

WEEK 3

GOD IS ONE

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PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31

KEY IDEAS

1. Jesus is the promised Son of God, the Messiah.
2. Jesus is both God and man.
3. Jesus came to save the world from sin.

KEY PASSAGE

John 1:1-15, Mark 1:4-11 (John baptizes Jesus)

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

Jesus is God in the flesh and He came to save us from our sin.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

amazed that God would leave His place in Heaven and come to earth to save us from our sins.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

call on the name of Jesus in prayer.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to place their faith in Jesus, the Son of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

INTRODUCTION

God alone is the Creator of the universe. He has always existed and always will exist, before all time and creation. He is the first and the last, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End. God knows everything, sees everything, and has power over everything. Apart from him, there is no other god. Our God is one, but He has three forms. He is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. Each one of God's forms has a different job and is distinct, but He is still one God, perfectly unified, and His ways and thoughts are higher than ours.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by bringing in a stuffed animal such as a build a bear and a piece of clothing that would fit the animal (could be from another toy or something that goes with it). Ask, "What is this stuffed animal?" (answer: a bear), "What type of clothing does it have on it?" (a jacket, hat, etc.), "So is not a bear anymore?" (no, it's still a bear). Explain that when Jesus came to earth, He put on flesh or became a man, but He didn't stop being God either. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is the King of Heaven and He left His throne to come to earth so that He could save us from our sin!

STORY

Read John 1:1-15 and Mark 1:4-11 (the baptism of Jesus).

The Bible describes Jesus in different ways. A few of those ways are that He is the Son of God. He is the King. He is the Messiah. He is also called the Word. The book of John says that in the beginning (when the earth was created) the Word (Jesus) was with God and the Word WAS God. Jesus has always existed even before He came to the earth as a baby, which is what we celebrate at Christmas time. His birth! God's people had been waiting for Him to come for a very long time because God had promised that He would send His Son to save them from sin. There was a man named John the Baptist and His job was to prepare the way for Jesus by telling the people that He was coming soon! As John was doing this, Jesus came to be baptized by Him, and baptism was a way of showing everyone who He really was! When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit came down on Him in the form of a dove, and God the Father was heard saying, "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased". This proved that Jesus was the Son of God, the one who had been promised would save the people from their sin. He was God in human form!

ACTIVITY

Use the "Jesus Is" banner hanging in the classroom. Discuss each of the attributes of Jesus and have the kids participate by hanging them back on the clothesline as you read them off.

PRAYER

Thank God that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to the world to save us from our sin and that because He paid for our sins on the cross, we can be saved!

SONG

Trinity Song by U-Nite

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

John 3:16, Matthew 3:17, Matthew 16:17, Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1, Colossians 2:9, John 10:30

ACTIVITY

Help your child complete the Jesus jigsaw puzzle provided in your take home packet. Reread Mark 4:1-11 and talk about the baptism of Jesus and the fulfillment of the promise of the Messiah. Jesus's baptism shows both His humanity and His deity and provides an example of how we are to live our lives for the glory of God the Father.

DISCUSSION

- Who is Jesus and why did He come?
Jesus is the Son of God who came to save us from our sins.
- What does it mean that Jesus is the Messiah?
God had promised His people, the Israelites, that He would send a Savior. That Savior is Jesus and He came to save the whole world.
- How does Jesus save us from our sin?
Jesus came to earth as a man to live a perfect, sinless life. Jesus was able to live a perfect life, unlike us, because He is fully God. This is why He was the perfect substitute for us to pay for our sins on the cross so we would not have to, and if we believe in Him, we can have eternal life.

PRAYER

Thank God that He sent Jesus His only Son to save the world from sin and offer eternal hope in Him. Ask God to help you want to know His Son more.

Jesus' Baptism Jigsaw Puzzle

Cut the puzzle apart on the red lines, mix the pieces up, and put the picture back together.

