week: we are going to encounter (meet) Jesus in the Bible this week and learn about who He is. But first we need to talk about some bad news and then some really good news.
- **GOSPEL** = Explain the Bridge diagram of the gospel. (Consider defining bolded words as you tell the gospel)
 - Start by writing the name GOD on one side of the board and talking about how He created the Garden of Eden, a perfect place for Adam and Eve to live. (Draw stick people on the other side of

the board for Adam and Eve.) He told them if they obeyed Him, they could live in a perfect relationship with Him forever! The bad news is they didn't obey, and they ate the forbidden fruit. Adam and Eve sinned, **sin** entered the world and now we are all born sinners. And because God is **holy**, we can't be in perfect fellowship with Him. We are separated from God because of our sin. This created a **chasm**, an infinitely deep and HUGE hole that no one could ever cross (draw the chasm). And God could have left it that way! But did He? No! He loves us so much He made a way for us to have a relationship with Him again. And that way was JESUS, His son, who came and took our sins by dying on the cross and defeating death. (Draw the bridge of the cross.) This is a message of GOOD NEWS, which we call the Gospel. We have the opportunity to **repent** and believe in Jesus to restore our relationship with God and have eternal life in heaven one day. And this week we will be talking about this so everyone here understands this good news and can decide to follow Jesus!

- **MEMORY VERSE** = John 20:31- **But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.
 - (Discuss the bolded portion, adding new bolded portions each day, but the entire verse is covered in the song every day).
 - Bible Verse Summary Statement: John, a follower of Jesus, wrote the book of John in the Bible, so that we could know that Jesus is the Son of God. He came to save us from our broken promise of sin.
- **Song** *Life in His Name (John 20:31)*
- **Song** *My Feet Are on the Rock*

OPEN IN PRAYER

LESSON:

This week, we will be studying about Jesus, God's one and only Son. (Show kids a Bible). This is a Bible; it is God's Word to us, His People and in it He tells us His story (history), giving us all that we need to know Him and believe in Him. The Bible tells us that God created all things and that Jesus, His only Son, and the Holy Spirit were with Him at the very beginning. You will hear us talk about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit this week, and that is called the trinity. All of the parts of the trinity are equal, which you might have heard in the song we just sang when it said, 1+1+1=1.

All that we read in the Bible is real. It really happened, just the way that it is told to us in God's Word. To know God, we need to read His Word, learn the truth about who He is and who we are, and do what it tells us to do, while

always remembering that no matter what- God always keeps His promises. He is always truthful, always loving, always fair, and always good.

Today's story talks about a man named John the Baptist. He was actually the cousin of Jesus. God had a special job for John. God wanted John to tell everyone about Jesus. He went into the desert and began telling them that Jesus was coming to save us from our sins. People from all around began to listen to John, as John taught about Jesus. They began to understand that they were sinners, breaking the promise that God had made with them. They were sorry for what they had done and wanted to please God.

- (Hand out Bibles) Everyone turn to pg 128 in the *Following Jesus* Bibles.
- We will be looking at Matthew 3:1-6, and 3:13-17. Read the Bible story.

John told them day after day about Jesus the Messiah. He said that they only had to believe in Jesus, and they would be saved. After they believed, they would be baptized to show that they put their trust in Jesus. And then one day, something amazing happened. Jesus came to the river, where John was teaching and baptizing the people. Jesus asked to be baptized by John too, to do the work that God sent Him to do. When Jesus came up out of the water, an awesome thing happened. God's voice spoke, "This is My Son, and I am very pleased with Him." The Holy Spirit appeared as a dove to show the people that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit are one. God the Father was displaying that Jesus has authority, He is Lord, and people should listen to him.

LESSON QUESTIONS FOR RECAP:

- Who was preaching to the people? *John the Baptist*
- What was his message? *Turn from your sins (repent). Trust in Jesus as your Savior.*
- Why was Jesus baptized? *To show His perfect obedience to the Father. He obeyed the 1st time, every time, all the time. He did not have to repent from His sins.*
- What happened after Jesus was baptized? *The Holy Spirit came in the form of a dove. God spoke from a cloud.*
- What did God the Father say about His Son Jesus? *I am very pleased with Him.*
- Does baptism save us? *No! We are saved by repenting and believing in Jesus died for us our sins and rose again. Baptism is a public display of faith in Jesus.*

CLOSE IN PRAYER

DAY ONE CLOSING: Review the encounter taught us Jesus is the son of God.
Review the Bible verse. Wrap up with a song

- Review Bible Verse for day - **John 20:31** “**But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,** the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”
- *Song: Create in Me*



DAY 2

Day 2- Jesus is the Son of God and has power over creation

BEFORE LESSON STARTS:

- Gather all needed items: Bible, optional opener items for sink or float (bucket of water, items such as coin, toothpick, rock, bottle of water, toy, apple, etc.)
- Write on board: Jesus is the Son of God

DAY 2 KEY THEMES:

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus has power over all creation.

