



Kindergarten-2nd

January 5-6 2013

DATE

Jesus Never Sinned

LESSON TITLE

Hebrews 4:15; Eph. 5:1-2; details of Jesus' life from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus is a person who never sinned

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes)
Large Group (30 minutes)
Small Group (20 minutes)
Video and 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? What do you like about it?
- Who is your favorite relative? Tell me about him/her.

check-in/out

When kids check-in, make sure their nametags are on the front of their shirts so you can easily address them throughout the service.

large group heads up

Today we're talking about Jesus—how he was like us and how he was different (because he was perfect). We can try to be more like Jesus by "leading lives of love." You'll help kids figure out how to apply that to their own lives.



instructions

Goal: to help kids compare their lives to Jesus' so they understand how to apply God's command to live like Jesus.

Why? Perfection is unattainable, but we really can follow Jesus and make good choices.

Tip: If you have extra time, join with other small groups to play "follow the leader" or find a fun way to "lead a life of love" together, like telling another small group God loves them or cleaning up toys.

QUESTIONS

CONNECT

1. What's the best part of your week?
2. Did anybody show you love this week? What happened?

REVIEW

3. What things do you do that Jesus did, too?
4. What does it mean to say Jesus was without sin? (he never disobeyed God—always made good choices)

RELATE

5. Do you think Jesus felt sad when he was your age? What makes you feel sad? Did those things make Jesus feel sad, too?
6. Do you think Jesus had a favorite game? What's *your* favorite game?
7. How does it make you feel to know Jesus understands you?

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ACTIVITY

Now let's play a game called "Jesus' Life/My Life." I'm going to pull out an object. You tell me how Jesus might have used it; then tell me how YOU use it.

Straw: Jesus was laid in a manger (probably on straw) when He was born. We use straw for hay rides, to decorate for fall, feed cows and make scarecrows.

Hammer: Jesus was a carpenter. He used a hammer to build tables and chairs. We use a hammer to fix things around the house or to hang pictures.

Marbles: Jesus could have played games with marbles, too. We play games with marbles, too. What games can we play with marbles?

Sandals: Jesus usually went barefoot or wore sandals. We wear sandals to the beach or in the summer.

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QUESTIONS

Now, let's memorize our verse to remember that Jesus was like us, and we can be like him! Just like Jesus, we can lead a life of love!

Tips for memorizing:

Say the whole verse for kids.

Ephesians 5:1-2: You are the children that God dearly loves. So be just like him. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us.

Then break it down and add motions:

- 1. You are the children that God dearly loves.** (Hug yourself)
- 2. So be just like him.** (Point up)
- 3. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did.** (Walk in place and cross arms over chest on the word "love")
- 4. He loved us. He gave himself up for us.** (Point up; hug yourself—repeat for second sentence)
- 5. Ephesians 5:1-2** (five fingers; 1 finger; 2 fingers)

Have the kids repeat after you and add a piece each time. Start with #1, then do #1 and #2, then do #1, #2, and #3, etc.

How can you lead a life of love?

ACTIVITY

The Bible: Jesus only had the Old Testament to read. Our Bible has an Old Testament and a New Testament (the story of Jesus and after).

Broom: Jesus would have used a broom to clean up. We clean up with brooms, too!

End with this question: How did Jesus live a life of love? How will YOU live a life of love this week? *(Have each kid come up with one way and share it with the group—if you have extra time, ask them to draw a picture to help them remember to do it!)*

special notes

“Perfect” can feel unattainable. While Jesus was perfect, focus on the fact that he always made good choices by leading a life of love (that’s the language of one of today’s Bible verses).

presenter tips

Many kids will remember the phrase “lead a life of love” if you say it the same way throughout the script. Do the motions and the kinesthetic learners will remember, too!

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 give them a big high five, and say, “Happy New Year!” (Let kids respond.)

REVIEW

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. He was so important that EVERYBODY from lowly, unimportant shepherds and rich, wise men worshiped him. Did anybody here do something special to worship Jesus this Christmas? (Let kids respond. Share a personal example.)

JESUS IS LIKE US

Well, after Jesus was born, guess what? He grew up, just like you. He was a baby who had his diapers changed and had to learn how to walk and talk... Pretty crazy, huh? We’re going to watch a video. As you watch, try to figure out one way that Jesus was like YOU!

Video: God’s Story / Jesus

Alright, put up one finger if you found at LEAST one way that Jesus was like you. Who wants to share? (Let kids respond – take 3-5 answers and list off the others if the kids don’t get them. Some responses might be: played with his friends, took naps, celebrated, went to parties, picked his nose, played games, help his mom with chores, played with his brothers and sisters, climbed trees, played outside, etc.) Was anybody ELSE surprised at how many things Jesus did...just like us?



