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The Life of Christ

Key Theme

- The Bible records actual history.

Key Passages

- John 21:25
- Birth: Luke 2:7
- Early Life: Luke 2:46
- Healed the Sick: Luke 4:38–39
- Controlled Nature: Luke 8:22–25
- Taught His Disciples: Luke 11:1
- Crucified on the Cross: Luke 23:20–21
- Rose from the Dead: Luke 24:6–7
- Ascended to Heaven: Luke 24:50–52

Objective

Students will be able to:

- Identify some key events in Christ's life on earth.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will practice the memory verse by working on the Memory Verse Review Sheet and reciting the verse to a friend.



Activity 1: The Life of Christ Class Notes

Students will fill out The Life of Christ Class Notes as you study the lesson.



Studying God's Word

The Gospels tell us about Jesus our Savior—His humble birth, His early years, His miracles, His teachings, His death, His Resurrection, and His ascension.



Activity 2: Review Bounce

Students will review the lesson as they bounce the ball back and forth while answering questions.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- Print the Memory Verse Review Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Memory Verse Review Sheet for each student
- Pencils



THE LIFE OF CHRIST CLASS NOTES

- Print one The Life of Christ Class Notes from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

- The Life of Christ Class Notes for each student
- The Life of Christ Class Notes Answer Key
- Pencils



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.

- Student Take Home Sheets



REVIEW BOUNCE

- Print one Review Bounce Questions from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.
- Bring in a playground ball that will bounce well on the floor. Or use a large lightweight ball such as a beach ball to toss.

- Review Bounce Questions
- Playground or beach ball



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW GAME (OPTIONAL)

- Print, preferably on cardstock, and cut out one copy of the Memory Verse Cards from the Resource DVD-ROM.
- This is an optional activity to use in some or all of the lessons to review the memory verse if time allows.

- Memory Verse Poster if appropriate
- Memory Verse Cards
- Tape or poster putty



Memory Verse

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

► **Pace your lesson!** Use the clocks to mark the time you want to finish each section. This will help you stay on track and finish on time. You may need to shorten or drop sections as necessary.





Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

How could one possibly write an overview of the life of Christ in one lesson? We are reminded of the verse the Apostle John ended his Gospel with, John 21:25: “And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.”

The important thing to remember here is that we know that what has been recorded about Jesus Christ—His birth, His life, His death, His Resurrection, and His ascension—is true history. Not only are they true historical events, but His brief life was more significant than any other life ever lived, for it affected all humanity for all eternity.

We will take a bird’s-eye view of Jesus’s ministry from the book of Luke, discussing only a few of the myriad of events that were significant as He ministered, taught, preached, warned, and proclaimed the way to eternal life through humble faith and trust in Him.

Jesus’s birth (Luke 2:4–7): In fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, the Bible records a humble birth for the King of kings, laid as an infant in a feeding trough because there were no rooms available.

Jesus’s early years (Luke 2:42, 2:46–50): At twelve years old, Jesus was already about His Father’s business, listening to and asking questions of the teachers in the Temple, astounding them with His understanding and answers.

Jesus’s baptism (Luke 3:21–22): As Jesus was baptized by John, He humbly associated Himself with sinners and exhibited His humility and obedience to His Father, who proclaimed that this was indeed His beloved Son in whom He was well pleased.

Jesus taught in synagogues (Luke 4:14–15): Once Jesus started His adult ministry, we read of Him being in the synagogues, expounding the Scriptures with authority.

Jesus healed the sick (Luke 4:38–39): In this account, Jesus healed Simon Peter’s mother-in-law of a high fever. This was just one of many instances where Christ revealed His power over sickness and His compassion for others by healing them of various illnesses.

Jesus controlled nature (Luke 8:22–25): Here is one example of many where Jesus manifested His power over nature. So amazing was His stilling of the storm that His disciples said to one another, “Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!”

Jesus taught His disciples (Luke 11:1–4): Jesus taught often in the synagogues. But He also spent much time teaching His disciples. In these verses, we learn that His disciples asked Him an important question about prayer. And Jesus answered by revealing a model for prayer that refuted the vain repetitious prayers common among the religious leaders (see Matthew 6:7).

