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February 28, 2010 - Lesson 3

## Who is Jesus?



1. *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”* (Deuteronomy 31:6)
2. *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* (Galatians 2:20)
3. *“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* (John 1:14)

### Who is Jesus?

What’s the difference between knowing about someone and having a relationship with that person?

*Read 1 John 1:5-2:6*

- From this passage, what ways can we know Jesus?
- How can knowing Jesus save our lives?

This passage tells us that if we obey His commands and confess our sins we can know Jesus and have a relationship with Him. *(adapted from “No Miss Lessons for Preteens”, Group Publishing)*

### Jesus is Fully Human and Fully Divine.

*Read Luke 24:36-48—What does this passage show us? (His appearance & His resurrection shows He was fully divine along with the look of His hands and feet show that Jesus was fully human.)*

*The disciples were able to touch Jesus and stand in front of Him, so they knew He was human; but they also knew they saw Him die on the cross. So, the fact that He was standing in front of them shows His divinity—that He is God.*

- *Why is it important that Jesus be fully human? (so, He could relate to our struggles and show us by example we can overcome sin) and fully divine? (He was the perfect sacrifice)*

## **Jesus is your Friend—He can relate to you**

I know that each of you have friends and your friends can sometimes leave you. Jesus is your forever friend. *“He will never leave you nor forsake you.”* (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Jesus faced some of the same problems you might face too. Since He was fully human He could experience physical pain, emotions, temptations and had physical needs like eating and drinking.

What do these passages show us about Jesus’ ability to relate to you?

- Matthew 4: 2 & John 4: 6— *he lived in a human body*
- John 11: 32-36— *he experienced human emotions*
- Luke 2: 46-52 & Mark 6:3— *he experienced day-to-day life as a human*

***Ask your student about an activity they did with a piece of rope.***

## **What’s His Story?**

Virgin birth— Conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit & born of a virgin girl named Mary. He was born without sin.

His birth and early life— He was born in Bethlehem. We don’t know much about his early life. He was raised in Nazareth and was probably a carpenter the first 30 years of His life, like His earthly father Joseph.

His public ministry (3 years: ages 30 - 33)

- Baptized by His cousin, John the Baptist.
- Tested in the wilderness for 40 days by Satan. Jesus demonstrates in this temptation His perfect obedience to the Will of God and His superiority over Satan.
- Called His disciples.
- Healed the sick, performed great miracles, preached and taught with authority
- Jesus was a challenge to the religious authorities. They accused Him of blasphemy (claiming to be God when He was not).

## **Jesus’ crucifixion, death and resurrection:**

Jesus took our sins on Him and gave His life to free us from sin. This was God’s plan for the salvation of the world; under God’s full control. Now, we have direct access to God. On the third day after His death, God raised Jesus from the dead. Without the Resurrection, the apostle Paul declared, Christian preaching and belief are meaningless. The Resurrection is the point at which God’s intention for Jesus becomes clear and believers are assured that Jesus is Christ.

Jesus’ Ascension—After 40 days, Jesus was taken up into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of God, where He now reigns over all things.

His Second Coming—Jesus will return to defeat, once and for all time, the forces of evil; to judge the living and the dead; and to grant everlasting life to all who have believed.

## **What was Jesus’ Mission?**

He came to reveal God, who is beyond human comprehension. He came as the human face of God.

He came to redeem humankind through His faithful life and saving death. He died for the sins of the world.

### **How does all this help us understand Jesus?**

Jesus is God and, therefore, has been around since the beginning. Jesus is the Christ, Messiah, the Savior. He is our teacher through His parables and stories in His ministry. He is our shepherd; He cares for us, protects us, and laid down His life for us.

# Homework

Pick one of the following Scriptures to memorize for next week's lesson, write it on a note card and put it somewhere you can see it and reflect on it daily:

1. *"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)*
2. *"This is the word of the Lord. Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6)*
3. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)*

### **Journaling:**

1. Look at the titles of Jesus Christ in your student lesson guide (page 31). Mark or highlight the ones you have previously heard before.
2. Which ones have you never heard? Look up 5 of the ones you haven't heard by looking at the Scripture reference. Write these names in your journal and say what you learned about Jesus from these 5 names.
3. Listen to some Christian music on 97.3FM KLOVE, watch a Christian video on [rezlifekc.blip.tv](http://rezlifekc.blip.tv). Then journal on what you learned or felt like when you were listening or watching.

### **The Journey Continues next week: Lesson 4 — Who is the Holy Spirit?**

*In preparation for next week, read "Who is the Holy Spirit?" on page 34 (in the Student Lesson Guide).*

### **Family Homework:**

1. If you are able to, rent the movie, *The Gospel of John* from a video store or the library and watch it as a family. (It is also available on [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) in "scenes" so you are able to watch the movie in segments online).
2. Spend time this week discussing ways you showed the love of Jesus to someone at home, work, school or neighborhood. Were there times this week you didn't show the love of Jesus? If you didn't, why not? Was it due to time or doubt? How can you as a family encourage each other to be more like Christ in your own home, neighborhood, work or school?

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<b>Title of Jesus Christ</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Scripture Reference</b>
1. Adam, Last Adam	First of the new race of the redeemed	1 Cor.15:45
2. Alpha and Omega	The beginning and ending of all things	Rev. 21:6
3. Bread of Life	The one essential food	John 6:35
4. Chief Cornerstone	A sure foundation for life	Eph. 2:20
5. Chief Shepherd	Protector, sustainer, and guide	1 Peter 5:4
6. Firstborn from the Dead	Leads us into resurrection and eternal life	Col. 1:18
7. Good Shepherd	Provider and caretaker	John 10:11
8. Great Shepherd of the Sheep	Trustworthy guide and protector	Heb. 13:20
9. High Priest	A perfect sacrifice for our sins	Heb. 3:1
10. Holy One of God	Sinless in his nature	Mark 1:24
11. Immanuel (God with us)	Stands with us in all life's circumstances	Matt. 1:23
12. King of Kings, Lord of Lords	The Almighty, before whom every knee will bow	Rev.19:16
13. Lamb of God	Gave his life as a sacrifice on our behalf	John 1:29
14. Light of the World	Brings hope in the midst of darkness	John 9:5
15. Lord of Glory	The power and presence of the living God	1 Cor.2:8
16. Mediator between God &Men	Brings us into God's presence redeemed and forgiven	1 Tim.2:5
17. Only Begotten of the Father	The unique, one-of-a-kind Son of God	John 1:14
18. Prophet	Faithful proclaimer of the truths of God	Acts 3:22
19. Savior	Delivers from sin and death	Luke 1:47
20. Seed of Abraham	Mediator of God's covenant (promise)	Gal. 3:16
21. Son of Man	Identifies with us in our humanity	Luke 19:10
22. The Word	Present with God at the creation	John 1:1
23. Messiah	Refers to Jesus' role as a spiritual deliverer setting His people free from sin and death.	John 1:41