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Lesson 13: Jesus the Son: He Is Creator and Friend

Scriptures:

Genesis 3:15; John 1:1-4, 14, 17:5; Galatians 4:4-5; Colossians 1:15-20, 2:9; Hebrews 1:1, 2, 10-12; Revelation 4:11

Lesson Goals:

To help the learner understand the role of Jesus in the world.
To help the learner identify Jesus as the fulfillment of prophecy.

Scripture Memory:

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. (Colossians 2:9)

The Lesson:

Have you ever sung “America the Beautiful”? The first verse is about spacious skies, amber waves of grain, majestic purple mountains, and plains full of fruit. It is a really lovely picture of the United States of America with beautiful blue skies dotted with white puffy clouds, fields of wheat blown by the breeze so that it looks like there are waves crossing the fields, huge mountains that rise up out of the earth, and flat lands with orchards of fruit trees and gardens of vegetables. The lady who wrote that poem, Katherine Lee Bates, had just been to the top of Pike’s Peak in Colorado and looked out at the western part of the United States. She was enjoying the handiwork of Jesus Christ. The end of each verse is a prayer for God to be good to America.

Jesus Christ is God’s Son. He existed before the world began. Jesus himself, in His prayer recorded by John in chapter 17, says that He was with God before the world was created.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was with God and was involved in creating the beautiful world that Katherine Bates wrote about. We are told that nothing was made that was not made by Him. When you look around our world, it is easy to see how wonderful He is. Think about the beauty of the oceans, the mountains, the rivers, the flowers and trees. He made all of that.

The life and ministry of Jesus was foretold many years before He came to earth. It was in God’s plan from the beginning that Jesus would be our Savior. The Bible says that God promised a Savior as early as the time when God condemned Satan for tempting Adam and Eve in the Garden. (Genesis 3:15) Jesus was present with God when God condemned Satan for that temptation.

Jesus seems to have enjoyed calling himself, “Son of Man.” In the New Testament, it is not used by anyone other than Jesus. There is one exception. Stephen, the Martyr, had a vision of Jesus in Heaven. And when he saw the vision, he calls Jesus the “Son of Man.” (Acts 7:56) Using the phrase, Son of Man, was Jesus’ way of identifying with humans. He had been born a human. He lived a human childhood and as the human, who was also God, gave His life to save all of humanity from eternal punishment for our sins.

We don’t really understand all that there is about who Jesus is and what He does . . . not really. Daniel Webster was once asked if he understood Jesus. He replied, “No, I would be ashamed to acknowledge Him as Savior if I could understand all about Him. I need a superhuman Savior – one so great and so glorious that I cannot understand Him.”

Sometimes we think that if we just had a friend who was important, like the principal of the school, or the president of the United States, or maybe a movie star, we would be all right. It does help sometimes to have someone important on your side.

With Jesus Christ as your Savior and Friend, you have someone very important on your side. Jesus told His disciples that He was calling them friends. He did so because He was trusting them with what He had learned from His Heavenly Father. We are also His friends, because we know the same things from Him that His disciples knew.

So, we have a friend in Heaven who cares about us and watches over us all the time. Now, that is very good news.

Life Application:

Our memory verse tells us that Jesus is all God in the body of a human. He was with God in the beginning. Everything that has been created, He created. Have you ever thought that when God created people, He knew they would disobey? He knew, and He created us anyway. And because He loves us and desires a relationship with us, He made a promise in the garden that didn't just affect Adam and Eve, but you and me, too. He promised to come into this world He created. He promised to do it for us. In John 15:3, Jesus tells His disciples that no one loves more than the one who gives his life for his friends. That's what Jesus came to do. Jesus lay Himself on the line for me and for you. He died in my place, for my sin. And He died in your place, for your sin. Colossians 1:20 says that "God was pleased for Him [Jesus] to make peace by sacrificing His blood on the cross." We can be at peace with God, even friends with God, when we choose to let Jesus be in control of our lives. Will you give Him control today? He loves you so much that He gave His life for you!

We have talked about what it's like when Jesus is in control. We have also talked about the peace we can have when Jesus is our friend. But, what does our life look like when we let Him have control? What does it mean to be His friend? John chapter fifteen tells us that, as well. "You are my friends when you do the things I command you." (John 15:14) Being Jesus' friend means that we do what we know He wants us to do. Will you commit to show Jesus that you love Him by obeying?



Planning for Lesson 14
Jesus the Son: He is Judge
and Advocate



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Compare the memory verse with Philippians 2:5-11. Discuss a section of the verse at a time, finding the corresponding verse in Philippians. Discuss the “fullness” we have in Christ. In this verse, fullness means “abundance.”
- ◆ Go on a nature walk. As you stop and enjoy God’s amazing creation, read aloud the scripture references provide for this lesson.
- ◆ Weather permitting, meet outside today.
- ◆ Sing, play, or simply read through “America the Beautiful” or “How Great Thou Art.” If listening to the music, you might consider providing the words for your students. For an extra challenge, print copies of the song and cut the song into strips, line by line. While listening to the song, have your students order the verse correctly.
- ◆ **Dig Deeper:** Sometimes we think that if we just had a friend who was important, like the principal of the school, or the president of the United States, or maybe a movie star, we would be alright. Well, with Jesus Christ as your Savior and Friend, you have someone very important on your side. Think about a friendship with the Creator of the universe! Talk about what is required to keep a friendship going. Compare that to our friendship with Jesus. Look at and discuss John 15:12-17, focusing on verse 14.
- ◆ **Dig Deeper Still:** Look at and discuss the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
 - Genesis 3:15, 22:18, 49:10
 - Deuteronomy 18:15
 - Psalms 2, 16:10, 45:2, 68:18, 110:1, 118:22, 132:11
 - Isaiah 2:4, 7:14, 9:2-6; 11:10, 28:16, 42:1, 53:1-12, 59:16, 61:1, 63:1
 - Jeremiah 23:5
 - Micah 5:2
 - Haggai 2:7
 - Zechariah 3:8, 6:12, 9:9, 11:12, 12:10, 13:7
 - Malachi 3:1

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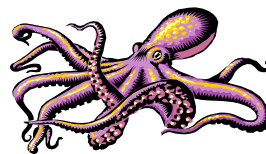
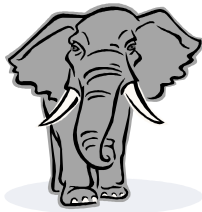
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Colossians 2:9

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Word Search



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