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LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus is the Word

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn another name Jesus was called that maybe you've never heard him called before. It comes from our memory verse which refers to Jesus as the Word. Hmmm, that seems weird. Who would ever name their kid Word? Jesus is referred to the Word because he completely represents everything about God, and his truth, because he is God! I know that might sound confusing. How can God be God and Jesus be God. Well, like many things, we aren't like God at all so we have a hard time understanding how he works. But the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus was there at the very beginning when all of creation was formed. And the Bible also says that Jesus is God. That's why he was able to walk this earth and live a perfect life. That's why Jesus was able to die to pay for our sins - because he is God! So, when you think about Jesus, remember that he existed long before that first Christmas when he came to earth as a baby. And picture him as the walking, talking version of the Bible because He is the Word!

Big Idea

Jesus existed even before he was born on earth.

Key Question

Why does it matter that Jesus is God?

Memory Verse

John 1:1 "In the beginning, the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Classroom Agenda

- (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: Did your parents consider other names for you when you were born? How did they decide what to name you and are you named after someone else?** (Tip: Names are important. Some of us are named after a grandpa or an aunt. Others have totally unique names. Jesus had a few names.)
- (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **If he wasn't, he couldn't pay for our sins.** (This is really important to understand. Our parents would do anything to save us from harm or danger. They would jump in front of a moving car to save us from getting hit. But, they can't fix our sin problem. They have their own sins to deal with. Only a perfect, sinless person can do that. That's why only Jesus could go to the cross to pay for our sins. He is God so he has the power to take away sins. Our parents can't do that.)
 - Bonus Questions:** Why can't our parents save us from sin? Why is Jesus the only one who can do that?
4-5th: What else does Jesus have the power to do? (Miracles, create, offer wisdom and direction)
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read [Revelation 1:8](#). What does alpha and omega mean? What else does this verse say about Jesus?** (Answer: These are greek words. Alpha means first or beginning and omega means last or ending. In other words, Jesus is the first and the last. He has always existed and he will never die. This means that Jesus is all powerful and all knowing. He is God and he is worthy of our praise and worship.)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: FIND THE BOOK IN THE BIBLE

Instructions:

- Have the class break into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have kids race to find the books in the Bible below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

Books:

Genesis

Isaiah

Malachi

John

Acts

1 Timothy

Supplies needed: Bibles

OPTION 2: JESUS IS THE WORD MATCHING GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Matching cards (page 5-6).
- Have them place them face down on the floor. Choose one kid to start. Have them play a game of concentration where the kid flips over two cards. If a match, they get to keep those cards and play again. If not a match, the kid to their right gets a chance. Continue until all the matches are found. Kid with the most cards at the end, wins.

Supplies needed: Matching cards template (pg. 5-6, pre cut, 1 set per group)

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The story of Jesus started long before that famous first Christmas. Jesus was actually there when nothing else existed.

Key Points:

- Jesus existed even before he was _____, John 1:1-2
- Jesus is actually _____, John 1:1
- God created everything _____, John 1:3
- Jesus is _____ that shines in the darkness. John 1:5

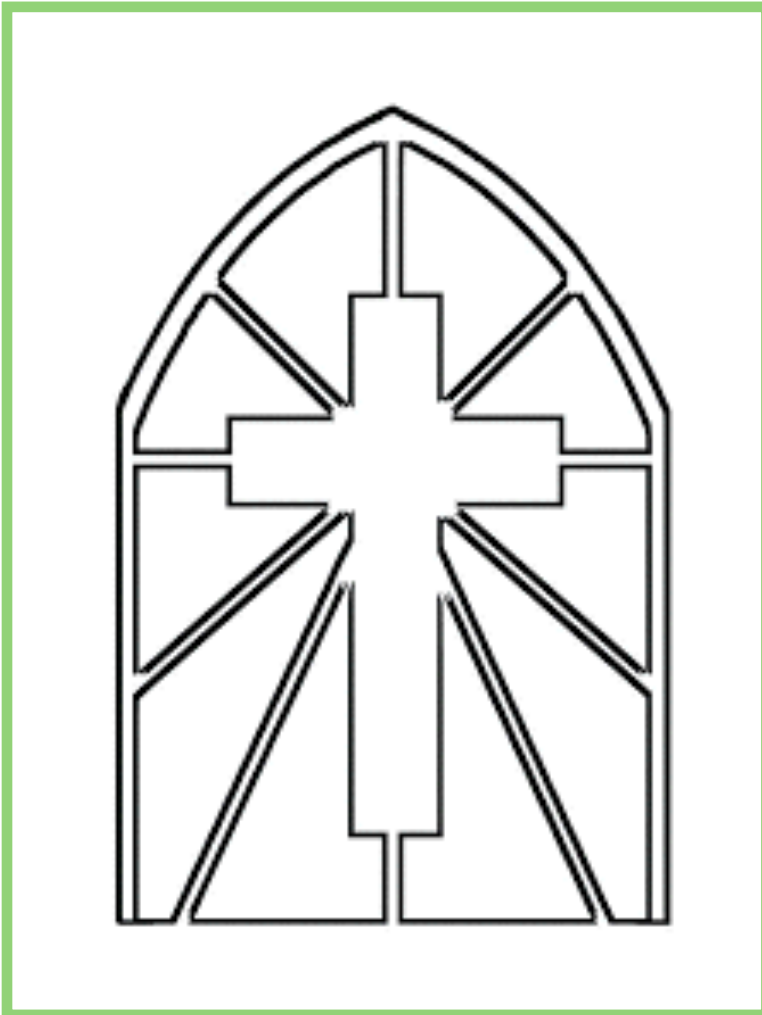
Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Did your parents consider other names for you when you were born? How did they decide what to name you and are you named after someone else?*
3. *What is another name for Jesus?*
4. *Why is it important to know that Jesus is God?*
5. *Read Revelation 1:8. What does alpha and omega mean? What else does this verse say about Jesus?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.