WORSHIP/MEMORY VERSE/GOSPEL:

- **Song:** My Feet Are on the Rock
- **BIBLE VERSE = John 20:31- But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,** and that by believing you may have life in His name. (learn bolded; new today is Son of God, which ties in with what we learned on day 1)
- **Song:** Life in His Name (verse song)
- **GOSPEL:** This week, we are studying about Jesus, the Son of God. Yesterday we talked about why there is a **chasm** between us and God and how there is only one way to get to God—through Jesus, His son. (Draw the bridge diagram again and explain it. This time ask more questions, such as, Can being good get us to God? What is sin? What does it mean to repent? etc.) Review that the trinity means God the Father, God the son/Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.
- **Song:** Sing Wherever I Go

OPEN IN PRAYER

LESSON:

Optional Opener: Sink or float illustration. Using a bucket of water, choose a variety of objects to ask the kids to vote, will it sink or will it float? Example items: Penny, toothpick, paper clip, orange or apple, bottle of water, rock,

popsicle stick, etc. The last item can be to ask if a person would sink or float if they stepped in the bucket. People naturally sink in water unless someone is more powerful than all of creation!

Today, we are going to see that God has power over all creation. After all, He made (created) all things, surely, He has power over all the things that He has made (creation).

- What did God say about His Son in our lesson yesterday? Jesus is the Son of God.

(Show kids a Bible) What is this? A Bible, it is God's Word to us, His People. In it, He tells us that He has given us all that we need to know Him and believe in Him, as our Maker, our Promise Keeper, all-powerful God. Remember, all that we read in the Bible really happened, just the way that it is told to us in God's Word. To know God, we need to read His Word, learn Who He is, and see how He wants us to live by the truth that He tells us in His Word.

Today's lesson is about Jesus, God's Son, and His great power. After Jesus's baptism, He started to tell people why He had come to earth, leaving His home in Heaven. He explained that He was the only One that could save us from our sins, because He alone could always obey God the Father and keep the promise that we had broken. As He told others about Himself, some began to follow Him. Although many people (men, women, and children) followed, 12 men are specifically named in the Bible. They are called the **disciples**. These men traveled with Jesus, while He shared the story about how He was the Messiah, the Savior of our sins. Not only did God say that Jesus was His Son and the Holy Spirit confirmed His ministry, but today we are going to learn that Jesus has power over all creation.

Open your Bible to page 1043. Read Matthew 14:22-33.

In the Bible lesson today, we learned that not only is Jesus God's Son, but He has complete control over all of creation. He did something that no one else could do. He walked on water, calmed the storm, and saved Peter. The disciples worshiped Jesus. Truly, He really is the Son of God.

LESSON QUESTIONS:

- What was Jesus doing at the beginning of our story today? *He was telling others about Himself (preaching or sharing the gospel).*
- What did He tell the disciples to do? *He sent them away in a boat on the Sea of Galilee.*

- Where did He go? *To spend time talking with God His Father (praying). Jesus loved to spend time talking to God.*
- What happened on the water? *It began to storm, and the boat was rocking back and forth, all night long. The disciples feared that they would drown.*
- What else made the disciples afraid? *They saw something or someone walking on water.*
- Could the disciples walk on water? Can you? Can I? *How could this be?*
- Who was walking on water? *Jesus*
- What did Peter ask to do? *Let him walk on water to Jesus.*
- What happened? What happened to Peter? *The wind blew hard, and he became afraid.*
- What did Jesus remind Peter? *Not to doubt Him. He always keeps His promises. He always does what He says that He is going to do.*
- How did Peter respond? *He saw Jesus's power over creation. You really are the Son of God.*

CLOSE IN PRAYER

DAY TWO CLOSING: Review the key themes and Bible verse.

