



UNIT 19 | SESSION 1 | FEBRUARY 29- MARCH 1, 2020

## 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson

# From Adam to Jesus

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1

**Story Point:** Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.

**Key Passage:** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." John 1:1-2

**Christ Connection:** Jesus saves people from their sins and adopts them into God's family.

**KID CONNECT:  
10 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:  
30 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:  
20 MINUTES**

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

The prophecies concerning Jesus' birth are numerous, and many of them refer to Jesus' lineage. Old Testament prophecies tell of the promised Messiah being born from the seed of a woman (Gen. 3:15), from the seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:18), Isaac (Gen. 21:12), and Jacob (Num. 24:17), from the tribe of Judah (Micah 5:2), from the line of Jesse (Isa. 11:1), and from the house of David (Jer. 23:5). The prophecies said He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14) and would be the Son of God (1 Chron. 17:13-14, Ps. 2:7). Jesus fulfilled all of these prophecies.

In Bible times, Jews took great care to accurately record family genealogies. The family a person belonged to was directly linked to property rights. Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38 both chronicle the genealogy of Jesus. The account in Matthew presents Jesus as the king of the Jews—the legal heir to the throne of David. The account in Luke was written to Greek Christians and focuses on Jesus' descent from Adam.

Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem. He had earthly parents—Mary and Joseph—but His true Father is God. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

As fully God, "the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ" (Col. 2:9). As fully man, Jesus has a human body, human mind, and human emotions. (See Luke 2:7,52; Matt. 26:38.) He is

our sinless representative (2 Cor. 5:21), sympathetic high priest (Heb. 4:15), and substitute sacrifice (1 John 4:10).

Use this Bible story with the kids you teach to review Jesus' ancestors and their stories in the Old Testament. Help kids recognize that God had been working out His plan to send Jesus over hundreds of years—through Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Rahab, Ruth, David, and others. God sent His Son to earth to save people from their sins.

## KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: INTRO/OUTRO MUSIC)

Play intro music and greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group.

### DOMINO EFFECT

(Dominos)

Help the kids work in groups of three or four to set up various patterns of dominoes. Instruct the kids to take turns pushing over the first domino to observe what happens. Challenge them to make many patterns and see if there are any patterns that won't all fall down when the first domino is pushed.

SAY • Each domino that fell led right into the next. In a way, that's kind of like our families. Each set of parents had kids, leading to the next generation. Jesus had a human family just like we do. His family can be traced back very far. Let's learn more about it.

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as you transition to Large Group. Set it to end as the session begins.

### LARGE GROUP GAME

(CG + SFX: GAME INTRO SLIDE + MUSIC, SFX: FUN MUSIC)

### ONE ARM, TWO ARMS, NONE

(No Supplies Needed)

SAY • It's game time again! Back by popular demand, we are going to play One Arm, Two Arms, None. Everybody stand up! The game is simple; when I say go you are going to either put one arm up in the air, two arms up in the air or none. Then, we are going to click the randomizer and the game will randomly decide which one wins that round. If you chose the

correct one, you're still in and can play round 2! If not, you're out and have to sit down. And remember, no changing your decision afterwards! We will play this over and over until there's one winner. Ready? Let's play!

*NOTE: When you get down to roughly 6-8 kids left, have them come up on the stage or stand in the staging area facing the audience to add drama to the game (and help prevent cheating). Also, if you get down to 2-3 kids, have them each pick a different option so there is a guaranteed winner.*

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: LET REVOLUTION START, VIDEO: ALIVE)**

SAY • Let's worship God!

## INTRODUCE THE SESSION

**(CG: AWKWARD FAMILY PHOTOS - BIG FAMILY EDITION)**

**(No Supplies Needed)**

SAY • Hello, everyone! I'm [*your name*], and this month we are going to be talking about photos. Raise your hand if you've ever had a family photo portrait made. I'm NOT talking about selfies! I'm talking about a time when your family maybe had professional photos taken...maybe you had to travel somewhere to get them made. [*Pause for kids to respond.*] Yeah, family portraits are my favorite. How many of you have ever taken a photo with your entire extended family? That means one BIG photo of the whole family that might even include cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. [*Pause for kids to respond.*] Yeah, it's tough to get everyone together in one place to be able to take a photo, and sometimes they end up turning out...pretty awkward. Check these out.

*Show Awkward Family Photos - Big Family Edition. Respond accordingly to each one.*

Wow. Those were some big families who made some...big...choices for their family photo! Did you know the Bible tells us about Jesus' family? He also had a big family...but we can't look at a photo for that...we have to read about it in the Bible. I can't wait for you to hear more.

## GIANT TIMELINE

**(CG: GIANT TIMELINE)**

Show the giant timeline.

SAY • The Bible stories we have heard so far have been from the Old Testament. The Old Testament tells us the history of the Jewish people. God created the heavens and the earth, and everything God created was good. But you don't have to look far to see that things are not perfect like they were in the beginning.

Adam and Eve, the first humans, chose to disobey God. Sin entered the world and ever since then, everything has been messed up. But all along God had a plan to fix what sin broke. God planned to send a Rescuer. By the end of the Old Testament, the promised Rescuer (also known as the Messiah) still had not arrived, but God's plans had all been laid out. Today we

will look back to see how Jesus' family had been chosen by God to prepare the world for His coming.