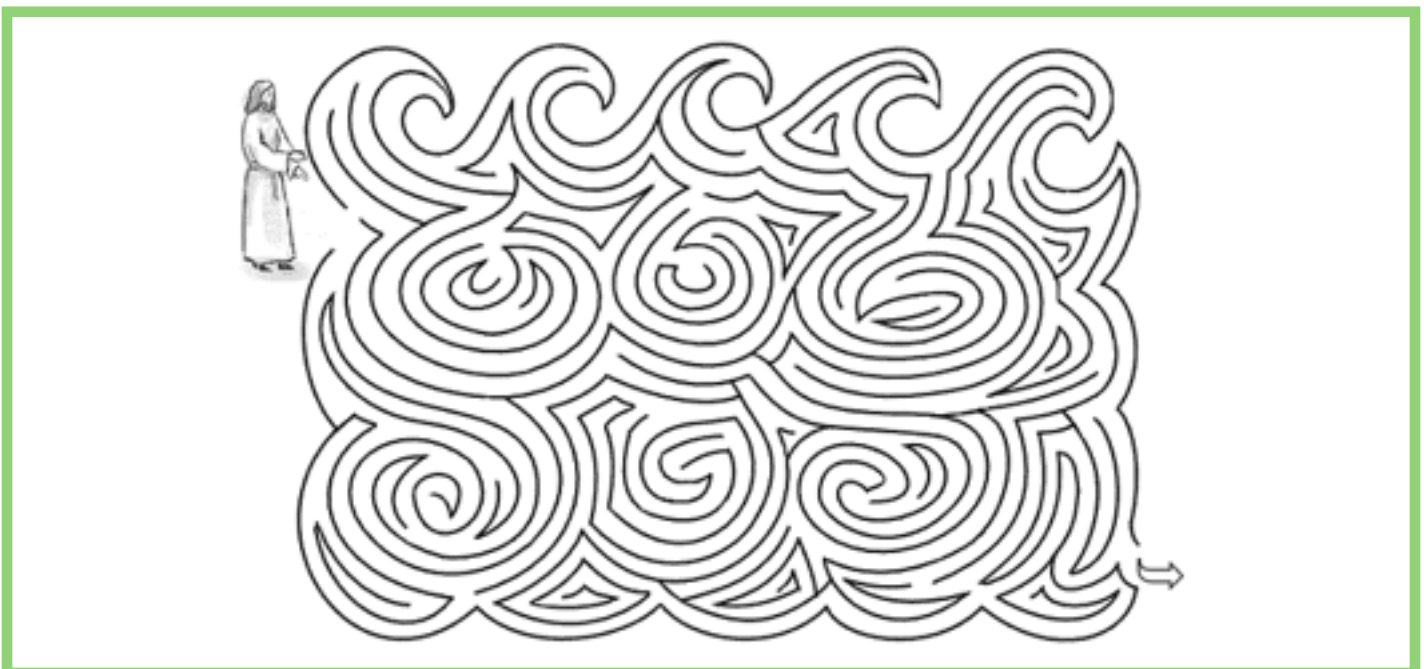


Big Idea

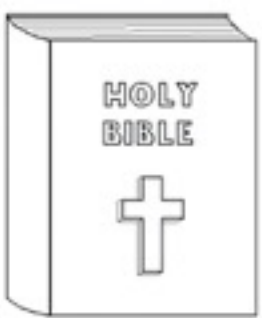
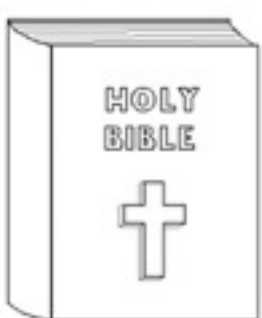


Key Question

Memory Verse



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