- **REVIEW BIBLE VERSE FOR THE DAY: John 20:31 But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,** and that by believing you may have life in His name.
- Song: *My Lighthouse*

**** Tell kids to come with swimsuits and towels to get wet tomorrow!!****



DAY 3

Day 3- Jesus is the Son of God and has power over sin and death

BEFORE LESSON STARTS:

- Gather all needed items: Bible, 3 jars with iodine and bleach, whiteboard, marker
- Write on board: Jesus, Son of God, Has Power over Creation, Has Power over Sin and Death.
- **Illustration: Water with iodine and pouring bleach to show how Jesus takes away our sin

DAY 3 KEY THEMES:

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- He perfectly obeyed the Father all the time, even to the point of dying on the cross for our sins, showing His power over sin.
- Jesus rose again from the dead, showing His power over death.

WORSHIP/MEMORY VERSE/GOSPEL

- **SONG:** *My God*
- **BIBLE VERSE: John 20:31- But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.** Explain the last portion of verse, that by believing you may have life in His name.
- **SONG:** *Life in His Name (verse song)*
- **GOSPEL** = This week, we are studying about Jesus, the Son of God. Yesterday we talked about why there is a **chasm** between us and God (because we are all sinners and God is holy) and how there is only one way to get to God—through Jesus, His son. (Draw the bridge diagram again and explain it. This time ask more questions, such as, can being good get us to God? etc.) Review that the trinity means God the Father, God the son/Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.
- **SONG:** *Create in Me*

CLOSE IN PRAYER

LESSON

This week, we are studying about Jesus, God's only Son. What happened in our lesson yesterday? God sent His Son Jesus to be fully God and fully man at the same time. He also showed us that Jesus has power over all creation. He has power over the wind and waves, the power for Peter to miraculously walk on water, but also to save Peter from drowning. Jesus really is the Son of God.

(Show kids a Bible). What is this? The Bible, it is God's Word to us, His People. In it, He tells us that He has given us all that we need to know Him and believe in Him. To know God, we need to read His Word, let it change our lives today, and do what it tells us to do.

Yesterday, we learned that Jesus has power over creation and the power to save us. Jesus really is the Son of God.

(Show kids a Bible.) Remember this is a Bible, God's Word to us, His People. All that we read in the Bible really happened, just the way that it is told to us in the Bible. To know God, we need to read His Word, see how it fits in our lives today, and do what it tells us to do, while always remembering that God is God and we are not.

<https://www.letthelittlechildrencome.com/child-evangelism-resources/share-the-gospel-with-children-cleansing-power-of-jesus/>

[You, Sin and Christ - Simple Illustration](#)

OPENING ACTIVITY:

Before we read our lesson today, I want to tell you about where Jesus was- a tomb. But how did He get there? You see, Jesus not only had to live a perfect life, obeying God all the time, but He also had to take the punishment for our sin on the cross. (Take 3 clear jars labeled YOU (water inside), SIN (iodine and water), and JESUS (bleach and water inside). When God made all things, He made them perfect without any sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, breaking God's promise, sin became a part of all of our lives (pour from SIN cup into YOU cup), so every part of us was filled with sin and no longer perfect like God had made us. No matter what we do, we sin in things we do, think, and say. BUT Jesus lived a perfect life (pour the SIN cup into the JESUS cup). Then, He died for us. He took our sins when He died on the cross and gave us His perfection/ righteousness (pour the JESUS cup into the YOU cup), so that when God sees us He sees us in Christ's perfection/ righteousness. Jesus showed His power over not only creation, but also over our sin. But He had one last power to overcome- Death. Let's read about this today.

Today's lesson is found in John 20:1-18 on page 1135.

Jesus's disciples and other friends were so sad to see their Savior die on the cross and be placed in a grave. For three days, they cried about His death. How could the Son of God who had all power over creation die? Mary Magdalene walked to the tomb to make sure that Jesus was buried properly. When she got there, she found the big heavy stone rolled away. The linen clothes that He wore were there, but Jesus was gone. She ran to tell John and Peter, who also ran to the tomb and found Jesus missing. They did not understand that Jesus had to die and come back to life, in order to defeat death. Nothing has power over Jesus! He truly is the Son of God.

Although Peter and John returned to their hideout, Mary Magdalene stayed. A man came to her, asking why she was crying. How could he understand that not only had her Savior died but now his body was missing. The man looked at her and simply said, "Mary, go tell the others. I am about to return to my Father in Heaven." She returned to them and joyfully said, "I have seen the Lord."

LESSON QUESTIONS:

- Where was Mary heading? *To the tomb*
- Who was she planning to see? *Jesus's body.*
- What did she find? *Just the clothes that Jesus had been buried in.*
- Who else came to the tomb? *Peter and John*
- Who came to Mary in the garden cemetery? *Jesus*
- What did He tell her to do? *Tell the others that He is alive and about to return to the Father*
- When Mary went to the others, what did she tell them? *I have seen the Lord.*

CLOSE IN PRAYER

DAY 3 CLOSING: Review the key themes and Bible verse for Days 1-3.

