



3rd-5th

January 2/3, 2016

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

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

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!

connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

DIFFERENT AND THE SAME

- Divide kids into small groups.
- Get the **slips of paper** out, mix them up and put them in a **paper bag**. Each slip of paper has a statement on it that describes something Jesus did in the Bible. Some of the descriptions show his **human side**, and some of them show his **divine side** (the part of him that's God.)
- Pick a kid to draw the first slip of paper from the bag and read it aloud. Then, they have to say whether they think it tells us about Jesus as a human, or Jesus as God.
- If they get it right, give them a **starburst candy**! If they get it wrong, discuss with the group how Jesus acted, and why it made him human, or God. But still give the kid a piece of candy (**Each kid should only get one piece so that there are plenty left for every service**).

TALK ABOUT IT

- Why do you think God wanted Jesus to be both a human and God?*
- What do you think Jesus' personality was like as a human?

**This is a very hard concept, even for adults. Feel free to acknowledge that!*

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how Jesus was like us (100% human) but also different from us (100% God) and (2) identify how they can worship Jesus as our ultimate rescuer

Why? This is a tough concept, but kids are old enough to start understanding it. When we recognize what Jesus did for us, it leads us to worship.

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.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. How is Jesus the same as us?
2. How is Jesus different than us? (mention all of the following: God’s Son, God as man, perfect—never made a wrong choice)
3. 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!)
4. 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.*)
5. What’s one way you will worship Jesus this week and thank him for loving us enough to become like us?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Get out the **white board and marker** to play Pictionary. Tell each kid to come up with one way to worship, but don’t tell anybody. (*Remind them that when we realize how much Jesus loves us, worship is showing we love him back!*)
- If they can’t think of something—or if they need more structure—you can give them an idea from the list below.
- 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.
- Then the kid will choose to communicate that way to worship through a picture.
- Everybody yells out guesses while one kid draws. The whiteboard goes to the next kid as soon as the correct guess is said.

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- Ideas for ways to worship:
 - 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

Extra Time? Play charades! Have kids choose an idea from the “Ways to worship” list, or make up their own. Instead of drawing, have them act out the action, while other kids throw out guesses. Whoever guesses right gets to act out next. If you go through worship actions quickly, have kids act out another category, like their favorite animal or movie.



special notes

Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. That's a confusing concept! 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. Exaggerate your inflections from an excited "yell" to a whisper.

script

***Click to play intro music**

WELCOME AND INTRO

Hey kids! Happy New Year! I'm so happy to see you in Kids' Club, in the new year, 2016! We haven't seen each other for a while, so turn to somebody next to you and say, "Happy New Year!" (Let kids respond.)

That game we played in Connect Time was all about two different parts of Jesus. Can someone remind me what those two parts were? (Let a kid respond.) That's right. The part of Jesus that's human, and the part of Jesus that's God! Was it hard to decide whether the papers you read you Jesus' human side, or Godly side? (Let a few answer.) Thanks guys, I agree!

Today we're going to be talking all about Jesus, and how he was both 100% God, and 100% man! It may seem a little confusing, but it's actually amazing.

INTRO: WATER AND ICE

(Show picture of water and ice.) We're going to talk about WHO Jesus is because that explains WHY we worship him. To start, 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 how 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. (**Click to 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.**) 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 aren't real. Jesus didn't climb buildings. He didn't become invisible. As a human, he couldn't 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. And maybe it looked SORT OF like this:

Video: Incredibles clip (3 min.)

In the beginning of the movie, the Incredibles had great powers but chose not to use them. Like the Incredibles, Jesus also had powers. Except his were REAL. Even though Jesus was God, and had powers to do amazing things...he **CHOSE** to take human form. Here's what the Bible says about it:

SLIDE: Philippians 2:6-8

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.



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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?!

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... (**Click to show 2 pictures of mean kids on one slide.**) 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 in games with our friends. Maybe we've fought to get our own way or taken the biggest cookie for ourselves. We've all made lots of wrong and selfish 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! Let's look at a verse in the book of Hebrews to show us how it works.

SLIDE: Hebrews 4:15 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.

Who do you think the "high priest" is? (Let kids respond.) That's right, Jesus! 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.)

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

Here's one more short verse that shows us what kind of love God wants us to have. Lets all read this one together. (Lead kids in repeating the verse with you a few times.)

SLIDE: 1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

If you think God's love is the most powerful and incredible love there is, raise your hand! (Let kids respond.) It definitely is. Jesus has that love too, and he showed it to us by giving his life for us, and rescuing us. Let's all close our eyes for a minute. We're going to say a silent prayer in our head, just between you and God. Ask him about his love. And if you want, tell him you love him back! (Give kids 20-30 seconds of silence.)

PRAY

God, thank you for sending a rescuer who knows what it's like to be human. Thank you for loving us so much, that you gave us your only son. We love you, amen.

WORSHIP

When we show Jesus love, it's called worship. We can do that in lots of ways, and we'll talk



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about those in small group. But when we realize how much Jesus gave up to come and live with us...and even die with us, it makes us want to love him back. Let's worship him together right now by singing and dancing. Stand up!

Music Video: Better Than the Best

Music Video: All Our Hope

**Dismiss kids to small groups*

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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group (all reused)

Human/Divine questions on paper strips (reused)

Paper bag

Per kid

1 starburst

small group supplies

Per group

1 Bible

1 white board

dry erase marker

paper towels to erase

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Image: ice
3. Image: sad kid
4. Image: superheros next to normal person
5. Video: Incredibles clip (Public>Kids Club>Kids Club Media_Videos Songs>Videos>Movie Clips>The Incredibles>Living without powers)
6. Slide: Philippians 2:6-8
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He obeyed God completely, even though it led to his death. In fact, he died on a cross.
7. Image: 2 images of mean kids (on the same slide)
 8. Slide: Hebrews 4:15 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.
 9. Slide: 1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
 10. Music Video: Better Than the Best with dance moves (Public>Kids Club>Kids Club Media_Videos Songs>Music Videos)
 11. Music Video: All Our Hope (<https://vimeo.com/99668247>)

connect questions

How did Jesus show us he loves us?

Kids will get starburst candy today. Please fill out an Allergy Alert sticker if necessary.

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