



Parent Newsletter



Session 3 God's Plan: 4 Us 2 KNOW Him!

What is God like?

When you read about Jesus in the Bible, you know more about God.

Bible Verse

Preschool: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life." (See John 14:6.)

Elementary: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father also.'" John 14:6-7

Spark Principle—Motion

Objects at rest stay at rest until a force puts them in motion. People were stuck in sin until Jesus came and put God's plan in motion.

Parent Devotional

What is God like? The question has been asked through the ages. Many answers have been given. Some are false. All were incomplete until the Lord Jesus Christ came and explained, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

The account of Christ's life in the Bible is limited. This is one of the proofs of the Word. Had someone invented a history of the life of Christ, how exaggerated would have been the tales, like the ancients told of their gods. Jesus spoke as no other person spoke—this we know; but He also did what no other person did. Crowds kept coming after Him, seeking a sign to prove who He was. What signs did He furnish? He said, "Blind people receive sight. Disabled people walk. Those who have skin diseases are healed. Deaf people hear. Those who are dead are raised to life. And the good news is preached to those who are poor" (Matthew 11:5). He never catered to the demands of idle curiosity, nor was any work ever done selfishly. He only desired to show that He was sufficient for the needs of the body and the spirit.

He did want all people to know that He is the Christ. He not only called Himself the Son of God, but He also allowed Peter to make it a public confession. Every other thing in Jesus' character that we know to be true would have compelled Him to quickly deny such a statement if it had been untrue.

Some say that Jesus is the greatest of all teachers; yes, the best man who ever lived. But this is not enough, for this man was to be our Savior; and if He is not God, then He cannot redeem a lost world.

Bible Story Recap

Jesus was with God in the beginning, before anything was created. He was there when sin came between people and God. After hundreds of years had passed, the Word—Jesus, the Son of God—became flesh. That means He became a human being with skin and bones and hands and feet and hair and eyes!

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Then He grew up and chose 12 friends to be His disciples. The disciples traveled with Jesus and got to know Him as their Teacher and their Friend. They watched what He did and listened carefully to everything He said.

During their time with Jesus, the disciples saw Him do amazing things. He healed the sick and the lame. He calmed the winds and water during violent storms on the Sea of Galilee. But most of all, He taught people about God and how much God loves everyone.

But not everyone loved Jesus. The religious leaders were jealous that people loved Jesus so much. They made plans to trap Jesus and arrest Him, even though Jesus had done NOTHING wrong!

Jesus told His friends that He was going away but that they knew the way to get there. Thomas said, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father also" (John 14:5-7). When we read about Jesus' life in the Bible, we learn who Jesus is. And when we know who Jesus is, we know what God is like.

Discussion Questions

- ❖ **Why were Jesus' friends afraid when they were in the boat?** (A big windstorm was about to sink the boat. They saw someone walking on the water.)
- ❖ **Who was walking on the water?** (Jesus.) **What does this tell you about Jesus?** (He is stronger than anything. He can do things no one else can do. He can stop the wind.)
- ❖ **What do you know about Jesus?** (He is kind, powerful, humble, gentle, loving, etc.)
- ❖ **What is one thing a kid your age might need to know about Jesus?** (Jesus is the way to join God's family. Jesus is with us when we're scared. Jesus listens to our prayers. Jesus helps us have courage or strength to do good things.)
- ❖ **Why does knowing Jesus help us know who God is?** (Jesus said if we know Him, we know God the Father as well.)
- ❖ **Why is it important to follow Jesus?** (Jesus hears and answers our prayers. Jesus guides us and helps us know and do what God has planned.)

Please let us
know if
there is a
way we can
serve or
pray for
your family.

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