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WE HAVE HUMAN LIMITATIONS

Celebrating and playing with our friends is really fun. But not everything about being a person is fun or easy. For instance, look at that wall. (Point to a nearby wall.) Can anybody see what's on the other side of that wall? Nope, we can't see through walls.

Now, everybody stand up. Reach as HIGH as you can, on your tiptoes. Can anybody touch the ceiling? Go ahead and jump to try. (Let kids respond.) Nobody? Huh. Interesting. Have a seat. (Let kids sit.) I guess we just can't do everything we want with these human bodies.

There are other tough things about life: **(show picture of sick kid)** Stick out your tongue if you've ever been sick before (demonstrate). Yeah, sometimes our bodies get sick. **(Show picture of scraped knee.)** Or if we fall on the ground, we scrape our skin. It hurts! And sometimes we bleed. **(Show picture of sleeping person.)** And we ALL have to sleep every night! Our bodies get tired—we just can't stay awake having fun all the time.

WE ARE TEMPTED TO MAKE BAD CHOICES

You know what else? Ever since all the wrong things in the world began, we sometimes *want* to make bad choices. Sometimes we DO make bad choices...and hurt other people.

(Show picture of person being stubborn.) Cross your arms if you've ever tried to get your way. (Let kids respond.) Maybe you've wanted to play your OWN game. Or you were playing video games and you didn't want to share. Maybe your mom made cookies and you really wanted to take the best for yourself....has anybody ever done that? I know I sure have!

JESUS WAS PERFECT

(Change to background slide, so the negative image isn't up as you're discussing Jesus.) Well, when Jesus came to earth to Rescue us, he was willing to be a person. So he got tired and had to sleep, and he probably got sick sometimes and scraped his knee. He couldn't jump up to the ceiling or see through walls. He was *just like us* in many ways!

But he was different, too. Jesus *probably* wanted to get his own way sometimes...but he NEVER, EVER was selfish or greedy or mean. He NEVER hurt anybody. He was perfect. See, *unlike* you and me, Jesus never made a bad choice. He followed God every single day. The Bible says this in **Hebrews 4:15**:

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.

When it says a high priest, it's talking about Jesus, sent from God! Isn't that amazing?! Jesus understands exactly how we feel when we're tired or sick or want to take the biggest cookie for ourselves. The difference is, Jesus NEVER EVER made a bad choice.



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WE CAN FOLLOW JESUS BY LEADING LIVES OF LOVE

The great news is, since Jesus lived on earth, he showed us how we can follow him, even as humans in our weak bodies. Even without any superpowers. And God wants us—his children, to follow Jesus. As we read the next verse, see if you can figure out what kind of life Jesus wants us to lead:

SLIDE: Ephesians 5:1-2: You are the children that God dearly loves. So be just like him. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us.

So what kind of life should we lead? (Let kids respond.) Yes, a life of LOVE (cross arms over chest). Let's look at some ways we can do that.

(Show picture of cookie.) You REALLY want the biggest, gooiest cookie—the one with the most chocolate chips. You know you can grab it before your little brother or sister...CHOICE: What is the loving choice to make? (Let kids respond.) Yep, give it to them. Lead a life of love (cross arms over chest).

(Show picture of lonely person.) You see a person sitting alone. They don't have anyone to talk to. You are with all of your friends having a GREAT time. Maybe your friends even laugh at that person. You feel bad that person is lonely, but you don't want to stop being with your friends. CHOICE: What is the loving choice to make? (Let kids respond.) Yes, go talk to them or invite them over with your friends. Lead a life of love (Cross arms over chest)

(Play clip of Angry Birds.) You're playing the best video game ever. You're beating levels—it's so fun! Then your friend or brother or sister asks for a turn. You really want it all to yourself. CHOICE: What is the loving thing to do? (Let kids respond.) Yes, give them a turn! Say it with me: "Lead a life of love!" (Cross arms over chest.)

Remember, Jesus lived on earth like us. He showed us how to make good choices. We can do it by leading a life of WHAT? (Let kids respond.) Yes, a life of LOVE!

WORSHIP

Now, let's worship Jesus and thank him for coming to earth to rescue us! Let's start with a new song today. It's called "Grow Up Like Jesus." Watch me to learn the motions!

