



3rd – 5th

January 5-6, 2013

DATE

Jesus was God and man

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 2 (Pg. 1053-1054)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus (God) became a man to rescue us and show us how to follow God

MAIN POINT

schedule

Play games and hang out (10 minutes)
Large group (30 minutes)
Small group (20 minutes)
Video/song review (10 minutes)

tips

Take time to listen to kids who are in your room. Ask them more than yes/no questions. Then, make eye contact and listen.

Here are some questions to get you started:

- What is your favorite book/movie? What do you like about it?
- Who is your favorite relative? Tell me about him/her.

check-in/out

As kids check-out, tell parents we learned about how much Jesus loves us. Tell them to ask their kids about it.

large group heads up

Today's concept is tough: Jesus was 100% man...and 100% God. He was willing to become a man because he loved us so much!



instructions

Goal: To debrief with kids about how Jesus was like us, yet different (100% man and 100% God). Help them respond to Jesus' love in the best way possible: through worship.

Why? Worship is a big word, but it's simple in practice. We want to give them some ways to worship today.

Tip: If kids are confused about how Jesus was both God and man, go back to the ice and 'Incredibles' analogies from large group. But it's also okay to admit that it's a really tough concept to understand.

QUESTIONS

DEBRIEF

1. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus was God but became a man because he loved YOU so much and wanted to rescue you and show you how to follow God? Choose one word to describe your feelings. (*Have each kid come up with one word—go around the circle and share names and one word about how it makes them feel. Feel free to ask them why they chose a particular word.*)
2. Is the idea of Jesus as both God and man surprising/confusing? (discuss--make sure you tell the kids it's a hard concept for anyone to understand)

REVIEW

3. How is Jesus the same as us?
4. How is Jesus different than us? (mention all of the following: God's Son, God as man, perfect—never made a bad choice)

ACTIVITY

SAY: Today, we talked about how Jesus showed his love for us by becoming a man so he could rescue us and show us how to follow God. The best way to thank him for that is to worship him. Let's play a game to help us think of new ways to worship him this week.

He loved us SO much...worship shows him we love him back!

DO: Take the **white board and marker**. You'll be playing Pictionary or hangman. Tell each kid to come up with one way to worship, but don't tell anybody. (It has to be different than the way they said they want to worship this week in response to the application question.) If they can't think of something—or if they need more structure, you can give them one from the list.

One by one, each kid will get the whiteboard and the marker. You will give them one idea from the "Ways to Worship" list below.

QUESTIONS

5. Why did Jesus become a man even though he was God? (mention the following: he wanted to rescue us, which was obeying God's Rescue plan AND he showed us how to follow God)

RELATE

6. If you had all the powers of God, do you think YOU would have given those up to rescue all the people around them and help them follow God? Explain. (Try to emphasize how great Jesus' love for us is!)

APPLY

Ask somebody to look up Philippians 2:9-11 (Pg. 1304) and read it aloud. It says this: **So God lifted [Jesus] up to the highest place. He gave him the name that is above every name. When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone's knee will bow to worship him. Every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth will bow to worship him. Everyone's mouth will say that Jesus Christ is Lord. And God the Father will receive the glory.**

7. What's one way you will worship Jesus this week and thank him for loving us enough to become like us?

ACTIVITY

Then, the kid will choose to communicate that way to worship through words or pictures, Pictionary or hangman style! Each kid has the choice.

If Pictionary: Kid draws while everybody yells out guesses. The whiteboard goes to the next kid as soon as the correct guess is offered.

If hangman: Kids guess letters one by one until the word is finalized. If the correct letter is guessed, all of those letters should be filled in. For instance, if there are three "E"s, fill in ALL three "E"s as soon as an "E" is guessed.

Ways to Worship

(Skim through the list before you play. Do NOT just go in order--choose the difficulty level and responses that are appropriate for your group):

Pray
Sing
Dance
Say "I Love You, Jesus"
Thank Jesus (for what he's given us)
Create art
Sit quietly and talk to Jesus
Enjoy nature
Love others
Kneel down
Put others above yourself (like Jesus)
Confess Your Sins
Say sorry to someone you hurt
Give to someone in need
Lift Your Hands
Read the Bible
Take Communion
Follow Jesus (and/or God)
Say "Jesus is Lord"
Trust Jesus

LARGE group



special notes

Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. That's a confusing concept! It's okay to tell the kids that. But be sure to emphasize how Jesus' willingness to come to earth shows us how much he loves us!

presenter tips

Raise and lower your voice to keep the kids' attention. No one likes to listen to someone who is monotone. Exaggerate your inflections from an excited "yell" to a whisper.

script

WELCOME

Hey kids! Happy New Year! I'm so happy to see you in Kids' Club in this year, 2013. We haven't seen each other for awhile, so turn to somebody next to you and say, "Happy New Year!" (Let kids respond.)

REVIEW

Now, most of us probably just got done celebrating Christmas. But who remembers *why* we celebrate Christmas? (Let kids respond). That's right, it's Jesus' birthday. Jesus, the promised king, was born in a manger. His birth was so exciting that EVERYBODY from unimportant shepherds who nobody liked to rich, kingly men worshiped him. Did anybody here do something special to worship this Christmas? (Let kids respond. Share your own example.)

INTRO: WATER AND ICE

(Show picture of water and ice.) Today, we're going to talk about WHO Jesus is because that explains WHY we worship him. And to do that, let's talk about ice and water. What's the difference between ice and water? (Let kids respond.) Yep, ice is frozen and water isn't. If we freeze water, it turns into ice...but it's still what? (Let kids respond.) That's right, it's still water! Ice is the same thing as water...but different.