- **REVIEW BIBLE VERSE John 20:31 - But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life** in His name.
- Song: *Rescuer*



DAY 4

Day 4- Jesus is the Son of God and is the completion of all God's promises

BEFORE LESSON STARTS:

- Gather all needed items: Bible, whiteboard and marker, wordless Gospel bead materials
- Write on board: Jesus, Son of God, Has Power over Creation, Has Power over Sin and Death, Completer of All God's Promises.

DAY 4 KEY THEMES:

- From the very beginning, God created us to be saved by His Son.
- Jesus is the completer of all of God's promises.
- He alone could save us from our sins.
- There is no power that can come against His love- His death and life completed it all.
- The promise is complete- it is finished!

WORSHIP/MEMORY VERSE/GOSPEL

- **SONG:** *My Feet Are on the Rock*
- **BIBLE VERSE:** **John 20:31- But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.**
- **SONG:** *Life in His Name*
- **GOSPEL:** This week, we are studying about Jesus, the Son of God. Each day we have talked about why there is a **chasm** between us and God and how there is only one way to get to God—through Jesus, His son. (Draw the bridge diagram again and explain it. This time ask the kids to explain more of the why's, such as why is there a chasm, why did God have to send His son to bridge the chasm, etc.) Review that the trinity means God the Father, God the son/Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.
- **SONG:** *God Always Keeps His Promises*

PRAY

LESSON

This week, we have been studying about Jesus the Son of God. Jesus came to earth, perfectly obeying God the 1st time, every time, all the time, never sinning against the Father. We needed Him because we are sinners who can't be with a holy God without Jesus bridging the chasm. God was always pleased with His Son. Jesus showed His power over creation by calming the wind and the waves, walking on water and saving Peter from drowning. He showed His power over sin, by dying for us on the cross and keeping the promise that we could not. He showed His power over death, by coming back to life. Jesus is all-powerful.

(Show kids a Bible). Today's lesson is also in God's Word. Just like all the other stories from the Bible, it really happened. In today's lesson, Jesus opens up God's Word and shows His followers how He is the completer of all of the promises of God, from the very beginning of the world to today. Remember that through the Bible, we can know God, by reading His Word, asking God to help us understand how it fits in our lives today, and living for Him until He returns.

REVIEW: What happened in our lesson yesterday? Mary Magdalene and Peter and John saw Jesus alive again. We learned Jesus lived the perfect life we are unable to live and kept the promise for us that we could not keep, defeating sin and also death. He paid for our sins by dying on the cross, keeping the promise that God made with us FOR US. He became our substitute for our sins, so that we could be saved because of Him.

Let's read what happened next. SEE JOHN 20:19-21, Page 1166.

- See verse 19. Who was together behind the locked doors afraid of the Jews? Who came to them through the locked doors? What did He say?
- See 20-21. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus show them? Why? What did Jesus say was the purpose for His return? What did God want the disciples to do? *They were going to be sent to do God's work, sharing Christ and His saving work on the cross for each of us. Jesus appeared to others as well.*

Let's find out about His encounter on the Emmaus Road.

- READ LUKE 24:13-35, Page 1135. See verses 13-24. What happened? Who were the 2 men talking about? Who was with them while they

were talking? Why didn't they recognize Him? Why were they so sad and confused about Jesus? *They thought that Jesus was their Savior, but then they began to doubt that He was all-powerful over creation, over sin and death. They even began to doubt that He was the Son of God.*

- See verses 25-29. What did Jesus reveal to them? *Not only was Jesus all-powerful over creation, sin, and death, but He was the Completer (fulfillment) of all of Scripture. Jesus was the Answer to all of God's promises.*
- See verses 30-35. What did the men ask Jesus to do? What happened at dinner? What was the 1st thing that they did after they recognized Him?

Why does this matter to us today? *Through Jesus, we have new life*
 What do we do with this information? *What did Cleopas and his friend do? They trusted that Jesus is the Son of God. They told everyone that He is the Only Way, Truth and the Life. All the promises in Scripture are kept- all we have to do is believe in His name.*

****Tell the kids if they do not have a Bible at home, they are welcome to take the Bible home after club. ****

CLOSE IN PRAYER

DAY 4 CLOSING: Review the key themes and Bible verse for Days 1-4.

- **MEMORY VERSE:** **But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.**
- **SONG:** *Sing Wherever I Go*