Song—Grow Up Like Jesus

Song—Amazing Love

PRAY

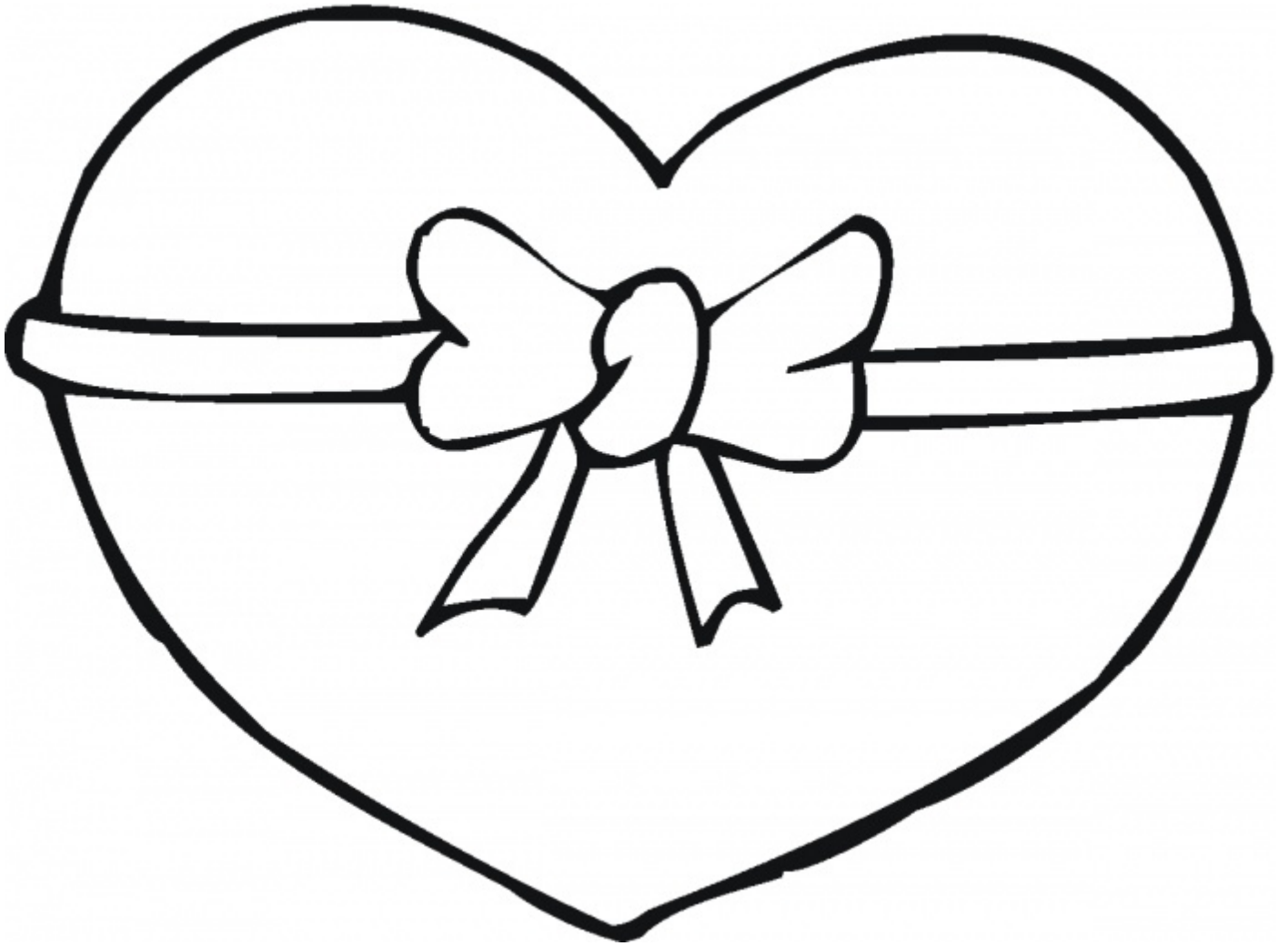
Does anybody want to come and ask God to help us lead a life of love like Jesus?



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PREP needs



small group supplies

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| Coloring Page: Heart with bow | -hammer |
| White sheets of paper | -marbles |
| Plenty of crayons / markers | -sandals |
| Per group: One container/bag with the following items: | -Bible |
| -straw | -broom |

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

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| 1. Video: God's Story / Jesus | 8. Slide with Ephesians 5:1-2a NIRV (see exact wording in script) |
| 2. Image: sick kid (jpeg in curriculum folder) | 9. Image: cookie (jpeg in curriculum folder) |
| 3. Image: scraped knee (jpeg in curriculum folder) | 10. Image: Lonely person (jpeg in curriculum folder) |
| 4. Image: sleeping person (jpeg in curriculum folder) | 11. Video loop: video games (Use this link, but cut off the first 12 seconds: |
| 5. Image: stubborn person (jpeg in curriculum folder) | http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNNzRyd1xz0) |
| 6. Blank slide (Kids' Club background) | 12. Song: Grow Up Like Jesus |
| 7. Slide with Hebrews 4:15 NIRV (see exact wording in script) | 13. Song: Amazing Love |

special room set-up

connect questions

How was Jesus like you?
How was Jesus different?

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Jesus grew up as a human, just like us. So He can empathize with all of our weaknesses. But unlike us, He was perfect and always followed God. The Bible says he set an example for us by "leading a life of love" (Ephesians 5:1-2 NIRV). We watched a video about Jesus' life called God's Story: Jesus. You can find it at crossroadskidsclub.net. It'll show up under "Recent Posts."