



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

4s-5s 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 FAMILIES

(No Supplies Needed)

Tell preschoolers you will call out a number and they must form groups in that number. For example, if you say the number three, the preschoolers will make groups of three. Offer assistance as needed. Make sure you are ready to jump in, so no one is left out. Play as time allows.

SAY • No family is the same. Some families have three people and others have more or less. Jesus had a family. Jesus' family was big. The best news is that no matter what the size of your family is or who is in your family, Jesus came to earth so that we could be a 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 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 • Wow, Jesus’ family was big! God kept the promises He made to Abraham and David long ago when He sent Jesus. Jesus is God’s Son.

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 kept His promise to send Jesus.

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. Change the game again by saying the name of a person a child remembers from the Bible as the ball is rolled.

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.

MAKE A FAMILY NECKLACE

(Cardstock Circles, 3-5 per child, Plastic Straw Pieces, 3-5 per child, Yarn, 1 per child)

Give preschoolers a circle to represent each person 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 • Who do you live with? 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! Jesus saves people and makes them a part of God’s family.

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*).

REVIEW

(Bible Story Picture, 1 per group)

Show the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

Who is God’s Son? (*Jesus*)

How is Jesus different from other people? (*He is both God and a man at the same time.*)

Who were Jesus’ parents on earth? (*Joseph and Mary*)

Why did God send Jesus for us? (*He loves us and wants us to be a part of His family*)

SAY • Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was born as a baby and grew up. Jesus had a family just like you and me. Joseph and Mary were Jesus' mom and dad on earth. Joseph and Mary cared for Jesus as their own son, but God is His true Father. God sent Jesus to save people and make them a part of God's family. We can be a part of God's family too because of Jesus.

PRAYER

Ask children if they have anything they would like to pray for.

SAY • God, thank you for our families. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us from our sin so that we can be part of your family. Help us love and obey you. Amen.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Preschool Activity Page, 1 per child and Crayons)

Preschoolers may color the Story Point coloring page as parents arrive. Encourage them to do the activity page at home with their family this week.