Jesus’s last Passover meal (Luke 22:14–20): Jesus knew the time for His suffering was at hand, and He shared this last Passover meal with the Twelve Apostles. It was at this last meal that He established the Lord’s Supper to be shared for generations to come as a remembrance of His death and the redemption it provides all who believe, until He comes again.

Jesus’s trial before Pilate (Luke 23:13–15): Both Pilate, the Roman governor, and Herod, the tetrarch of Galilee, found Jesus innocent. He had done nothing that deserved the death the chief priests were demanding. Due to public pressure and the outcry of Jesus’s Jewish accusers, Pilate sent Him to be crucified.

Jesus crucified on the Cross (Luke 23:32–34): Jesus was crucified on the Cross between two criminals. In a demonstration of mercy before His death, He cried out, asking the Father to forgive even those who put Him to death. And we know this forgiveness was accomplished through His very death—to all who would put their faith and trust in Him.

Jesus rose from the dead (Luke 24:5–7): In glory and majesty, revealing the omnipotence of God who alone can raise the dead, Jesus came forth from the tomb. God has power over life and death, and through the Resurrection of Jesus, we have hope that eternal life awaits all who repent and believe in Him. This is our hope. This is what enables us to abound in hope amidst dark and disturbing circumstances.

Jesus ascended to heaven (Luke 24:50–53): His earthly ministry was finished. Jesus had accomplished all that the Father had sent Him to do. In the presence of many witnesses, He ascended to heaven. He now reigns from heaven, preparing a place for believers in order to one day come back to take them to their eternal home (John 14:2–3).

What a Savior! What a Man! This merely scratches the surface of who Jesus was, what He did, and what He will do for those who follow Him in repentance and faith! Again we can recall John 21:25, knowing that the world itself could not contain the books that could be written about this Man, Savior, Friend, Redeemer, Lamb—the eternal and everlasting God!

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

So far in *Answers Bible Curriculum* through the Old Testament lessons, we have presented the history of redemption chronologically. However, as we study the New Testament and the ministry of Jesus, there will be times when we don't follow a strict chronology.

Outlining a detailed chronology of the events in Jesus's life is difficult. There are discrepancies among scholars as to the exact timing of events in Jesus's life. Take His birth, for example. The New Testament does not give us dates based on our modern calendar. Luke tells us that Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem for a census ordered by Caesar Augustus when Quirinius was governor of Syria (Luke 2:1–2). This gives us a historical context within which we can place the birth of Jesus.

When did this census take place? From other historical records, we know that Caesar Augustus ruled from 31 BC to AD 14, giving us a range. This is where it gets tricky. Herod the Great was king at the time of Jesus's birth (Matthew 2:1), and there are no other historical records of a census taking place at this time. We can be certain that Luke's audience of the time would have known about the census and understood exactly when the census and, consequently, the birth of Jesus occurred. It is difficult for us to know precisely, but based on the evidence, it is generally believed that Christ was born between 6 and 4 BC.

Determining chronology within the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—is also difficult. These accounts were written under the direction of the Holy Spirit by four unique men writing to different audiences. Consequently, they do not follow the same sequence of events, but present a more complete account of Jesus's life and person when they are considered all together.

Defining precise dates for the events recorded is often difficult. For example, John records that Jesus cleansed the Temple only a few months after His baptism (John 2:13–22). Another cleansing is recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke during the week of the Crucifixion (Matthew 21:12–13; Mark 11:15–17; Luke 19:45–46). Some people believe these are the same

event, but a comparison of the four accounts suggests that the cleansing recorded in Matthew, Mark, and Luke are the same, while John records a previous cleansing of the Temple.

Skeptics often reject the Bible because of difficulties in precisely identifying when events occurred. Understanding the nature of the Gospels as eyewitness accounts, and knowing that each author crafted his Gospel for a specific purpose, can help to answer the skeptics' questions. Unfortunately, much skepticism seems to be an excuse to dismiss the authority of Scripture caused by their spiritual blindness and rebellion against their Creator.

