



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

4th-5th 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 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, CG: QUESTION 1, CG: QUESTION 2)

(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’ family was not a list of perfect people. All of Jesus’ ancestors were sinners, just like we are and just like our ancestors were. Even so, God used them in His miraculous plan to bring forgiveness to sinners. God can use us and our families in incredible ways too, especially when we have faith in Jesus and obey Him out of love.

QUESTION 1: What does this story teach us about God?

SAY • Jesus came to earth as a baby in Bethlehem. God is Jesus’ Father, but He chose Mary and Joseph to be Jesus’ earthly parents. For many years, God had promised to send a Messiah to save people from sin. Jesus was God’s plan to bring salvation to the world, and God had been working out His plan all along.

QUESTION 2: How is Jesus better than Adam?

SAY • Jesus’ family line proved He is the Messiah. It stretches all the way back to Adam and Eve. Adam was the family representative for everyone born after him. The Bible calls Jesus “the last Adam.” Death from sin came to the world through the first Adam; Jesus came to rescue sinners and bring life with God forever.

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. We know this is true because later in John 1 we learn that the Word became flesh and lived with us on earth, just as Jesus did. This verse helps us know more about who Jesus is.

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.

PRAY AND DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS

SMALL GROUP

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JESUS’ FAMILY TREE

(“Family Tree” printable, 1 per child, Leaf-shape Names, 1 set per kid, Glue Sticks, Markers, Colored Pencils)

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)

SAY • Jesus is God’s Son, but He came to earth as a baby.

- Why is Jesus sometimes called the last Adam?
- Who is Jesus' true Father?

Distribute Bibles. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Matthew 1. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Matthew 1:1. Point out that 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 Rescuer. Remind kids that 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. Choose another volunteer to read aloud Matthew 1:1 again. Then lead the group to discuss the following questions.

1. What kinds of people are in Jesus’ family line?

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. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Eph. 1:4-5.)

2. How is Jesus different than the other people in His family line?

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.)

3. 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.)

PRAY

Invite volunteers to share prayer requests. Then pray, praising God for working out His plan to send Jesus from the beginning—through many generations. Thank Him for loving and remembering His people.

KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

(Key Passage Poster, 1 per group, “Key Passage Phrase” printable, 1 per kid)

Mix up the key passage phrases. Display the key passage poster. Lead kids by reading John 1:1-2 aloud. Challenge kids to arrange the cards in the correct order. When kids finish, lead them to read the key passage together. If time allows, mix up the cards and play again. For an added challenge, include word cards that are not part of the key passage and instruct kids to find and remove words that do not belong.

REFLECTION

(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?

If time allows, have kids complete the Journal Page provided with this session.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Older Kids Activity Page, 1 per kid)

Hand each 4th-5th grade kid an Older Kids Activity Page and encourage them to do it at home with their family this week.

OPTIONAL TAKE HOME:

(Preteen Learner Guide Option)

For 5th Graders that would like some additional God Time this week.