JESUS WAS LIKE US

Well, when Jesus came to earth, he was the same as us, but different. He was God's Son, but he was willing to become like us, kind of like the way water can become ice. What are some ways Jesus was the same as US? (Let kids respond. Anything from growing taller to playing to eating and sleeping...to picking his nose will work. As long as it's not unique to our time period/culture.)



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But there are things about being human that are *normal* for us, but aren't so great. (**Show slide of a sad kid.**) Even though Jesus was God, do you think he ever felt sad? (Let kids respond.) He sure did! Being a human means we get sad. Maybe somebody hurts us or makes fun of us. Maybe we lose somebody we were close to...(whisper the next question and answer): Guess what? **Jesus understands.** HE got made fun of and HE knows what it feels like to lose a close friend.

Jesus had to act like us, too. Think about that: As GOD, Jesus could be everywhere and do anything. (**Show slide of superheroes next to normal guy.**) Seriously, anything! But he chose to come to earth and become like US.

Can we fly and scale walls and crush rocks with our bare hands?! No, of course not. Characters like Spiderman and Superman and the Hulk aren't real. Jesus didn't climb buildings. He didn't become invisible. He couldn't even be in two places at once.

JESUS WAS DIFFERENT

But, while Jesus was like us, he was different, too. He was 100% human...but *at the same time*, 100% God! (Let that sink in.) Sounds confusing, right? How can you be 100% man and 100% God?? Basically, Jesus had all the power of God, but he chose to live with us on earth. It's SORT of like how ice is 100% ice and 100% water. Maybe it looked SORT OF like this:

Video: Incredibles clip (3 min.)

In the beginning of the movie, the Incredibles had great power but chose not to use them. Jesus was God...but he **CHOSE** to take human form. Here's what the Bible says about it in **Philippians 2:6-8** (Pg. 1304):

In his very nature [Jesus] was God.

But he did not think that being equal with God was something he should hold on to. Instead, he made himself nothing.

He took on the very nature of a servant.

He was made in human form.

He appeared as a man.

He came down to the lowest level.

He obeyed God completely, even though it led to his death.

In fact, he died on a cross.

JESUS CAME TO RESCUE US

So **WHY** would Jesus come down from Heaven and live in a place where we bleed and get sick and get sad...in a world where people hurt him and made fun of him!? **Turn and tell a friend why Jesus would come to earth as a man.** (Let kids share with a friend.)

Well, he came to serve us--to rescue us by dying, which was God's plan! He obeyed God even though it would hurt. By coming and rescuing us, he also showed us God's **GREAT** love for us! God let his own son die to save US! And Jesus did it! Raise your hand if you said one of those reasons. (Let kids respond.) Wow, God and Jesus really loved us a lot, huh?!



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JESUS CAME TO SHOW US HOW TO LIVE

You know why else Jesus came? He came to show US how to live and follow God and make good choices. See, there's a part of being human we haven't talked about yet... (**Show picture of mean kids.**) People make bad choices...all of us.

Maybe we've disobeyed our parents, called other kids names, laughed at people behind their backs, or cheated on tests at school or games with our friends. Maybe we've fought to get our own way or taken the biggest and best cookie for ourselves. We've all made lots of bad choices throughout our lives. Those bad choices are called sins. And those sins separate us from God.

Do you think Jesus EVER made a choice to hurt somebody else? (Let kids respond.) No way! The Bible tells us this in Hebrews 4:15 (Pg. 1341): (show slide): **We have a high priest who can feel it when we are weak and hurting. We have a high priest who has been tempted in every way, just as we are. But he did not sin.**

So Jesus rescued us and showed us how to follow God! But he also understands everything we've gone through, every bad day. Every time we've cried. How does that make you feel? (Let kids respond. Guide them toward emotions like grateful, excited, want to love him back, etc.)

Knowing Jesus rescued us and showed us how to follow God should make us want to worship Jesus to tell him we love him. In fact, the rest of Philippians 2 goes like this (verses 9-11):

So God lifted [Jesus] up to the highest place.

He gave him the name that is above every name.

When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone's knee will bow to worship him.

Every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth will bow to worship him.

Everyone's mouth will say that Jesus Christ is Lord.

And God the Father will receive the glory.

Let's worship now by singing a song and praying to Him! This song is brand new, so follow along with me to learn the motions.

Worship Song: Better Than the Best

PRAY

Can somebody come up and thank Jesus for loving us?



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PREP needs



small group supplies

- Per small group:
- 1 whiteboard
- 2 markers (just in case one runs out)
- Dry Erase eraser for whiteboard
- NIV Adventure Bible (mark pg. 1304)

large group supplies

- NIV Adventure Bible (Mark pg. 1053 and pg. 1304 and pg. 1341)

a/v needs

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| 1. Image of ice (jpeg in curriculum folder) | 7. Slide with Hebrews 4:15 (see script for exact wording) |
| 2. Image of sad kid (jpeg in curriculum folder) | 8. Slide with Philippians 2:9-11 (jpeg in curriculum folder) |
| 3. Image of superheroes (jpeg in curriculum folder) | 9. Worship Song: Better than the Best (Amber Sky) |
| 4. Video: Incredibles clip (file in curriculum folder) | |
| 5. Slide with verse: Philippians 2:6-8 (see script for exact wording) | |
| 6. Slide with 2 images of mean kids (2 jpegs in curriculum folder) | |

special room set-up

none

connect questions

- How did Jesus show us he loves us?
- Why do we worship Jesus?

parent page

Today we learned that Jesus was like us...yet different. See, while he was on earth, he was 100% man *and* 100% God. He became a man to rescue us and show us how to follow God—that's how much he loves us! The best way we can thank him is to say we love him back through worship. You can read about it in Philippians 2:6-11.