With all that in mind, realize that we have done our best to be faithful to the Scriptures as we present the dates and order of events in the life of Christ through this curriculum and on the New Testament History Poster. You may come across dates you disagree with for particular reasons, but don't get lost in examining the bark on the tree and miss the beauty of the forest. The life that Jesus lived on this earth was lived in perfect obedience to the Father, in the power of the Spirit, fulfilling exacting details of prophecy and climaxing with His death and Resurrection. His saving work is the only hope we have for eternal life after our death, whenever that day may come.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Dear Heavenly Father, you have given me another opportunity to praise you as I've studied through this lesson. Yes, this was a quick overview of the astounding life of Jesus. But the details of His life never cease to inspire awe in me. His power beyond measure, His love beyond comprehension, His words perfectly spoken, each life who encountered Him—changed. This is the Jesus my students need. This is the Jesus revealed to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This is the Jesus I want them to know. Prepare their hearts now for an encounter with the Word made flesh.

► Because of the age and ability of 1st and 2nd graders to read and comprehend, we encourage you to read the Scriptures to the students. However, if you have strong readers, by all means have them participate by reading God's Word.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will review the memory verse by completing the Memory Verse Review Sheet. If time allows, they will recite the verse to a friend or to the class.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided a worksheet on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. You may have other ideas and ways to encourage your students to memorize the verse.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



The Life of Christ Class Notes

MATERIALS

- The Life of Christ Class Notes for each student
- The Life of Christ Class Notes Answer Key
- Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Print the class notes for each student. Pass them out at the beginning of class. Students will complete the class notes during the lesson.

We will be completing these class notes as we study the Bible passages. Do not work ahead. We will fill them in together.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

We will be reading about some important events in Jesus's life—starting with His birth and ending with His ascension into heaven!



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

Refer to the Lesson 4 Lesson Theme Poster. Last time we took a quick look at each of the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Each of these authors wrote the truth of Jesus's life. But each Gospel is different from the others. The four Gospels show us something different and special about Jesus. And when we study all of the Gospels, we see Jesus in a more complete way!

➤ Use the New Testament History Poster included with your teacher kit as you teach the lesson. Emphasize that Jesus ministered only 3 years, and He lived only about 35 years. Yet His life changed the world forever and brought eternal life to all who believe.

John 21:25

Today we are going to take a look at some of the events in Jesus's life—starting at His birth and ending when He returned to His Father in heaven. We are going to cover a lot!

But before we get started I'd like to read John 21:25 to you. Listen carefully as I read. *Read the verse aloud enthusiastically.*

- ? Who is this verse talking about? *John 21:25. Jesus.*
- ? What does this verse say about all the things that Jesus did? *Re-read John 21:25. If they were all written down in books, the world could not contain the books that would be written.*

John wrote this at the end of his Gospel. When he finished writing, he realized that there was no way he could possibly write everything about Jesus. That is because since Jesus is God, He is infinite.

- ? Who can tell me what I mean by infinite? *Allow discussion. Refer to Attributes of God Poster.*

Infinite means beyond what we can imagine. John understood Jesus was infinite when he said that all the books in the world couldn't hold all the information about Jesus. Jesus is God! And we will never understand God completely. But God has given us His Word so we can know SOMETHING about God and Jesus.

OK. Let's continue . . . with Jesus's life beginning with His birth as it's recorded by Luke. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem. What happened there? I'll read it. Listen carefully. *Read Luke 2:7 emphasizing the answers to the following questions.*

INFINITE

(Refer to Attributes Poster)

Luke 2:7

- Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text.

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

- ? Who is this verse about? Someone had a baby. Who was that? *Mary.*
 - ? This was Mary's first child! What did she wrap Him in when He was born? *Swaddling cloths.*
- Swaddling cloths were just strips of cloth that she wrapped around her baby to help Him stay warm, comfortable, and quiet.
- ? And where did Mary lay her newborn baby? *Re-read Luke 2:7 if necessary. A manger.*
 - ? So who knows what a manger is? *Allow discussion.*

A manger is a food holder for animals to eat out of. This manger must have been large enough to use as a cradle for the baby.

- ? But why were they in a place with animals? *Allow discussion.*

We can find the answer right here in the Bible. Listen! *Re-read Luke 2:7.*

- ? Did you hear the answer? Why were they in the place where the animals ate and slept? *Because there was no room in the inn.*

Wow! It sure doesn't seem like Jesus, who is the eternal King, should be born in a place where the animals ate! But Jesus came very quietly and humbly.

