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### **Slide: Welcome**

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

### **Slide: Series Intro**

Before we get started, let's take a few minutes to talk about names. What's the name of your favorite stuffed animal? (allow kids to respond). What's the name of your favorite vacation spot? (allow kids to answer). Okay, what is your nickname that your parents call you and how did that name come about? (allow kids to answer). Those are some great nicknames!

In our lesson today, we're going to learn about a name that Jesus was called that maybe we're not that familiar with. It sounds a little odd but it's packed with some really important meaning.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together.

#### Song

#### Put Your Hands Up

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

## **Slide: Big Idea**

All together: Jesus existed even before he was born on earth. **(Repeat)** 

#### Video

Play lesson video.

#### **Slide: Recap**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- How long has Jesus existed? (long before 1st Christmas/from the beginning)
- How was Jesus involved with creation? (all things created through him)
- True or False: Jesus is God. (T)

We've really got to put our thinking caps on for this lesson because it can seem confusing. How can Jesus and God be the same? Well, the simple answer is that God is nothing like us. He's different from us so it can be hard for us to understand how Jesus and God are the same. But this is what the Bible clearly teaches. Jesus was there from the very beginning. Even though we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas, that was just when he came to walk the earth. He existed long before that. And, the reason Jesus came to walk among us was to save us from our sins. Only a perfect, all powerful person could do that. Only God could do that and Jesus is God!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

## **Slide: Memory Verse**

"In the beginning (thumb pointing left), the Word (hands holding something in front of you) already existed. The Word (hands holding something in front of you) was with God (point up), and the Word was God (point up)." John 1:1 (*Repeat*)

This verse refers to Jesus as the Word. This is a funny sounding name, huh? But its meaning is super important. See, Jesus fully represents everything about God, and his truth, because he is God. So, Jesus perfectly lived everything the Bible says to do because he's God! Picture Jesus as the walking, talking Bible! Jesus has always been there and he will never cease to exist.

Kids, this is a really important lesson to understand. Jesus is the most famous person ever because he is God who came to walk among us and to save us. When you think of Jesus, don't forget his other name, Word.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

#### Song

I'm all in

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

# **Slide: Big Idea**

Jesus existed even before he was born on earth. (Repeat)

# **Slide: Let's Pray**