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: FROM ADAM TO JESUS, CG: BIBLE STORY PICTURE, CG: STORY POINT)

(Bible)

Show the Bible story video "From Adam to Jesus."

SAY • Since the beginning of creation, God's plan was working in the lives of His people. Adam had kids, who had kids, who had kids and so on all the way down the line. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah were all Jesus' ancestors. Ruth had Obed, who had Jesse, whose son David became a king. King David and his son Solomon, and Solomon's sons and grandsons and great-grandsons were all leading up to the perfect King, Jesus.

Jesus' family was chosen and guided by God in a special way. God told prophets to pay attention to this family because eventually this family led to the birth of Jesus, God the Son. Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.

Jesus had an earthly family just like you and I, because Jesus is fully human. However, unlike us, Jesus is also fully God. As God's Son, Jesus is both fully God and fully human. Jesus has always existed with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised by Joseph, but His true Father is God.

Jesus' family was not a list of perfect people. All of Jesus' ancestors disobeyed God at times, just like us and just like our ancestors did. Even so, God used them in His miraculous plan to bring Jesus into the world. God can use us and our families in incredible ways too, especially when we have faith in Jesus and obey Him out of love.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

(CG: CHRIST CONNECTION)

Note: You may use this opportunity to use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.

SAY • Jesus came to earth as a human. Jesus had earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, but His true Father is God. Through Jesus, God kept His promises to Abraham and David. Jesus saves people from their sins and adopts them into God's family.

## KEY PASSAGE

(CG: KEY PASSAGE)

(Bible)

Show the key passage slide. Open the Bible and lead the kids to read John 1:1-2 together.

SAY • Our key passage tells us that the Word was God, and the Word was with God. The Word is Jesus. This verse helps us know more about who Jesus is.

## PRAY AND DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS

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## JESUS' FAMILY TREE

(**"Family Tree" printable, 1 per child, Leaf-shape Names, 1 set per kid, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Markers**)

Give each kid a family tree printable and a leaf-shape set with the names of people in Jesus' family tree. Show kids the "You" leaf and invite them to consider if their name belongs on Jesus' family tree. Remind kids that God adopts us into His family when we trust in Jesus. There is also a blank leaf provided if they want to pray for a family member or friend to trust in Jesus. Encourage kids to color their tree while you discuss how God welcomes us into His family.

**SAY** • When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from our sin and adopts us into God's family. I'm thankful that we don't have to be perfect before God welcomes us into His family. All the people on this tree disobeyed God at times, but everyone who asks Jesus to forgive them for their sin will be saved. The Bible tells us in Romans 8:16 that followers of Jesus are God's children. As God's children, we will one day live with God forever. What incredible news that is!

## DISCUSSION

(Bibles)

Distribute Bibles. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Matthew 1. Read Matthew 1:1.

**SAY** • The first words in the New Testament show that God kept the promise He made throughout the Old Testament. Since sin entered the world, God promised to send a Savior.

God said this Savior would come from the family of Abraham (Gen. 22:18) and the family of King David (Jer. 23:5). Jesus was called "the Son of David" and "the Son of Abraham." Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

What kinds of people are in Jesus' family? *Invite kids to share their observations. Point out that God uses all types of people in His plans. God made Abraham a father even in his old age. God used Jacob even though he dressed in his brother's clothes to get a blessing meant for Esau. Rahab hid the Israelite spies. Ruth was a Moabite who followed her mother-in-law back to Judah. David was a shepherd boy. Solomon asked for wisdom. God made Josiah a king at 8 years old. All of these people made some big mistakes. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Eph. 1:4-5.)*

How is Jesus different than the other people in His family? *Emphasize that as the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human. Unlike the other people in His family line, Jesus never sinned. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Heb. 4:15.)*

What does it mean to be adopted into God's family? *Lead kids to recognize that adoption describes our new relationship with God. We gain all of the responsibilities and privileges of being a child of God. God gives His Spirit to lead His children. We live for Him, and we will live with Him forever. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Gal. 4:6-7.)*

## KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

**(Key Passage Poster, 1 per group, "Key Passage Hopscotch" printable, 1 per group, bean bag, 1 per group, Masking Tape)**

Display the key passage poster. Encourage kids to help you make a hopscotch pattern with the phrases in order. Use tape to fix the sheets to the floor. Instruct the kids to line up and take turns tossing a beanbag onto the key passage before hopping across the passage, saying each word aloud. Kids will skip the word on which the beanbag landed.

SAY • Our key passage comes from the very beginning of the book of John. John wrote to tell people about Jesus. Jesus is the Word of God; through Jesus, all things exist. John also explains that the Word is God and is with God.

## REFLECTION AND PRAYER

**(Journal Page - 1 per kid, Pencils)**

Ask the kids the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Make time for prayer requests and pray for your group. If time allows, have kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

**(Older Kids Activity Page, 1 per kid)**

Hand each 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade kid an Older Kids Activity Page and encourage them to do it at home with their family this week.