- ? Now look at #1 on the class notes. You will see one type of manger. What word goes in that blank? Use the Word Bank at the bottom of your class notes for help. *Manger.*

Let's read the sentence together now. *Read through the sentences as you answer them during the lesson.*

Let's move on. The Bible doesn't tell us much about Jesus when He was a child. In fact, the next time we hear of Him, He is 12 years old! And He was on a trip to Jerusalem with His family.

They were headed home after their visit in Jerusalem when His parents, Mary and Joseph, realized Jesus was not with them! They had to go back to Jerusalem to find Him. They thought He was lost!

Listen as I read. This verse tells us how long they looked for Jesus and where He was when they found Him. *Read Luke 2:46.*

Luke 2:46

- ? How long did Mary and Joseph look for Him? *Three days.*
- ? Three days! Mary and Joseph were getting anxious, or worried. And where was Jesus when they found Him? *Re-read Luke 2:46. In the Temple.*
- ? And what was Jesus doing in the Temple? *Listening to the teachers and asking questions.*

Jesus was in the Temple. He was talking to the teachers! He knew that God had sent Him to earth. And He was doing God's will in the Temple. He was listening to the teachers and asking questions, and the Bible says the people were astonished at how much He understood!

- ? Look at #2 on your class notes. Where did they find Jesus? *In the Temple.* Finish that word on your class notes. Can someone read #2 for us? *Assign a reader.*

That was the only time the Bible talked about Jesus as a young boy. But when He was about 30 years old, He was ready to start His ministry. He knew God, His Father, had sent Him. And He wanted to do what God told Him to do. He wanted people to believe who He was—the Savior sent from God—who was God! Jesus performed miracles so the people would know that He was from God and He was God!

- ? Have any of you heard of miracles? Do you know what that means? *Allow discussion.*

The miracles Jesus did were amazing things that no one else could ever do. Jesus wanted people to know that He really was God. You see, miracles are things that only God can do. People could never do them or explain them!

I'm going to read about one of those miracles. Listen to this! *Read Luke 4:38–39 enthusiastically and emphasizing the answers to the following questions.*

Luke 4:38–39

- ? Jesus went to someone's house. Whose house did He go to? *Re-read Luke 4:38. To Simon's house.*
- ? This verse says something about Simon's wife's mother (his mother-in-law). What does the Bible tell us about her? *Re-read Luke 4:38. She was sick with a high fever.*
- ? Jesus came in. The lady was sick. Listen again to what Jesus did. *Re-read Luke 4:39.*
- ? What did Jesus do for this sick woman? *He stood over her and rebuked the fever.*
Jesus rebuked the fever. That means He told the fever to leave her, and it did!
- ? Then what did she do? *Re-read Luke 4:39. She got up and served them.*
Wow! Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law. Jesus had power over the fever, and all He had to do was command it to go away, and the fever left her. The Bible tells us that Jesus healed many people during His ministry. Jesus is God! Jesus healed the sick!
- ? Look at the class notes again. Who will read #3 for us and answer it? *Assign a reader. Sick. Now let's read it together.*

Luke 8:22–25

► Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text.

Jesus also had power over nature! After all, He's the Creator, so of course He has power over all He created, right? Let's read about that right now. Jesus and His disciples were out in a boat together—and guess what happened? Listen carefully to this. I'm going to ask you some questions about it. *Read Luke 8:22–25 with enthusiasm.*

- ? OK. So where were Jesus and the disciples? *Luke 8:22. On a lake in a boat.*
- ? And what was Jesus doing in the boat? *Luke 8:23. Jesus fell asleep.*
- ? What happened while they were on the lake? *Luke 8:23. A windstorm came.*
- ? And what was happening to the boat? *Luke 8:23. It was filling with water.*
- ? Yes! And what happens when your boat fills with water while you are out on the lake? *You sink.*

Right! They were in great danger out in that storm!

- ? Then what did the disciples do? *Luke 8:24a. The disciples woke Jesus.*
- ? So what did Jesus do? *Luke 8:24b. He arose and rebuked the wind and the water.*

And just like that—the storm stopped at the power of Jesus's voice! He just told the storm to stop, and it did! All it took was His command.

- ? Take a look at #4 on your class notes. How will you complete that? Will someone read it? *Assign a reader. Storm.*

Jesus did miracles so that people would know that He is God. God showed His power through Jesus. No one else has the kind of power God has. No one! He is all-powerful!

