

SECTION 3.8 | Jesus Review



Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: A Good Foundation

What You'll Need: Building toys

PREP: Gather several different sets of building toys (e.g., Legos®, Lincoln Logs®, wooden blocks, magnetic tiles). Place sets on tables or around the room, creating several "building sites."

STEP 1: As the kids enter, assign them to a building site. Give those who are stationed together at building sites three minutes to work together to construct a structure that is able to withstand a small amount of shaking.

STEP 2: After three minutes, visit the different building sites. Briefly discuss the structure, then shake the table gently to see if the structure remains standing.

Ask the following questions:

- What are the most important pieces of the structure?
- What would happen if I were to knock out or remove these pieces to the structure?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

- The key to a strong structure is a solid foundation.
- There is one person who is most important to our faith: Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ is the ONLY way that we can have a relationship with God.

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of Jesus Christ.

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Option 2: A Focal Point

What You'll Need: Camera or smartphone (optional: computer, video projector)

PREP: Choose three or four items to photograph. Take a picture of the items, and then take a close-up of a very small section of the same items. Print all the images or project them on a wall during the opening activity.

STEP 1: One at a time, display the close-up images. Have the kids try to guess the item. After several guesses, display the big pictures of the items.

Ask: Why was it hard to identify an item from the close-up of one, small section?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- It's easy to miss out on understanding what something really is when we don't see the whole picture. It's the same way with Jesus. Some people know only certain things about Him, but they are missing out because they don't see the big picture.
- Jesus is God's Son. Since He is fully God AND fully man, He is the only person who could take the punishment for sin.
- As we review the unit on Jesus remember how important it is to know who Jesus really is.

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of Jesus Christ.

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Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

Option 1: Who Is Jesus

What You'll Need: Bibles, Keys to Understanding Jesus handout (Resource Bundle), 3 x 5 cards, pens or pencils (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Print copies of the Keys to Understanding Jesus handout, one copy per kid.

Write each of the following key statements and references about Jesus on a 3 x 5 card, and bookmark a Bible to each reference.

Jesus is fully God (John 10:30)

Jesus is fully man (John 1:14)

Jesus is Savior (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus conquered death (Romans 6:9)

Jesus wants us to follow Him (1 John 2:6)

Jesus showed grace to others (Ephesians 1:7)

Jesus wants you to share the gospel (Mark 16:15)

STEP 1: Divide the kids into groups of two or three. Depending on the size of your T&T club, give each group one or two prepared 3 x 5 cards. Distribute a copy of the Keys to Understanding Jesus handout to each kid. Instruct groups to complete the first section on their handouts together. Encourage leaders to walk among groups, offering assistance as needed.

STEP 2: After three minutes, have groups share their findings.

Share these concepts:

- Jesus is both God and the Son of God. He showed He was God when He lived on earth by doing things and teaching things that only God could do and know. Only Jesus could save us from our sins because He is the sinless God.
- Jesus Christ is both fully human and fully God. He experienced hard things like we all do — but Jesus never sinned. Because of His love, Jesus limited His powers as God so He could become human. He took our punishment for sin. We can

feel comfort knowing that Jesus went through struggles like ours and can help us.

- We have all sinned, and the punishment for sin is death and separation from God. We can never be good enough to save ourselves. Jesus took our punishment for sin. All you have to do to receive Jesus' payment is to believe that Jesus died for your sin and rose again.
- Jesus conquered death. He will also raise us to life one day with a new, perfect body that will never die. We can rejoice in the hope that we have because of Christ's resurrection. We have the sure hope of heaven someday, and we have help and power from Christ to live our lives here on earth.
- We can learn to follow Jesus' example of loving others. His greatest demonstration of love was His death and resurrection that took the punishment for sin. We can follow Christ's example given in the Bible by forgiving others, showing them grace, and doing kind things for others around us.
- Everyone has sinned and deserves the punishment of death, but God gave us grace through Christ. Christ took our punishment by dying on the cross for sin. If we trust in Christ as Savior, God offers us the free gifts of forgiveness from sin and eternal life that we don't deserve. Because Jesus has shown so much grace to us, we should also show grace to others.
- Jesus wants us to share the gospel and teach others about Him. Jesus wants to use us right where we are. The Holy Spirit will help us and give us courage to share the gospel with others so that they, too, can become followers of Jesus.

STEP 3: Open your Bible and read Ephesians 5:1-2 aloud. Direct the kids' attentions to the last section on their worksheet. Remind kids that when we study who Jesus is and understand all He has done for us, we can determine to trust in Him as Savior and follow His example of forgiveness, grace, and love. Give the group one minute to finish the sentence in the section.

STEP 4: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.



Keys to Understanding Jesus

SECTION ONE:

Key Statement:

Clues from the Bible passage that show this statement is true:

SECTION TWO:

My Conclusion:

I believe Jesus is _____

because _____

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Option 2: Eyewitness Accounts

What You'll Need: Bibles, notebooks, paper, pens and pencils (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Purchase inexpensive notebooks, one for each child. Write the following station numbers and Bible references on paper, one reference set per paper:

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| 1. Luke 19:1-10 | 4. Luke 23:32-33, 39-43 |
| 2. Mark 2:1-12 | 5. Mark 16:1-7 |
| 3. John 1 :1-3, 17, 43-44 | |

Arrange five different stations around the room and number them. Place the reference set of the corresponding number at each station, along with a Bible bookmarked to the appropriate passage.

STEP 1: Give each child a notebook and a pen or pencil. Have them write the numbers 1 through 5 on the first page of their notebooks.

Encourage the kids to travel in groups of two or three to each station and read the verses at each station. Ask the kids to pretend they are eyewitnesses to those events in Jesus' life. Encourage them to write or draw in their journals one or two things they learned about Jesus. Explain to them that they can visit the stations in any order; they just need to record their ideas in their notebooks by the corresponding number of the station that they are visiting.

STEP 2: After five minutes, have groups return to the middle of the room.

Share these key concepts:

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- Jesus Christ is both fully human and fully God. He experienced hard things like we all do — but Jesus never sinned. Because of His love, Jesus limited His powers as God so He could become human. He

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- Jesus wants us to share the gospel and teach others about Him. Jesus wants to use us right where we are. The Holy Spirit will help us and give us courage to share the gospel with others so that they, too, can become followers of Jesus.

STEP 3: Have the kids look over all the things they wrote about Jesus. Remind the kids that the more they study God's Word, the more they will learn about Jesus.

Encourage them to determine to follow Jesus' examples of love and forgiveness as they seek to live their lives for Him.

STEP 4: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.