



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

2s-3s Lesson

From Adam to Jesus

Bible Passage: Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1

Story Point: Jesus had a family.

Key Passage: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1

Christ Connection: Jesus saves people and makes them part of God’s family.

KID CONNECT:
30 MINUTES

LARGE GROUP:
15 MINUTES

SMALL GROUP:
15 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 preschoolers you teach to review Jesus' ancestors and their stories in the Old Testament. Help preschoolers 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: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

MAKE THUMBPRINT ART

(“Christ Connection” printable, 1 per child, Washable Ink Pad, Crayons, Stickers, Wipes)

Provide Christ Connection printable and washable ink pads. Help preschoolers press their thumb onto the ink pad and then onto their paper, once for each person in their family. Wipe hands immediately. Draw simple stick bodies for the thumbprints. Give preschoolers stickers to decorate their family portrait.

SAY • Jesus had a family just like us. Jesus is God’s Son, and Jesus is a man too. There is no one like Jesus! Jesus saves us and makes us part of God’s family!

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: OH, HAPPY DAY, VIDEO: JESUS LOVES ME)

Sing “Oh, Happy Day” and “Jesus Loves Me.”

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

(CG: GIANT TIMELINE)

(Bible, Bookmark, LGL’s Extended Family Photos)

Place a bookmark at Matthew 1 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Display the open Bible.

SAY • The Bible has two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. We have been learning from the Old Testament, but today, we will begin learning from the New Testament. Both the Old and New Testaments are God’s Word, and God’s Word is true.

Point to the Bible story picture on the giant timeline. Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God saves people through His Son, Jesus.

Show pictures of your family. Encourage preschoolers to briefly name who is in their families.

SAY • Even though Jesus is God’s Son, God gave Jesus a family on earth. Jesus’ family was big. Let’s listen to our Bible story to find out who was in Jesus’ family.

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

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

Show the Bible story video.

SAY • God kept the promises He made to Abraham and David long ago when He sent Jesus. Jesus is God’s Son, but He came to earth as a human.

CHRIST CONNECTION

(CG: CHRIST CONNECTION)

SAY • Jesus had a family that included His mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, and many other people who lived before, like Abraham and David. Jesus saves people and makes them part of God’s family.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

(CG: KEY PASSAGE)

(Bible, Key Passage Marker)

Place the key passage marker at John 1:1. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

“In the beginning was the Word, (*open hands like a book*) and the Word was with God, (*lift book up over head*) and the Word was God. (*point up*)” John 1:1 (*open hands like a book*).

SAY • *The Word* is actually another name for Jesus. Jesus has always been with God. Jesus is God’s Son, but He came to earth as a baby. God gave Jesus a family. God sent Jesus to keep His promises.

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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SAY YOUR NAME

(Ball, 1 per group)

Gather preschoolers and sit in a circle. Roll a ball to a child and ask him to say his name. Roll the ball to another child and continue introducing boys and girls to one another. Alter the game by saying a child’s name before rolling the ball to her. Mention that there were many people with many different names in Jesus’ family.

SAY • I am so glad to see all of you today! Most of you have different names that were given to you by your family. Jesus had a family of many people who loved God and followed Him.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: MAKE A FAMILY NECKLACE

(Small Cardstock Circles, 3-5 per child, Yarn, 1 per child)

Give preschoolers a circle to represent each person in their family. Talk about family members as you help preschoolers string their circles on the yarn to make a necklace. Help them tie their necklace when finished.

SAY • These circles can help us count the people in our family. How many people are in your family? Every family is different, but every family is a gift from God. Jesus had a family just like me and you. Jesus’ family was very big!

KEY PASSAGE WITH MOTIONS

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. “In the beginning was the Word, (*open hands like a book*) and the Word was with God, (*lift book up over head*) and the Word was God. (*point up*)” John 1:1 (*open hands like a book*).

GOSPEL GEMS

(Key Passage Card, 1 per group, Bible Story Picture, 1 per group, Small Bibles)

Provide small Bibles for the preschoolers to handle. Read the key passage card and guide preschoolers to say it. Open your Bible to Luke 3. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray for the preschoolers.

- God promised to send Jesus to earth.

- Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus is a man too.
- God sent Jesus like He promised.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Big Picture Card & Story Point Coloring Page (optional), 1 per child)

Two & three-year olds may color the optional Story Point coloring page as parents arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool Christ Connection with their child this week.