? What is the attribute that describes God as all-powerful? *Refer to the Attributes of God Poster. Omnipotent.*

Jesus did many amazing miracles so the people would know He was God! But that isn't all Jesus did. He knew that He had to teach the people and His disciples. He wanted His disciples to know and understand who He was and how they should live. We are going to read just one example of when Jesus was teaching.

Listen while I read Luke 11:1. *Read the verse.*

? What was Jesus doing in this verse? *Praying.*

? What did His disciples ask Him after He was finished praying? *To teach them to pray.*

Yes. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus was happy to teach His disciples. He wanted them to learn, and He taught them about many things.

? Let's fill in #5 on our class notes now. What goes in that blank? *Taught.* Fill in the blanks. Let's read it together.

Jesus loved His disciples and taught them so much! He wanted them to be ready for the time when He was no longer with them. And that time was coming soon! You see, some of the Jews hated Jesus. They wanted Him dead. They were jealous of His power . . . and His teaching . . . and His miracles. These people did not want Jesus to change their world. So they had Him arrested and brought before a man named Pilate to be judged.

But Pilate found nothing wrong with Jesus. Jesus was innocent! Pilate sent Jesus to another man named Herod. Herod agreed that Jesus had done nothing that deserved death.

But the people didn't care. Listen to what the Bible says. *Read Luke 23:20–21.*

? What did Pilate want to do? *Luke 23:20. Release Jesus.*

? Right. But the people didn't listen. What did the people shout? *Re-read Luke 23:21 if necessary. Crucify Him, Crucify Him!*

Pilate wanted to let Jesus go! But the Jews wanted Jesus killed. And finally, Pilate agreed to crucify Jesus on the Cross. Jesus was innocent! But the Bible tells us that this was always part of God's plan.

Jesus died on the Cross to take the punishment for sins so whoever would believe and trust in Him would be forgiven and have eternal life with Him.

Let's fill in #6 on our class notes. Will someone read that and answer it? *Assign a reader. Cross.* Now let's read that together. Jesus died on the Cross. But that wasn't the end! Something amazing happened after that!

? Who can tell me what happened? *Jesus rose from the dead!*

OMNIPOTENT
(Refer to Attributes Poster)

Luke 11:1

Luke 23:20–21

Luke 24:6-7

Jesus had been buried on Friday. Then on Sunday morning, some women came to the tomb just after sunrise. When they got there, Jesus's body was gone! Instead they saw two angels. Let's find out what the angels said to them. *Read Luke 24:6-7 with enthusiasm!*

? What did the angels say to the ladies? *Luke 24:6. He is not here, but is risen.*

Jesus had risen. He wasn't dead! The angels reminded the women of what Jesus had said. Jesus had told His friends that He would be delivered into the hands of sinful men to be crucified and die, but He would rise again on the third day! When the ladies came to the tomb, Jesus was gone! He had risen from the dead just as He said!

? Let's fill in #7 with this awesome news! What is the missing word? *Rose.* Let's read it together.

When Jesus rose from the dead, it showed God's power in the MOST amazing way. God has power over life and death. He is the only omnipotent one! He is all-powerful.

We don't have to fear death if we believe and trust in Christ. There is life after death with Jesus!

But how do we know this is true? How do we know Jesus rose from the grave? We know it is true because the Bible tells us that many people saw Jesus after He rose from the dead. He continued to teach His disciples. They knew He was alive.

But finally, it was time for Jesus to go—to go back to His Father in heaven. The Bible tells us how He did that! His disciples saw it and wrote about it! Listen as I read. *Read Luke 24:50-52.*

? Where did Jesus lead His disciples? *Re-read Luke 24:50 if necessary. To Bethany.*

? OK. And once they were there, what did Jesus do? *Luke 24:50. He lifted His hands and blessed His disciples.*

? What happened while He was blessing them? *Re-read Luke 24:51. He was carried up into heaven.*

? And what did the disciples do? How did they react? *Re-read Luke 24:52. They worshipped Jesus. They returned to Jerusalem with joy.*

Yes! Jesus's work was finished, and the disciples worshipped God as they returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

? OK. Now let's finish our class notes. Who will read #8 and help us with the answer? *Assign a student to read. Jesus.*

OMNIPOTENT
(Refer to Attributes Poster)

Luke 24:50-52

Discover the Truth

The life of our Lord Jesus Christ is real history. And it's all true! Jesus—who is fully God—was born as a baby—so He was fully human, too. He lived a life of obedience. He taught the people and did all kinds of amazing miracles among them. Then Jesus died on the Cross, was buried, and rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven to be with His Father!

