

Jesus is . . .

Knowing Him this Christmas



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Scriptures:

Luke 2:11
Matthew 2:1-11
Philippians 2:5-10
Romans 10:9-10
Matthew 7:21-27

Lesson Goals:

Know Jesus as Lord.
See our need to worship
Him accordingly.

Memory Verse:

Say with your mouth,
“Jesus is Lord.” Believe in
your heart that God raised
him from the dead. Then
you will be saved.
Romans 10:9 (NirV)

What new and amazing things have you learned about this Jesus whose birth we celebrate at Christmas? Were you amazed to find out that Jesus is God, that He has been around forever, and that He created everything? That *is* pretty amazing! Were you surprised to find out that God had begun to promise sending Jesus to earth almost from the beginning? And isn't it comforting to know that God always keeps His promises? He kept His promise of sending Jesus by being born in the body of a little baby. Immanuel, God with us. Did you know before we began studying, that “Jesus” means “God saves?” Jesus' birth was defined by the name He was given - Jesus. And that name points us to the cross, to the death He suffered for you and for me. What else could we possibly learn about Jesus? Let's see!

Read Luke 2:11

We talked about this verse already when we talked about Jesus as Immanuel. This verse says that Jesus is Savior, which is what the name Jesus means. It also says that Jesus is Christ. Christ is another word for Messiah and reminds us of the God who keeps His promises. But this verse also says that Jesus is Lord. What does that mean?

The dictionary says that a lord is someone with authority, control, or power over others, like a king or queen. Have you ever read a book or seen a movie with kings and queens, maybe like the Chronicles of Narnia? What do people do in the presence of kings and queens? They bow their heads and they kneel down on their knees. They also worship, swearing their allegiance to the ruler. Well, what in the world does that have to do with Jesus?

Read Matthew 2:1-2

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Herod. They asked King Herod where the child was that had been born, the one who would be king. A new king was not at all what King Herod wanted, but hoping to get more information from them, King Herod told them what the priests said. The priests had studied the Bible and knew what it said about where this king would be born. Do you remember what the Bible says about where Jesus was to be born? In Bethlehem!

So off went the wise men. While traveling, the star they had seen in the east went right before them, guiding their way. The star finally stopped over a house. This was the house where young Jesus lived. The wise men were excited to find it!

They went into the house. They saw young Jesus there with His mother Mary. The wise men bowed before Jesus. They worshipped Him. Then they gave Him gifts. The gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The wise men knew that Jesus was important. They brought Him expensive gifts and they bowed down to worship Him. Do you know that Jesus is important? What have you given Him? Did you know that the most important thing you can give is yourself? Jesus, our Savior, died in your place so that you could be with Him forever. But He will not force you to accept Him. He gives you a choice. The Bible says that if you say, or admit, with your mouth that "Jesus is Lord, and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved." It's more than just words. God wants us to acknowledge that Jesus is in control, not us. He also wants us to obey Him, not to try and do good things on our own or to just do our own thing.

Have you bowed down to Jesus and worshipped Him the way the wise men did? He is the maker of everything we can and cannot see. Only He deserves our worship. You can choose Him today, to be in control of your life. Will you?

Preschool

Sing “Oh Come Let Us Adore Him”

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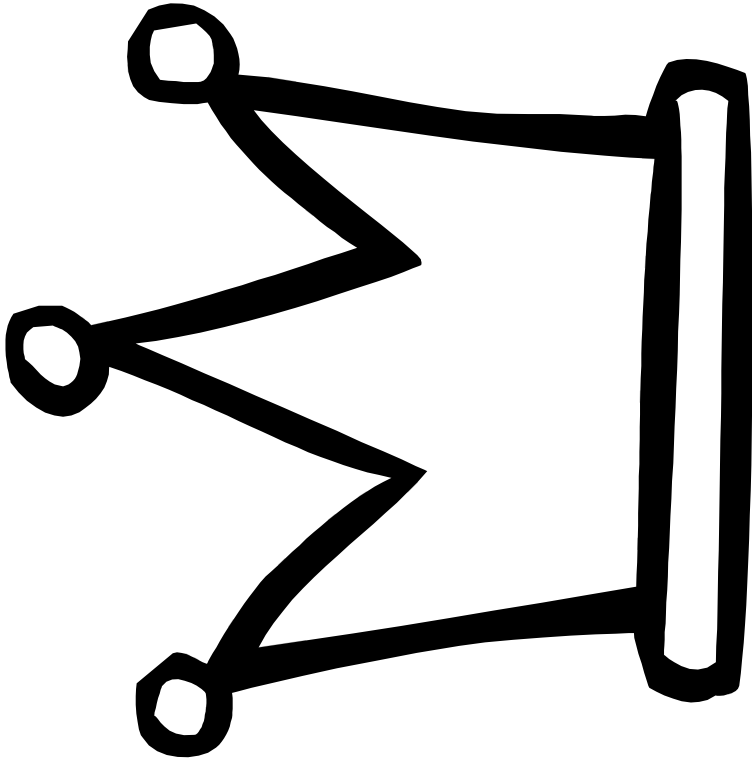
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Pray Thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus.

A C T I V I T E S

- Memory Verse Activity - Fish for stars! Print each word from the memory verse on yellow stars. Attach paper clips to each star. Fish for memory verse stars with a mock fishing rod made from a stick, string and a magnet. Once all of the stars have been fished out, order them and practice the memory verse.
- Reenact the story. Dress your students in robes carrying fancy boxes and bottles. Use the rod and a star from the memory verse activity for the star to be followed.
- Make shimmering stars. Encourage your students to be creative with construction paper, yarn, glitter, etc.
- Bring an empty box that has been beautifully wrapped with the box and lid wrapped separately. Distribute strips of paper and encourage your students to write what they can give to Jesus. Their ideas can be deposited in the wrapped box.
- Sing "Here I am to Worship," "The First Noel," "We Three Kings," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Come Let Us Adore Him," "Joy to the World."
- Dig Deeper: What does it mean to confess Jesus as Lord? Look at and discuss Romans 10:9-10 and Matthew 7:21-27.
- Dig Deeper Still: What can you give to Jesus? Look at 1 Samuel 15:22, Psalm 51:7 and Romans 12:1.



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Romans 10:9

Trace the letters to find out what the wise men came to do.

WISDOM

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Word Search

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R R A T H P I R E G S T
A R A W I S M H O U S E
M Y R N E M E L O R D A
K M Y L K L D R T S E B
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S E E J E P I C T S F R
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