Jesus's humble life offers the only way to eternal life for those who believe in Him, turn away from his sins, and trust Him for forgiveness. How wonderful it is to know this Jesus who is fully man and fully God!



Review Bounce

MATERIALS

- Review Bounce Questions
- Playground ball or beach ball

INSTRUCTIONS

Bring in a playground ball or beach ball. Have the children stand in a circle. Call out a student's name and bounce the ball (or toss it using a beach ball) to him or her. Ask the first question on the sheet. When an answer is correct, the student calls out another student's name and bounces the ball to him or her. If the student is unable to answer the question, have student call out another name and bounce the ball to that person. If the second student is also incorrect, have the student bounce the ball back to you to answer and review the question.

Continue having the students call out each other's names and bounce the ball around. Continue the game until you have gone over all the questions and answers from the Review Bounce Questions at least once. Speed up the game by asking the questions more quickly and moving the ball around the circle more quickly.

This will be a fun review game. I hope you were listening. We're going to stand

in a circle. I'll start by asking a question. Then I will call on one of you to answer a question and bounce (or toss) this ball to you. Then you need to answer the question. When you answer it, you will get to call on someone else and bounce the ball to that person. And he will have to answer the next question. If two in a row cannot answer the question, bounce the ball back to me. Ready? Here we go. *Play the game.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

We learned a lot about the life of Jesus today. The Bible tells us the truth about what Jesus did on this earth. Not everything He did and said was written down, but everything God wanted us to know is there. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life so that we could have eternal life with God. And only the Bible tells us all about it!





Memory Verse Review Game (Optional)

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

If you find you have extra time, please consider reviewing the memory verse with your class using this activity.

MATERIALS

- Memory Verse Poster if appropriate
- Memory Verse Cards printed on cardstock
- Tape or poster putty

INSTRUCTIONS

Print, preferably onto cardstock, and cut out one copy of the Memory Verse Cards. Tape the cards in order on the wall or board as you recite the verse together. Review the verse as you point to each card. Choose a student to remove one card of their choice. Recite the verse again. Continue until all the cards are gone. You can use these cards for Lessons 1–5.

We're going to practice our memory verse. Let's say the verse together as I place these cards onto the board. *Show each card as you read it, post it on the board, and have the students repeat.*

Now I'm going to ask one of you to come up and take one of the cards down. Then we'll say the verse without that card! Are you ready? *Continue to choose students to remove cards one at a time reciting the whole verse between each one.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

This verse is about Jesus. He is the Savior who came to save sinners from their sins. He alone can offer forgiveness and eternal life. He is full of grace and truth. It is important to know who He is and learn about His life. This can only be done by reading about His life in God's Word—the Bible.





Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

Refer to the Lesson Theme Poster. Wow! We raced through Jesus's life in one lesson! Jesus was a real man who lived about 2,000 years ago. He is the Savior! This lesson merely scratches the surface of who Jesus was, what He did, and what He will do for those who follow Him in repentance and faith!

Remember what John 21:25 says. Even the world itself could not contain all the books that would be written if everything Jesus did was written down. But we know what God wants us to know—and that is what He has told us in His Word.

The most important thing to know about Jesus is that He came to bring eternal life to all who would turn away from their sins in repentance and faith and believe and trust in Him.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

The Bible tells us everything we need to know about Jesus. Some people may tell you they don't believe what the Bible says about Jesus because the Gospels written about Jesus are different. Well, you know better! Everything in the Bible is true. The Bible is God's Word, and God does not lie!

The message the Bible tells about Jesus is the most important message you will ever hear. Jesus is God! And Jesus is the only way sinners can be forgiven and accepted by God. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the only way to get to God the Father. We must turn away from our sins, turn to God, trust Jesus for forgiveness of our sins, and humbly accept the grace that God offers us.



► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



Group Prayer Time

- Praise God because Jesus lived, died, and rose again just as the Bible says.
- Thank God for every detail that has been written about Jesus.
- Ask God to help us learn about Jesus and how to have eternal life with God.

